

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes of January 7, 2019

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Tarp	Salinas resident	Alan Tarp	Salinas resident
Diane Tarp	Salinas resident	Don Reynolds	City of Salinas
Grant Leonard	Monterey County	Jennifer Russell	MNS Engineers

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Anderson/Askew/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the November 5, 2019 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Committee held elections for Chair for 2019-20.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, noted that bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year. The Committee elected Kimbley Craig as Chair and Bruce Delgado as Vice Chair in February 2018 for 2018-20. As Chair Craig left office in December 2018, the Committee must elect a new Chair for the remainder of her term, which ends in February 2020.

M/S/C Smith/ Stratton/ unanimous

Committee Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Committee Alternate Stratton, to nominate Mike LeBarre to finish the term as Rail Policy Committee Chair.

5. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL 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 and recommended the TAMC Board appoint representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on November 5, 2018, includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Committee on December 13, 2018. At that meeting, the CRCC voted to increase the annual dues, adopted bylaws, approved publishing a request for qualifications for legislative assistance, and approved applying for state rail assistance funding for planning work, a temporary platform in King City, and technological assistance. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2019, in Santa Barbara. In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that the Rail Policy Committee is now asked to recommend appointments to the CRCC Policy Committee for the period ending January 2020. She noted that the appointments involve attending up to four meetings of the

Committee and potentially representing the group at legislative days with the Intercity Passenger Rail group and the California Passenger Rail Summit.

M/S/C Delgado/Smith/unanimous

Vice Chair Delgado made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Smith, to nominate Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the alternate TAMC representative to the CRCC.

6. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update on November 5, 2018, include completion of structure demolition, meetings on utility relocation, approval of the Caltrans encroachment permit, and approval of construction funding for Package 1. Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported that construction bid documents were published in December with a bid opening date of February 13, 2019, and an anticipated contract award timeframe of March-April 2019. Ms. Watson reported on service planning meetings with partner agencies for near-term Caltrain service to Salinas and the potential impacts to the long-term project service scenario of the High-Speed Rail authority's plans for the Gilroy station. In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that TAMC published a request for proposals for a network integration study with a deadline of February 7, 2019.

Member of Public:

Brad Tarp, Salinas resident, requested an update on the right-of way acquisition for the project. Mike Zeller noted that TAMC is seeking permission from all Package 2 parcel owners to initiate surveys, which are required to perform property appraisals.

Committee Alternate Stratton asked about the capacity analysis requirements from Union Pacific. Christina Watson noted that the Union Pacific-owned Coast mainline is not heavily used today, but that Union Pacific requires these analyses to be updated prior to service initiation. Director Hale clarified that the "capacity" in question refers to the number of trains that the rail line can accommodate, rather than the number of passengers estimated to ride the new service.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson announced that TAMC is going paperless in 2019 and if you would like future paper agendas please contact TAMC staff.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.