

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL Minutes of April 2, 2018
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

	MAY 17	JUN 17	JUL 17	AUG 17	SEPT 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	DEC 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR	APR
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez)	P(A)	C	N	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	N	P	P(A)	C	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C-Link)	P(A)	A	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	A	E
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	-	N		P(A)	P(A)	N	E		P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	C	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)
B. Delgado, Marina, Vice Chair (F. O'Connell)	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	E	-	P	E	P(A)
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	P	L	E	E	P	L	E	E	P	P	L	P
K. Craig, Salinas, Chair (J. Gunter)	P	L	T	P	P	L	E	T	P	P	L	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	E	I	P	E	E	P	I	P	E	E	E
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	D	N	P	P	D	P	N	-	P	D	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	-		G	P	P		P	G	-	P		-
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)	P			P	P		P		P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	P(A)			E	-		-		-	-		-
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	-			-	-		-		-	-		-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)			P(A)	E		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
B. Sabo, Airport (R. Searle)	-			-	-		-		-	-		-
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director	E			P	P		P		P	E		P
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director	P			P	P		P		E	P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P			P	P		P		P	P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P			P	P		P		P	P		P
V. Murillo, Transp. Planner	P			P	E		P		-	P		P

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

OTHERS PRESENT

Monica Muñoz	Staff for Supervisor, District 2	Paul Hierling	AMBAG
Brad Tarp	Property owner	Paul Goryl	MNS Engineers
Frank Aguayo	City of Salinas Public Works	Paul Powers	Powers RV

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Smith/unanimous
Abstain: O’Connell

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Extension project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that activities on the Salinas Rail Extension project since the last update on February 5, 2018 include several meetings with various entities and preparation of a funding extension request. She noted that on February 14, staff attended the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board meeting, at which the Authority adopted their 2019 Business Plan. The revised plan reflects the conditions under which they can extend service to Salinas.

Ms. Watson reported that staff has been coordinating with the City of Salinas on utility relocations. Frank Aguayo, City of Salinas, noted that the City is working to meet TAMC’s schedule for storm drain, sanitary sewer, and utility relocation with the goal to only have to “dig once”.

Ms. Watson reported that MNS Engineers are the consultants for construction management of the Salinas Rail Extension improvements. Paul Goryl, MNS Engineers, noted that their scope of services includes public outreach, utility coordination, structure demolition oversight, pre-bid assistance and construction management.

Ms. Watson reported that staff is preparing an extension request for State funds allocated to the project due to delays caused by utility relocation, changes to the operation scenario and the need to go to Union Pacific for review of designs at the Gilroy Station.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the status of property acquisition for the Salinas Rail Extension project. Mr. Zeller reported that TAMC now has possession of all properties needed for Package 1 of the project, with 3 properties still in negotiations.

Brad Tarp, property owner, commented that he had received an unsolicited offer to purchase his property. Mr Tarp said that the potential buyer heard about the Salinas Rail Extension project and the sale of his property will likely no longer happen. He asked for a timeframe for the property acquisition. Mr. Zeller said that TAMC's legal counsel for property acquisition will be in touch with Mr. Tarp to discuss the details of his property.

Committee member Anderson asked about the increase in project costs. Ms. Watson reported that the increase in project cost is due to the addition of positive train control technology, as requested by the State, as well as the expansion of the layover facility from two to six tracks.

5. COAST CORRIDOR 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 (CRCC) Technical Committee met via phone call on February 15 and on March 23. The discussion topics included the Memorandum of Understanding. She noted that the next Policy Committee is scheduled to be in San Luis Obispo on July 16. There is also a Rail Summit in Los Angeles on April 18-19, and an Integrated Ticketing Conference in May that staff will be attending.

Committee member LeBarre asked if there has been coordination with San Benito County on their future rail service. Ms. Watson said staff will follow-up with San Benito County staff.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. ADJOURN

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