

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of May 2, 2022

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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| | JUN 21 | JUL 21 | AUG 21 | SEP 21 | OCT 21 | NOV 21 | DEC 21 | JAN 22 | FEB 22 | MAR 22 | APR 22 | MAY 22 |
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| L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez) | P(A) | N | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | N | P(A) | E | P(A) | C | P(A) |
| J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link) | P(A) | O | P(A) | - | P(A) | P(A) | O | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | A | P(A) |
| W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson) | P(A) | | E | P(A) | P | P(A) | | P | P(A) | P(A) | N | P |
| M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney) | P(A) | M | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | E | M | P(A) | P(A) | E | C | P(A) |
| M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon) | P | E | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | E | P |
| C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado) | P(A) | E | P | P | P | P(A) | E | A | A | P | L | A |
| E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny) | E | T | E | P | A | P | T | P | P | P | L | P |
| K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes) | P | I | P | A | P | P | I | A | A | P | E | P |
| G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz) | P(A) | N | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | N | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | D | P(A) |
| I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco) | P | G | P | P | P | P | G | P | P | A | | P |
| A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma) | P | | P | A | A | P | | A | P | A | | A |
| D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair | P | | P | P | A | E | | P | P | P | | P |
| M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling) | P(A) | | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | | P(A) |
| O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5 | A | | A | P | P | A | | A | A | A | | A |
| C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer) | P(A) | | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | E | | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | | A |
| STAFF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. Muck, Executive Director | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| C. Watson, Director of Planning | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery | E | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator | P | | A | A | A | A | | A | A | A | | A |
| M. Montiel Admin Assistant | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| L. Williamson, Senior Engineer | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer | A | | A | A | A | P | | P | P | P | | P |
| A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner | | | | | | P | | P | P | P | | P |

TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Tarah Brady | Caltrans | Joanna Xiao | Caltrans |
| Alan Miller | Caltrans | Jasmine Mejia Cortez | Supervisor Phillips' Aide |
| Bryce Goldstein | Caltrans | Berry Scott | Coast Rail Santa Cruz |
| Shannon Simonds | Caltrans | | |

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Berry Scott, Coast Rail Santa Cruz, reported that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission have two items of concern on Thursday's agenda: item 11 is to reject a bid for repairs on the Pajaro River rail bridge with a staff recommendation to drop the project; item 28 includes support for a trail alternative that removes tracks and rail bridges. Mr. Scott also shared information about a speaker series for May 12-14th.

Executive Director Todd Muck noted that staff deferred a discussion about a lease with the City of Marina regarding the proposed recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way until the June Committee meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the March 7, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

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

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff continues to coordinate with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed package 1 train station project to the City of Salinas. He noted staff is working with the City to prepare a revised resolution that accepts the transfer of properties independent of any future development. Mr. Zeller noted CTC deferred the approval of the property transfer to the June CTC meeting. The maintenance requirement for this site is an ongoing cost for TAMC.

Committee Member Craig noted she will help to ensure that the item goes to the City Council as soon as possible.

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 next Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy meeting will be on May 20, 2022, at the Portola hotel in Monterey. She noted that the meeting will be an in-person meeting with a call-in option.

Chair LeBarre expressed that Mayor Potter's leadership has really developed a great relationship on the state level.

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

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, announced that a SURF! busway outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 20.

Committee Alternate Josh Stratton announced that Friday will be his last week with Supervisor Phillips' office. He mentioned that Claudia Link will be the new Chief of Staff. In conclusion, Mr. Stratton noted that he will be working with Cal Am as the external affairs manager.

Chair LeBarre thanked Caltrans and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) staff for supporting the King City station with rail funding.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.