



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 13, 2021

****3:00 PM****

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1. Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions

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encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Thursday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the CONSENT AGENDA for discussion and action.

3.1. APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of August 2, 2021.

- Montiel

The draft minutes of the August 2, 2021 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles, including a status update on the King City Multimodal Transit Center project.

- Watson

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(Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) and coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

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8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS** from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.
9. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:
Monday, October 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator

Christina@tamcmonterey.org

[Important Meeting Information](#)

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1.** No correspondence this agenda.

- C 2.** **RECEIVE** reports attached online.
- C 3.** No media clippings this agenda.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: **Draft August RPC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of August 2, 2021.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the August 2, 2021 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft August RPC Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of August 2, 2021

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

	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. Bilse, 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.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: **Coast Corridor Rail Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles, including a status update on the King City Multimodal Transit Center project.

SUMMARY:

Progress since the last update to this Committee in August includes a meeting of the Working Group. Representatives of King City will present an update on their Phase 1 Accelerated Access Platform.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco bay area along the California Central Coast. Members of Council include all regional transportation planning agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast’s portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

The next Working Group call is scheduled for September 17 and the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15 with the goal of having an in-person meeting, potentially in Monterey.

Octavio Hurtado, City Engineer for the City of King, will present an update on the City's Multimodal Transit Center project. Online as a web attachment is his presentation.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [King City platform presentation](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: **SURF! Busway Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project along the Monterey Branch Line from Marina to Sand City/Seaside.

SUMMARY:

Monterey-Salinas Transit initiated the environmental analysis and preliminary engineering for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in November 2019. The project is one of the listed regional projects in the Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan approved by the voters in 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The preliminary engineering and environmental analysis phase of the project is budgeted to cost \$1,550,000. Measure X is the primary funding for this phase with Monterey-Salinas Transit contributing \$100,000 of its share of Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds and \$69,000 in federal dollars. Funding for all phases of the SURF! Busway project is available from Measure X (up to a total of \$15 million). Additional matching funds will be needed to fully fund the project, which currently has a total estimated cost of \$55.8 million for all phases of work.

DISCUSSION:

In 2018, MST completed the Monterey Bay Area Feasibility Study of Bus Operations on State Route 1 Shoulders and the Monterey Branch Line. The study analyzed seven alternatives and concluded that implementing a bus rapid transit corridor on a segment of the Monterey Branch Line would provide the greatest benefit for the investment. At the August 6, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting, MST staff presented an overview of the feasibility study, including next steps. In Fall 2019, MST hired Kimley-Horn for the environmental review and preliminary design phase of work, and the project officially kicked-off on November 21, 2019.

During the Committee meeting, MST staff will provide an update on the project's status regarding environmental, funding and the project's timeline. No further design changes have been pursued since the last update was received by the Rail Policy Committee on June 7, 2021.

Project Overview: The SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project is part of a larger effort to build a modern mobility network for the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. The proposed SURF! Busway is a 6-mile bus-only corridor from Marina to Sand City and Seaside along the Monterey Branch Line corridor, parallel to Highway 1. With heavy traffic on the highway, transit riders will enjoy a faster connection between home and work or wherever they go, with a projected 16-minute reduction in travel time along the 6-mile stretch of Highway 1 compared to peak pre-COVID

commute times.

The Busway enters the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Marina, and exits the rail right-of-way at California Avenue and Fremont Street in Sand City. The busway parallels Highway 1 for approximately six miles. The majority of the busway runs on the east side of the rail right-of-way, with minimal crossing points over the rail tracks.

Environmental Compliance

Monterey-Salinas Transit is the Lead Agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). After approving the project at their June 14, 2021 meeting, MST received a cure and correct demand letter regarding the Brown Act. At their July 12, 2021 meeting MST rescinded their June 14th Board actions, received public comment, and approved two resolutions for the project:

- MST Resolution 2022-02: Finding the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project exempt from CEQA under the SB 288 statutory exemption
- MST Resolution 2022-03: Approving findings and adopting the final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; and Approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Approving the project.

Two CEQA lawsuits have been filed on the projects challenging the Senate Bill 288 Statutory Exemption and arguing that MST should have prepared an environmental impact report and evaluated alternatives for the project. Potential impacts from the lawsuits to the project's schedule have not yet been determined.

