

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of August 2, 2021

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	N	P(A)	-	P(A)	E	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		E
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	P(A)	C	P(A)	E	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	M	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	-	L	-	-	-	P	L	-	-	P(A)	E	P
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	E	L	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	E	T	E
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	I	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	P(A)	D	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P		-	-	P	P		P	P	P	G	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P		-	P	-	P		-	P	P		P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair	P		P	P	-	E		P	P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	-		-	-		P		-	-	-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	E		P
T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator	P		-	P	P	P		P	-	P		-
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P	-	P	P		P	P	P		P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
D. Bilsé, Principal Engineer								P	-	-		-

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Oscar Antillon	City of Soledad	Octavio Hurtado	City of King City
Barry Scott	Friends of the Rail and Trail	Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas
Camille Tsao	CCJPA – Link21	Nicole Franklin	BART – Link21
Alex Evans	HNTB – Link21	Aaron Hernandez	TAMC staff
Benson Kwong	Caltrans	Shannon Simonds	Caltrans
Ryan Park	AECOM	Chris Bjornstad	Caltrans D5
Lukas Yanni	AECOM	Brad Tarp	Public
Michael Pisano	Public		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Scott announced that a Greenway petition ballot measure is circulating to oppose the rail in Santa Cruz County. He noted that battery operated streetcar demonstration is scheduled for Watsonville at the end of September.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Stratton /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the June 7, 2021, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. LINK21 PROJECT PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation on the Link21 project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, introduced the Link21 Team: Alex Evans, HNTB, Camille Tsao, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), and Nicole Franklin, Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). Camille presented on the Link21 project, formerly called the New Transbay Rail Crossing, a project spearhead by BART and CCJPA to improve rail connections in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Northern California Megaregion. She noted that the featured project in Link21 is a new tunnel providing an electrified rail connection between San Francisco and Oakland.

Committee Chair LeBarre thanked the presenters and noted that long operating hours on nights and weekends would be helpful to encourage vacations by rail.

5. RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY

M/S/C Potter/Oglesby/unanimous

The Committee received an update on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study and recommended the Board of Directors adopt the final study.

Ryan Park, AECOM, presented on the Network Integration Study update on schedule and deliverables, virtual open house, and next steps. He noted that the final study will be presented to the TAMC Board on August 25 for adoption. Next steps are to coordinate with 2022 California State Rail Plan and apply for grants.

6. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROOJECT UPDATE

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

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported that the construction team continues to work towards project completion.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, noted that staff continues to coordinate with the City of Salinas on the land transfer.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff and consultants continue to further negotiations on the five parcels for the Salinas layover facility.

Ms. Watson reviewed design progress, including the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Alternate Cruz announced the hand cars are now running and bringing in a crowd. Committee Member Medina-Dirksen noted to make online reservations and that it's sold out on weekends. She mentioned that the cost is \$130 for four people; she noted the City of Marina has a fund to help anyone who wants to ride but can't afford it.

Christina Watson announced the next Committee meeting is on September 13, 2021, at 3 pm.

Committee Chair LeBarre asked how we coordinate with Santa Cruz County. Ms. Watson replied that we have several ways of coordination. Chair LeBarre suggested asking if they want to have a spot on the TAMC Rail Policy Committee.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.