

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Draft Minutes of June 3, 2019
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	JUL 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUNE 19
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	N	P(A)	P(A)	C	P	N	P(A)	C	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	O	P(A)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	E
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)		P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)		P(A)	N	E	N	P(A)	E
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	M	P(A)	E	C	P(A)	M	P(A)	C	P(A)	C	P	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	E	P	-	L	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey (A. Renny)	T	-	-	L	E	T	P	L	P	L	P	P(A)
S. Davis, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	I	P	P	E	P	I	P	E	P	E	-	-
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	N	P	P	D	-	N	-	D	-	D	-	-
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	G	P	P		P(A)	G	-		P		P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		-	-		P		-		P		-	P
D. Potter, At Large Member									-		P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)		-	-		-		P(A)		-		P(A)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		-	-		P		-		-		-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath , L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P	E		P		P		E		E	E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director		P	E		P		P		P		P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P		P		P		P		P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	E		P		P		P		P	P
Theresa Wright, Outreach Coordinator		P	P		P		P		P		E	E
M. Montiel Admin Assistant			P		P		P		P		P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer					P		P		E		P	P

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Cruz	Sand City Councilmember	Brad Tarp	Salinas Resident
Jennifer Russell	MNS Engineers	Don Reynolds	City of Salinas
Cheryl Ku	Monterey County RMA	Colleen Courtney	Senator Monning's office

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Potter /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the May 6, 2019 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY

The Committee received an update and provided feedback on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC kicked off the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study with AECOM and stakeholders on May 16, 2019 with partner agencies. She noted that Chad Edison, CalSTA Deputy Secretary, attended the meeting. She noted that the contract is pending approval by Caltrans. She noted that once we have contract, next steps on public outreach include drafting a stakeholder engagement plan and setting the first meeting of the Network Advisory Committee (NAC). The NAC is expected to be composed of representatives from jurisdictions that have new rail stations. Ms. Watson requested input as to people the Committee may think should be invited.

Committee member Delgado asked about the bounds of the network integration study. Christina stated that it is focused on Monterey County but coordinating with neighboring counties with similar studies underway.

Committee member LeBarre noted that bus transit is a huge part of the vision in the state rail plan and data from this study will help in future bus and rail grant applications.

5. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start Project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on recent progress on the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported TAMC staff is working with the City of Salinas on the Package 1: Lincoln Ave/Station area improvements. She noted the MPE construction contract was executed in May and that MPE has applied for the Caltrans Encroachment Permit double permit. Ms. Williamson also noted that the City of Salinas grading permit is ready to be issued but that were are clearing up some

questions regarding the permit fees and conditions. The team is developing a phasing plan to initiate CalWater relocation and road construction work while the utility relocation work is proceeding in other areas around the station. In conclusion, she noted that the City of Salinas sanitary sewer/ storm drain project pre-construction meeting was scheduled for June 5.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that recent work on Package 2, the Salinas layover facility, include that consultant ARWS sent Notices of a Decision to Appraise to the owners of parcels for Package 2. They are setting up meetings and drafting appraisal reports. He also noted that a Request for Proposal for an arsenic cleanup cost estimate is out and due June 6.

Ms. Watson reported that staff continues to participate in meetings for the Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency study, looking at the impacts of climate change and sea level rise to transportation corridors through the Elkhorn Slough.

Committee member Delgado asked about the extent of anticipated sea level rise on Elkhorn Slough. Ms. Watson noted that we are looking at impacts over the long term and they are looking at strategies for elevated or relocated roadways. Alternate member Renny noted that the City of Monterey is also working on a sea level rise study and looking at frequency of facility flooding in the near term. Christina requested an update when the study is drafted.

6. 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.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee in March includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee. She noted that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet in San Luis Obispo on May 31. The Committee discussed Senate Bill 742 (Allen): Intercity passenger rail services: motor carrier transportation of passenger, which would enable non-rail passengers to buy a ticket on an Amtrak Thruway bus, which is now awaiting committee hearings in Assembly, and using the Rosenberg Rules of Order instead of more complex Robert's Rules of Order. In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that the next meeting will be August 16 in Monterey.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None this month.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.