Coordination is on-going with the Federal Transit Administration regarding National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

Funding

MST is actively coordinating with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to apply for a Capital Investment Grant, a discretionary grant program to support transit capital investments including busway/bus rapid transit. The project has been accepted into the Project Development phase of FTA's Capital Investments Grants program and MST and TAMC have been meeting quarterly with FTA to discuss project development. Using Measure X funding approved at the January TAMC Board meeting, MST hired a consultant to lead technical analysis required to reach a grant agreement with FTA.

The project team will be pursuing a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant this fall/winter.

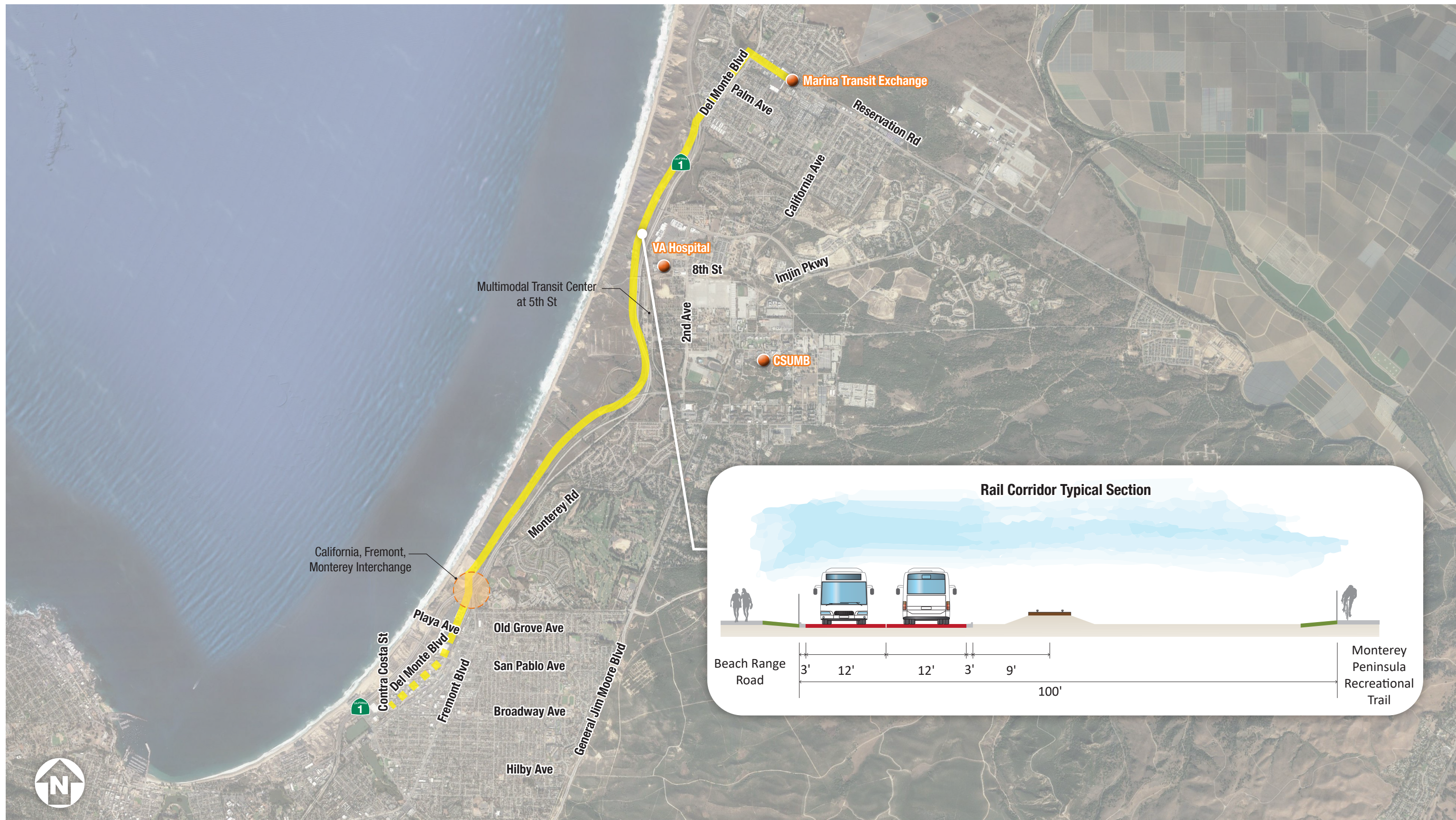
Timeline

The overall project timeline for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project is:

