

AGENDA

TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
January 11, 2016

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

3:00 P.M.

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1. **Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions.** A quorum for the voting TAMC Rail Policy Committee members consists of a minimum of 6 of the following voting members: Potter (Chair), Craig (Vice-Chair), Armenta, Bodem, Chavez, Delgado, Parker, Phillips, Rubio, and Smith.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your two alternates attends the meeting. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA.**

Any member of the public may address the Rail Policy Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Rail Policy Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for **items 3.1-3.3** 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 November 2, 2015 Rail Policy Committee meeting.
– Murillo

- 3.2 **RECEIVE** report on final Santa Cruz Branch Line rail transit study. – Watson

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission received the Final Rail Transit Feasibility Study on December 3, 2015. The study evaluates a range of potential public transportation options between Watsonville and Santa Cruz using the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, includes cost, ridership, and funding information, and suggests parameters and steps for phased transit service.

- 3.3 **RECEIVE** update on the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station project.
– Murillo

The Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station is the second phase of the Rail Extension to Monterey County project. Since the last update to the Committee, Agency staff received feedback on the Federal grant application, and the Station is now included in the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s draft transportation sales tax expenditure plan.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** proposal to use Monterey Branch Line lease revenues for a busway study by Monterey-Salinas Transit District, and **RECOMMEND** Board approval. – Harvath

MST is proposing a “Monterey Bay Feasibility Study of Bus Operations on State Route 1 Shoulders and in the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way”. Hunter Harvath, MST Assistant General Manager, will present the proposal.

5. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on draft 2016 Legislative Program. – Watson

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency’s position on issues of key importance to the agency.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Extension project. – Watson

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Salinas Rail Extension project on November 2, 2015 includes a design team meeting with Caltrans regarding next steps on the Market Street improvements by the Salinas train station and offers to Salinas station area property owners for the right-of-way phase.

7. **RECEIVE** update on the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. – Watson

Progress since the last update to the Committee about the Coast Daylight on November 2, 2015 includes meetings of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and with the Federal Railroad Administration regarding the environmental reviews.

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, February 1, 2016
3:00 p.m.

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

Light refreshments will be provided

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

CORRESPONDENCE

- C-1** December 8, 2015 letter from Executive Director Debbie Hale to Ezequiel Castro, Branch Chief, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, Caltrans, re: 2016 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Discussion Draft Guideline Comments
- C-2** November 13, 2015 letter from the California Intercity Passenger Rail leadership coalition to Senator Thune, Chair Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, re: Surface Transportation Act of 2015

REPORTS

- R-1** October 2015 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results
- R-2** November 2015 Capitol Corridor and California Intercity Passenger Rail Performance Results

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

None this agenda