

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

Barry Scott	Coastal Rail Santa Cruz	Tarah Brady	Caltrans
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas	Shannon Simonds	Caltrans

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Berry Scott, Coastal Rail Santa Cruz, thanked everyone for coming out for the streetcar demonstration project last month. He noted that the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission meeting in November has an item related to rail in Santa Cruz County.

Chair LeBarre thanked him for the invitation to ride the streetcar and noted those who went enjoyed it.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/Delgado /unanimous

Alternate Stratton joined after consent

3.1 Approved minutes of the October 4, 2021, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Approved 2022 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings.

3.3 Received the call for nominations for the 20th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on the draft 2022 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the legislative program helps guide staff and consultants in responding to legislative proposals. She reviewed the changes from the 2022 adopted program, highlighting the issues on the draft program of key interest to the committee.

5. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported that the team continues to work toward the completion of Package 1 construction. She noted that the City of Salinas should be closing out the permit shortly. Ms. Williamson noted that staff plans to bring the Notice of Completion to the TAMC Board in December.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, noted that the TAMC Board approved the property transfer agreement in September, and the Salinas City Council approved it on October 26, and now it will go to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for approval in January 2022. She noted that the MNS Engineers construction management contract is expiring on

December 31, 2021, and staff is proposing a one-year extension to review project designs for the December Board agenda. She noted that there will be another extension once the construction cost estimate and schedule are better known.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported that staff and consultants continue to further negotiations on the five parcels for the Salinas layover facility. Mr. Zeller noted that the Meyers Nave contract is expiring on December 31 and staff will take to the Board a one-year extension. In conclusion, Mr. Zeller noted that a Request for Proposals for the Monterey County Rail Extension Union Pacific Railroad Property Acquisition closed on October 28 and received several bids, and he stated the new contract will go to the January Board meeting.

Ms. Watson reported that staff is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TAMC and Caltrain outlining the process towards an operating agreement, and an MOU among TAMC, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the City of Gilroy for improvements near the Gilroy train station. She noted the MOUs might be on the January Board meeting agenda.

6. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) met on October 15 and discussed state grant options. She noted that the next Policy Committee is scheduled for December 10. Ms. Watson noted that the City of King City is recommended for funding for construction of their Accelerated Access Platform project in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

Chair LeBarre expressed that they are looking forward to the final ITIP.

Shannon Simonds, Caltrans, noted that supporters can voice support for the funds at an ITIP hearing on November 8, 2021.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Alternate Delgado noted that the handcar tours ended last month. Mr. Delgado noted that 6,000 riders rode on the rail lines pushing on the handcars.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced the next Committee meeting is on January 10, 2022, at 3 pm and requested everyone mark their calendars for the 2022 schedule of meetings.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.