

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Final Minutes of January 9, 2023*

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22	DEC 22	JAN 23
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, <del>J. Gomez</del> )	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	A	N	P(A)	A	C	P(A)	N	P(A)
G. Church, Dist. 2 (vacant)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	O	A
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)		P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, ( <del>S. Hardgrave</del> , C. Courtney)	P(A)	E	C	P(A)	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	M	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	A
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	A	P	L	A	A	E	P	P	L	P	E	P
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	P	P	L	P	A	T	P	P	L	A	T	P
K. Craig, Salinas, (vacant)	A	P	E	P	P	I	P	P	E	P	I	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City ( <del>J. Blackwelder</del> , K. Cruz)	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	N	A
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	A		P	P	G	P	P		P	G	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (A. Velasquez)	P	A		A	P		P	A		A		P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG ( <del>H. Adamson</del> , P. Hierling)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		A
J. Xiao, Caltrans District 5	A	A		P	P		P	P		P		P
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )	P(A)	P(A)		A	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		E
<b>STAFF</b>												
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		E
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		P

L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P		P	P		P	P		P		P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P		P	A		P	P		P		A
A. Guther, Assis. Transp. Planner	P	P		P	E		P	P		P		P
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	A	A		A	A		P	A		P		A
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	-	-		-	-		P	A		A		A

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brianna Goodman	SCCRTC	Tarah Brady	Caltrans
Jasmine Mejia Corez	Public	Shannon Simonds	Caltrans
Paul Guirguis	Caltrans	Geneva Hurley	Public
Alex Lopez	Caltrans		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Craig / Anderson /unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the November 7, 2022, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

**M/S/C** Oglesby/Chavez /unanimous

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles; and recommended the Board of Directors appoint Mayor Potter and Mayor LeBarre to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that staff is coordinating with Santa Cruz staff on a date for another trip to visit the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) system in spring 2023 and will provide more information at the February meeting. Ms. Guther noted that staff is working on a grant application for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program for the Pajaro Station due in February.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that in January 2022, the TAMC Board approved the Rail Policy Committee recommended appointment of Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the TAMC alternate for a one-year term, and the CRCC Policy Committee selected Mr. Potter as the Chair. She noted that the Rail Policy Committee is now asked to recommend appointments to the CRCC Policy Committee for the period ending January 2024. Ms. Watson reported that the appointment involves attending up to four meetings of the Committee and potentially representing the group at a legislative day in Sacramento with the Intercity Passenger Rail group and the California Passenger Rail Summit, should they occur in 2023.

**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 California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the land transfer of Package 1 parcels to Salinas. She noted that TAMC staff have been coordinating with the City of Salinas to finalize the transfer agreement and quitclaim deeds.

Ms. Watson reported that negotiations for the acquisition of properties needed for the Salinas layover facility (Package 2) and Gilroy track improvements (Package 3) are ongoing. She noted that the Tarp parcel received approval from the Regional Water Board regarding

arsenic contamination. She mentioned that it is now pending the final approval needed from the State Water Board.

Ms. Watson reported that staff is working with the City of Gilroy, Caltrans, Caltrain, and High-Speed Rail regarding overlapping plans at the Gilroy station. She noted that the design team and construction management team have been coordinating on reviewing cost estimates for the construction of packages 2 and package 3.

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced the next Committee meeting is on February 6, 2023, at 3 pm via Zoom and noted the March meeting will be held in person in the TAMC office, with the possibility for remote participation by ex-officos and members of the public.

**7. ADJOURN**

Vice-Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.