- Data collection (Fall 2019-Summer 2020)
- Preliminary engineering and design (Summer 2020-Winter 2020/21)
- Environmental compliance (Summer 2020-Fall 2021)
- Final engineering and design (Summer 2022-Fall 2023)
- Construction (Beginning Spring 2024)
- Operation (Beginning Spring 2027)

ATTACHMENTS:

- SURF Busway - Overall Project Map





Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: Salinas Rail Kick Start Project Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

SUMMARY:

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in August include work related to closing out permits for the construction of Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) and coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Monterey County Rail Extension project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Santa Clara County), is estimated at \$81 million. The Kick Start project is proceeding with secured state funding under the adopted state environmental clearance.

Package 1 is under construction by MPE Engineering for an original contract amount of \$7,487,989 with a contingency fund of \$1,123,200. Approved change orders to date total \$809,641.69, or 72.1% of the contingency fund approved by the Board.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Rail Extension Project will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas. TAMC is pursuing a phased implementation of the Project. Phase 1, known as the Kick Start Project, includes Salinas train station circulation improvements, a train layover facility in Salinas, and track improvements at the Gilroy station and between Salinas and Gilroy. The Kick Start Project is wrapping up construction of Package 1, improvements at the Salinas train station. The layover facility (Package 2) and track improvements (Package 3) are now in final design.

Construction of Package 1: Salinas Station Improvements

TAMC hired Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) for construction of Package 1, MNS Engineers as Construction Managers on the project, and HDR Engineering to provide design support during construction. In August 2021, the construction team worked to close out the Caltrans and Salinas permits and to fix more sidewalk cracks, this one near the Granary building. Once the permits have been closed, remaining work is landscaping maintenance through December 2021.

TAMC staff is coordinating with Caltrans and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City, pursuant to the adopted Memorandum of Understanding. The land transfer must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to empower the City and TAMC to approve transfer agreements. The CTC is requiring the City to commit to replacing any parking spaces used for future development in a location walking distance from the station.

Property Acquisition for Package 2: Salinas Layover Facility

On December 4, 2019, the Transportation Agency Board approved Resolutions of Necessity on portions of four parcels and one full parcel needed for the Salinas layover facility. TAMC staff continues to oversee the right-of-way consulting team of AR/WS and Meyers Nave to further negotiations and finalize the remaining acquisitions.

Final Design for Package 2 and Package 3: Gilroy Station & Track Improvements; Operations Scenarios

The final design team held the following meetings to further the project's design:

- Caltrans and Caltrain - August 6, 26 and 27
- City of Salinas - August 6 and 25
- Northern California Rail Working Group - August 10
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and City of Gilroy - August 23
- Union Pacific and Amtrak - August 9
- Union Pacific and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) - August 24

Documents the team is preparing for future Committee/Board approval include the following:

- Package 1 construction notice of completion.
- Land transfer agreement between TAMC and the City of Salinas, per the adopted Memorandum of Understanding.
- Package 2-3 final design contract amendment for elements identified during the CPUC diagnostic in Gilroy.
- Memorandum of Understanding between TAMC and Caltrain outlining the process towards an operating agreement.
- Memorandum of Understanding among TAMC, VTA and Gilroy for improvements near the Gilroy train station to support the extension of passenger rail service south from Gilroy.
- Fund Transfer Agreement between TAMC and Caltrans, to transfer \$1,615,000 of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding to Caltrans to help fund the Positive Train Control project between Gilroy and San Luis Obispo.

Staff will provide a verbal update on all activities at the meeting.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: **Committee Meeting Options**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the status of COVID-19 Brown Act exemptions and **PROVIDE INPUT** on preferences for in-person meeting locations.

SUMMARY:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Some meeting rooms could incur costs for rental and videoconference accessibility.

DISCUSSION:

Staff will provide a verbal update on the status of the Brown Act exemptions and requirements for the Rail Policy Committee's remaining meetings for 2021: October 4 and November 1, and on staff efforts to secure a larger meeting room with videoconference capacity, and seek Committee input on meeting options.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE reports attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Capitol Corridor monthly report for July 2021](#)