

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

Michael Cornfield	Deutsche Bahn	Ryan Park	AECOM
Will Condon	AMBAG	Mellissa Gjerde	AECOM
Rod Neubert	Salinas resident		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Davis/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the January 6, 2020 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Committee held elections for Chair for 2020-22.

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.

M/S/C Davis / Potter / unanimous

Committee Member Davis made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Potter, to nominate Mike LeBarre to continue to Chair the Rail Policy Committee.

M/S/C Davis / Stratton / unanimous

Committee Member Davis made a motion, seconded by Committee Alternate Stratton, to nominate Dave Potter as Vice Chair for the Rail Policy Committee.

5. RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY UPDATE

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

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study will lay the groundwork for implementing the State Rail Plan in the Monterey Bay Area.

Ryan Park, AECOM, presented on the status of the Network Integration Study and reported on the January 27, 2020 Network Advisory Committee meeting. Michael Cornfield, Deutsche Bahn, presented on the future service vision. Mr. Cornfield noted that the service planning and network design process is designed to facilitate TAMC's development of an

implementable, technically sound vision for a future Monterey Bay Area regional rail network that accomplishes stakeholder service goals and provides technical inputs for implementation planning. He noted that the process is currently in the concept refinement stage, moving toward recommended service plan concepts to comprise the future integrated network. He noted that the study will assist Transportation Agency staff by providing the data needed to prepare grant applications for funding new stations at Pajaro/Watsonville, Castroville, Soledad and King City.

Committee alternate Anderson noted that the study should support connecting rail to disadvantaged communities like Castroville. Mr. Cornfield noted that Castroville was an important station location for the connection between the Monterey Branch Line and the mainline tracks.

Committee member Davis asked if flooding at Elkhorn Slough was included in the study. Mr. Cornfield noted that the current infrastructure would support the proposed vision scenario, but climate resiliency might call for a raised embankment or trestle bridge through the Slough.

6. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update include progress on construction of Package 1, the Lincoln Avenue Extension and parking improvements. Ms. Watson noted that the Salinas Lincoln Avenue Extension and circulation improvements at the station are approximately 50% complete in terms of project schedule.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff is continuing to negotiate with the owners of the five parcels at the Salinas Layover Facility.

Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrain on a formal letter of agreement. She noted that the proposed service would include two roundtrips each weekday using existing trains.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson announced the Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day will be on February 19.

Committee member Davis announced that in March the City of Salinas will be holding a one-day clean-up of the rail line in the Chinatown area.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.