

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Draft Minutes of September 10, 2018
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	JUL 18	AUG 18	SEP 18
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	C	P(A)	N	P	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	C	N	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	A	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	E	P(A)	A	O	P(A)	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	N	E		P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	N		P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	C	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	C	M	P(A)	E
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	E	P	E	-	P	E	P(A)	E	E	E	P	-
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	L	E	E	P	P	L	P	P	L	E	-	-
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	L	E	T	P	P	L	P	P	L	T	P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	E	P	I	P	E	E	E	P(A)	E	I	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	D	P	N	-	P	D	P	P	D	N	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P	G	-	P		-	-		G	-	-
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)		P		P	P		P	P			P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)		-		-	-		-	-			-	-
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		-		-	-		-	E			-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)			P(A)	P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)		-		-	-		-	-			-	-
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P		P	E		P	P			P	E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director		P		E	P		P	P			P	E
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		P		P	P		P	P			P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P		P	P		P	P			P	E
Theresa Wright, Outreach Coordinator											P	P
M. Montiel Admin Assistant		-		-	-		-	-				P

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Former Vice Chair Rubio called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made. Chair Craig arrived during introductions.

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Hierling AMBAG

Jennifer Russell

MNS Engineers

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/ Stratton/ unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the August 6, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on August 6, 2018 include a groundbreaking on August 9, 2018 that went well and got a great crowd and media coverage. She thanked all who attended the groundbreaking ceremony. Ms. Watson noted that the next day was the Coast Rail Tour and noted that Supervisor Phillips enjoyed his first trip on the Coast Rail. She noted that demolition work is on hold pending the disconnect of gas and electric to those structures. The contractor is also working with the construction management team to complete the required stormwater paperwork. Staff met with City of Salinas staff to discuss utility relocation issues. Ms. Watson noted that staff also met with California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans staff to discuss next steps on the \$500,000 in state cap and trade funding for network integration. This funding is for planning work to lay the foundation of a future grant application for the next phase of the project in Pajaro/Watsonville and Castroville. She noted that Caltrans published the final Statewide Rail Plan.

Chair Craig enjoyed the groundbreaking ceremony.

5. COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on August 6, 2018 includes a successful application for federal funding for Positive Train Control on the coast corridor. On August 20, 2018 the Transportation Agency got the news that the Federal Department of Transportation approved an \$11.34 million grant for Caltrans, under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Program. She noted that the project will install Positive Train Control, a rail safety technology to prevent train crashes, on the 187-mile corridor from Oakland to San Luis Obispo. She noted that the \$11.34 million in federal railroad safety funds is leveraged by a \$6.25 million state/local commitment of funding for the corridor. This corridor is the only corridor in the state of California that does not yet have the technology in place, and that, with this investment, the whole state rail network will be covered. In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that Transportation Agency staff will bring an item to the September Board to approve TAMC's share of this local funding commitment. Caltrans is the lead on this project, coordinating with Union Pacific Railroad and local agencies. The project schedule shows planning in 2019, design in 2020, and installation in 2021.

Committee Member LeBarre plans to attend the Policy Committee meeting that is scheduled for October 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Monterey Portola Hotel and invited other Rail Policy Committee members to attend the meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Theresa Wright announced the CTC Town Hall meeting in Gonzales on September 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and reception to follow the meeting 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She noted that the following day September 20, 2018, the Transportation Agency staff will be taking the CTC Commissioners on a US 101 Corridor Tour on a Monterey-Salinas Transit bus and noted if anyone is interested please RSVP.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.