

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of March 2, 2020
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	APR 19	MAY 19	JUNE 19	JUL 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	C	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	N	-	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	A	P(A)	E	O	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	-
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	N	P(A)	E		E	N	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	-
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	C	P	E	M	P(A) TC	C	-	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	L	P	P	E	P	L	P	-	E	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey (A. Renny)	L	P	P(A)	T	P	L	-	-	T	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	E	-	-	I	P	E	P	P	I	P	P	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	D	-	-	N	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)		P	P	G	P		-	P	G	P	-	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		-	P		-		P	P		-	P	-
D. Potter, At Large Member		P	P		P		E	E		P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		E	P(A)		P(A)	-	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5		-	-		-		-	-		-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director		E	E		P		P	E		E	P	E
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director		P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Outreach Coordinator		E	E		-		E	P		-	-	P
M. Montiel Admin Assistant		P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer		P	P		E		P	E		P	E	P
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner							P	P			P	P

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

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Tarp Salinas resident

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Potter/ Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 3, 2020 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.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council 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. She reported that on February 19, TAMC staff and Committee members participated in the Central Coast Coalition legislative day in Sacramento. Ms. Watson noted that the next Policy Committee meeting will be in March 20th, 11 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission office.

Committee Member Potter reported that the Central Coast Coalition legislative day was a well-organized and productive day, with the five-county coalition sending a unified message.

Committee Member Smith noted that they met with Secretary Kim of the California State Transportation Agency.

Chair LeBarre noted that Fort Hunter Liggett is seeking a different federal designation that may bring in additional funding for infrastructure and that the Fort supports the King City rail station project.

Committee Member Smith noted that the City of Monterey Public Works department provides services to Fort Hunter Liggett via the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance service agreement with the Monterey Presidio.

5. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, reported construction team continued to make progress constructing the Lincoln Avenue Extension and associated parking lot improvements. She noted that the project is approximately 56% completed in terms of project schedule and the contractor has invoiced 34% of the contract budget. Ms. Williamson noted that the construction team expects to start paving in the next few weeks and plans to complete the project in September 2020.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff and consultants continue to further negotiations for the acquisition of five parcels for the Salinas layover facility. Mr. Zeller noted that more information would be provided to the Board in March in a closed session.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff held interviews for the final design of Package 2, the Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, the Gilroy track improvements, on February 7, 2020. She noted that TAMC staff is negotiating with HDR Engineering Inc. to do the work and is aiming to put the contact on the April Board meeting.

6. SURF! BUSWAY UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the SURF! Busway project along the Monterey Branch Line from Marina to Sand City.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported that in 2018, Monterey Salinas Transit 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 one-way bus rapid transit corridor on a segment of the Monterey Branch Line would provide the best cost benefit. She noted that in the 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.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported that the project development team held a meeting with key project stakeholders, including the Cities of Marina, Sand City, Seaside, California Coastal Commission, State Parks, and Caltrans District 5.

Ms. Jacobsen noted that the consultant team recently received the topographic data and is working to modify the engineering drawings to reflect the topography of the corridor. Ms. Jacobsen noted that in mid-February, MST, TAMC and the consultants went on a biking site visit of the rail corridor to collect data about key intersections within the corridor. Ms. Jacobsen shared a slideshow of pictures from the site visit with the Committee.

Committee Member Delgado asked whether there was room for the busway in the corridor with double tracks in Marina. Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck noted that the team was still brainstorming and looking over the technical information to determine alignment options.

Committee Member Smith asked about fencing ownership. Mr. Muck replied that the fence was sometimes within the TAMC right-of-way, but not always.

Brad Tarp, Salinas resident, asked about the campgrounds recently publicized for the State Park. Ms. Jacobsen replied that the team is working with State Parks.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None this month.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.