

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Draft Minutes of June 6, 2022
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
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	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	A
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	O	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)		E	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)	P(A)	N	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	M	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	M	P(A)	P(A)	E	C	P(A)	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	E	P	P	P	P(A)	E	A	A	P	L	A	A
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	T	E	P	A	P	T	P	P	P	L	P	A
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	I	P	A	P	P	I	A	A	P	E	P	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	G	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	A		P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P	A	A	P		A	P	A		A	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair		P	P	A	E		P	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)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		A	P	P	A		A	A	A		A	
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		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	P	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	P
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer		A	A	A	P		P	P	P		P	A
A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner					P		P	P	P		P	E

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 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Tarah Brady	Caltrans	Joanna Xiao	Caltrans
Layne Long	City of Marina		

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Potter/Anderson/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the May 2, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **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.

Chair Mike LeBarre mentioned that the Policy Committee Meeting was in person at the Portola Hotel in Monterey on May 20, 2022 and it was great to see everyone in person.

Committee Member Potter reported that it was a productive meeting and they discussed future rail lines. Mr. Potter noted that he talked with Dave Kutrosky regarding the potential to use State Funding to purchase the Coast line.

Chair LeBarre requested an item to discuss the equipment procurement process be agendized at a future meeting date. Christina Watson, Director of Planning replied that she will investigate the Siemens plant in Sacramento and agendize the discussion for a future meeting.

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 Salinas Rail project is an extension of passenger rail service from Bay area to Salinas. She noted that staff is coordinating with the City of Salinas on the logistics for the Package 1 land transfer that must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

Ms. Watson reported that staff continues to negotiate with property owners to acquire the properties for the layover facility (Package 2) and the track extensions in Gilroy (Package 3), and that staff continues to work with Union Pacific on the design documents.

6. **MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE LEASE TO CITY OF MARINA**

The Committee discussed terms for a City of Marina lease agreement for recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City in 2022.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported that the Agency received two unsolicited proposals for use of the same section of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use of handcar or railbike operations. During the March TAMC Board meeting, the Board voted to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Marina to transfer coordination of the proposals for recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line to the City of Marina. Mr. Muck noted that the project proponent would be responsible for obtaining all reviews and permits.

In conclusion, Director Muck reported that in the draft lease, TAMC is requesting a deposit of \$20,000 non-refundable payment for cost recovery from the City of Marina as well as a monthly rental payment totaling \$8,858 for the use of the rail line and a storage area at the start of the proposed recreational use area. Mr. Muck noted that the draft lease will also go to the Executive Committee and the Board this month. The general terms are for a 2-year period with the option to extend and it also includes an option to cancel if the property is needed for a project that is ready to proceed.

Layne Long, City Manager of Marina, reported that the city is scheduled to review the draft lease at tomorrow night's meeting. He noted that the vendors are scheduled to present at the meeting and asking the Council to select a vendor at the meeting.

Chair LeBarre asked if a joint proposal would work. Mr. Long noted that it might be difficult for two vendors to operate concurrently.

Committee member Potter asked about CPUC concerns. Director Muck replied that one issue of concern is the bike path crossing over the railroad tracks.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.