

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Final Minutes of April 6, 2026*

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room

	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, <del>J. Gomez</del> )	C	P(A) (VC)	P	N	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P	C	P	P
G. Church, Dist. 2 ( <del>M. Vierra</del> , L. Gray)	A	P(VC) )	P(A) (VC)	O	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	P (VC)	P (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, <del>E. Mora</del> )	N	P(VC) )	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
K. Daniels, Dist. 5, (K. Craig)	C	P(VC) )	P(VC) )	E	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	C	P	P (VC)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (J. McAdams L. Visscher)	L	P(VC) )	A	T	P	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	A	P(A) (VC)	L	P (VC)	P (VC)
E. Smith, Monterey (G. Garcia, M. Garcia, A. Easterling)	L	P	P	I	P	P	P	A	P	L	E	P
D. Donohue, Salinas, (M. D'Arrigo)	E	P	A	N	P	P	P	A	P	E	P	P
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	D	P	P	G	P	E	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E	D	P (VC)	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)		P	P		P	P	P	A	P		P	P
A. Velazquez, Soledad (F. Ansaldo-Sanchez)		P(VC) )	A		P	P (VC)	E	A	P (VC)		P (VC)	P (VC)
M. Twomey, AMBAG ( <del>H. Adamson</del> , P. Hierling)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		A	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		A	P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5		A	A		P (VC)	A	A	A	A		A	A
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )		P(A) (VC)	A		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		A	P(A) (VC)
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>JUN 25</b>	<b>JUL 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>SEP 25</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>NOV 25</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>	<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>APR 26</b>
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner	C	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	C	P	A
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	A	-	-	O	-	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A	P (VC)	P (VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	N	P (VC)	P (VC)	M	A	A	P (VC)	A	A	N	A	A
A. Cook, Principal Planner	C	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	P*
A. Guther, Assoc. Transp. Planner	E	P	P (VC)	E	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	E

A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	L	A	A	T	A	A	A	A	P (VC)	L	A	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin	L	A	A	I	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A	L	P (VC)	A
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	E	P	P	N	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P
S. Linnevers Transp. Planner	D	-	-	G	-	-	-	-	-	D	-	p*
T. Muck, Executive Director		P	P		P	P	P	P	P		P	A
M. Park, Finance Officer/ Analyst		A	P (VC)		P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A		A	P (VC)
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner		P (VC)	A		P (VC)	A	A	P (VC)	P (VC)		P (VC)	P (VC)
C. Watson, Director of Planning		P	P		P (VC)	P	P	P	P		P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer		A	P		P	P	E	P	P (VC)		A	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery		P (VC)	P (VC)		P	P	P	P	P (VC)		P (VC)	E

P = Present    A = Absent    P(A) = Alternate Present    E = Excused    (VC) = Video Conference    \* = New representative

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

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jasmine Mejia Cortez	District 1 office	Kera Panni	District 4 office
Margaret D'Arrigo	Salinas	Evan Snider	Public
Jerome Landesman	Public	Roland	Public

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Alejo/ Smith/ unanimous

- 3.1** Approved minutes of March 2, 2026, Rail Policy Committee meeting.
- 3.2** Received update on the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station Project.
- 3.3** Received update on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency.
- 3.4** Received media clippings attached online.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. ALLOWABLE USES WITHIN THE MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Committee deferred this item to May.

**5. 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, Director of Planning, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council met virtually on March 26 and discussed legislative issues and the California Passenger Rail Summit, scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2026, in Sacramento. Ms. Watson noted that the next CRCC Policy Committee meeting is planned for May 15, 2026, in Oakland.

Ms. Watson noted that at the March RPC meeting, the Committee asked for a fact sheet and Transportation Agency staff prepared the attached “Central Coast Passenger Rail Partnerships and Responsibilities” document.

Andy Cook, Principal Planner, reported that staff is working with the City of King on the Multimodal Transportation Center project. The next steps on this project include transferring the design contract with RailPros from King City to TAMC and executing a contract for the environmental review.

Committee Member Daniels asked if anyone has circled with Julius McEntire from Rivas' office since the February meeting. She noted that we need to circle back about the potential Coast Rail Corridor project and stay in touch with Rivas' office with project updates.

Roland, member of the public, noted that he is interested in Capitol Corridor service extension.

**6. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE**

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported on the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Ms. Watson noted that the Kick Start project is proceeding with secured state funding under the adopted state environmental clearance and is currently in the final design phase. She noted that staff submitted a budget allocation request to Senator Laird for \$1.5 million for improvements at the Salinas train station.

Committee Member Alejo noted that the Executive Committee last week approved submitting budget requests, requesting retroactive approval by the TAMC Board at the April 22 meeting.

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced new TAMC staff Sophia Linnevers. She introduced herself.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.