



STAFF	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner	-	C	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	C	P
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	A	-	-	O	-	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A	P (VC)
D. Bilsé, Principal Engineer	A	N	P (VC)	P (VC)	M	A	A	P (VC)	A	A	N	A
A. Guther, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	C	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P	A	P	P	P	C	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	E	A	A	E	A	A	A	A	P (VC)	E	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin	A	L	A	A	T	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A	L	P (VC)
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	L	P	P	I	P	P	E	P	P	L	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	E	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Park, Finance Officer/Analyst	A	D	A	P (VC)	G	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	D	A
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	A		P (VC)	A		P (VC)	A	A	P (VC)	P (VC)		P (VC)
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P		P	P		P (VC)	P	P	P	P		P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	A		A	P		P	P	E	P	P (VC)		A
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P (VC)		P (VC)	P (VC)		P	P	P	P	P (VC)		P (VC)

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 2:10 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
Javier Gomez	District 1 office	Paul	Public
Linda Gonzales	District 1 office	Chris Swell	Granite Rock

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Oglesby/ Daniels/ unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of January 12, 2026, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**3.2** Received update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill 707 and voted to enable the Committee to use the provisions for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies.

**3.3** Received correspondence.

**3.4** Received media clippings attached online.

**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, Director of Planning, reported that the CRCC Policy Committee met on February 20, 2026, in San Luis Obispo 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.

Chair LeBarre thanked Caltrans for negotiating with Union Pacific Railroad on the King City Multimodal Transportation Center.

Committee Member Oglesby thanked the City of King City for getting the project to the point where it can be transferred to the Transportation Agency.

Committee Member Velazquez asked for a Coast Rail fact sheet showing regional connections and significant milestones. Director Todd Muck replied that staff developed a four-page document that outlines what it takes to extend passenger rail service, and staff can include it in the April agenda.

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

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

**M/S/C** Oglesby/ Alejo/ unanimous

Directed staff to put on a future Board agenda to ask for \$1 million in state budget funds to support improvements at the Salinas train station.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported on the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Ms. Watson noted that Union Pacific is providing comments on the Kick Start project designs, and the design team is working to deliver revised plans.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported right-of-way activity acquisitions properties are still underway. The City of Salinas has finalized the New Street transfer and Transportation Agency staff is working with the contractor Smith & Enright to fence off the end of the road.

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reported that Sam Farr arranged a meeting with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas in February. Committee Members Daniels, Church, and Donohoe attended the meeting.

Committee Member Daniels noted that Rivas seemed excited about the potential Coast Rail Corridor project and noted that TAMC representatives need to stay in touch with Rivas' office with project updates.

Chair LeBarre noted that staff should invite Rivas' office to Rail Policy Committee meetings.

**6. PAJARO/ WATSONVILLE MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Pajaro/ Watsonville Multimodal Station Project.

Alissa Guthier, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Pajaro/ Watsonville station will be the connection point for Santa Cruz County to new passenger rail service on the Coast mainline tracks between Salinas and the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Guthier noted that Agency staff are coordinating with SCCRTC staff on a potential joint meeting with the Rail Policy Committee in April 2026. She noted that no comments from Union Pacific regarding the station location were provided, and progress on the project is predicated upon those comments.

Chair LeBarre noted that a meeting between the RPC and SCCRTC would be good for relationship-building to show a regional voice on passenger rail.

Committee Member Oglesby noted that a joint meeting would show the Central Coast Caucus that we are working together.

**7. HIGHWAY 1 ELKHORN SLOUGH CORRIDOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT**

The Committee received an update on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project activities.

Alissa Guthier, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study will focus on an eight-mile stretch of Highway 1 and the parallel five miles of rail tracks traversing Elkhorn Slough. She reported that the team is planning for outreach, including an Advisory Group meeting, Technical Working Group meeting, and drop in public outreach and tabling in March and April 2026.

Committee Member Delgado asked if the trestle is the leading alternative. Ms. Guthier replied that the study will consider the recommendations from the 2020 AMBAG study.

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced that there is no need to notice other locations per new Brown Act Senate Bill 707 at future RPC meetings.

Executive Director Todd Muck announced new TAMC staff Odalys Barajas. Ms. Barajas introduced herself.

**9. ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.