

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of February 7, 2022

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21	JAN 22	FEB 22
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	E
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		E	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	M	P(A)	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	L	A	A	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P(A)	E	A	A
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	L	P	P	E	T	E	P	A	P	T	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	E	P	P	P	I	P	A	P	P	I	A	A
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	D	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)		P	P	P	G	P	P	P	P	G	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		A	P	P		P	A	A	P		A	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair		P	P	P		P	P	A	E		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)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		A	A	A		A	P	P	A		A	A
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)	P(A)
STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning		P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery		P	P	E		P	P	P	P		P	P
T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator		P	A	P		A	A	A	A		A	A
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	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer		P	A	A		A	A	A	P		P	P
A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner									P		P	P

TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

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

Benson Kwong Caltrans

Tarah Brady

Caltrans

Shannon Simonds Caltrans

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the January 10, 2022 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. RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Committee held elections for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-24.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, 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 Potter / Oglesby / unanimous

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

M/S/C Smith / Cruz / unanimous

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

5. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Agency filed a Notice of Completion for the Package 1 construction.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff continues to coordinate with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City of Salinas. He noted that the land transfer must be approved by the CTC. Mr. Zeller noted that it will go to the CTC for approval at the March meeting.

Mr. Zeller reported that the Agency is pursuing the acquisition of five privately-owned parcels for the layover facility for Package 2. He noted that four have settlement agreements and one is in negotiations with the property owners to reach agreement before June 2022. He noted that the TAMC Board approved the contract with Bender Rosenthal to assist with Union Pacific Railroad property acquisition.

Ms. Watson reported that the design plans are under review now and that staff continues to work on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gilroy and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), hoping to bring it to the March Board for adoption.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.