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AGENDA TAMC RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Monday
January 7, 2019

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

3:00 PM

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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: Adams, Alejo, Chavez, Davis, Delgado, Gomez, LeBarre, Pacheco, Parker, Phillips, and Smith.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure that one of your 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.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed 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 the Rail Policy Committee meeting of November 5, 2018.

- Montiel

The draft minutes of the November 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. HOLD elections for Chair for 2019-20.

- Watson

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5. RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles and **RECOMMEND** the TAMC Board appoint representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

- Watson

Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on November 5, 2018 includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

6. RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

- Watson

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update on November 5, 2018 include completion of structure demolition, meetings on utility relocation, approval of the Caltrans encroachment permit, and approval of construction funding for Package 1.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS from Rail Policy Committee

members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.

8. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:
Monday, February 4, 2019 at 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:
Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator
Christina@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

- C 1.** **RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.
- C 2.** No reports this period.
- C 3.** **RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: **Draft September RPC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of November 5, 2018.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the November 5, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ RPC Draft November Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Draft Minutes of November 5, 2018
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Past Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made. Chair Craig arrived during the end of item 4.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Sala	Aurora Express Intermodal	Kevin Dayton	Salinas City Center
Amme Salomon	Aurora Express Intermodal	Andy Myrick	City of Salinas
Gus	Caltrans District 5	Don Reynolds	City of Salinas
Brad Tarp	Salinas resident	Cheryl Ku	Monterey County
Paul Powers	Salinas resident	Paul Hierling	AMBAG
Jerome Landesman	Salinas resident	Jennifer Russell	MNS Engineers

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerome Landesman, Salinas resident, noted that this month marks 20 years that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) has been planning and working on the Coast Corridor passenger rail and asked if there was a timeline for initiating service.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/ LeBarre /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the September 10, 2018 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Approved 2019 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings.

3.3 Received the call for nominations for the 18th annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

3.4 Received update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS FREIGHT RAIL TERMINAL PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the Salinas Valley Perishable Freight Rail Terminal Project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, introduced Andy Myrick, Economic Development Manager for the City of Salinas. Mr. Myrick noted that the City as the lead in federal grant submittals for the freight rail terminal project and introduced Amme Salomon of Aurora Express Intermodal (AEI). Ms. Salomon stated that AEI is a commercial developer working closely with the City of Salinas, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and the grower-shipper community on the plan to rehabilitate and develop the existing 25-acre UPRR yard into a new Perishable Freight Rail terminal. She noted that discussions started back in 2014, and that the concept of the intermodal center would be to bring produce from processing/ packing facilities to the intermodal rail facility by truck, and then load onto a train by crane. Ms. Salomon noted that AEI has continued their due diligence and has adjusted the estimated project cost from \$101 million to \$118 million. This is mostly due to increased construction costs at the site, along with some increased equipment and professional/ engineering costs. As a result of these increased costs, the amount being requested in the federal grant applications increased from \$25 million to \$40 million.

Ms. Salomon noted that due to changes in the rail and trucking industries, AEI believes they can reduce the cost that it takes to ship produce across the country. She noted that the desired site for this location would be on the north side of the main rail line, across from the Salinas Train Station and south of West Lake Street. The proposed project would include installation of a large electric crane and some minor administrative buildings. The business anticipates up to three train trips per week. Ms. Salomon noted that the business represents that they have secured a lease from Union Pacific on the site, and have completed project design documents, and are now trying to secure financing for the project.

Committee Alternate Stratton asked about how AEI would handle the increase in traffic to the site on City streets. Mark Sala, AEI founder, stated that trucks would not be idling on City streets, as they would have room inside the facility for the trucks while the wares are being transferred. Ms. Salomon noted that each train could carry up to 180 truckloads, but that they would stagger loading so that only about 30 trucks would be using the facility at a time.

Committee Member Delgado asked about the role of TAMC in the project and the potential for AEI to coordinate with TAMC on the Passenger Rail Service to Salinas project. Mr. Sala said that he does not see any conflicts with the passenger service on the main line. Ms. Salomon noted that UPRR has a 12-step process for developing new rail facilities and promised to send that information to Ms. Watson.

Committee Member Alejo asked whether the project was exempt from California environmental laws regarding impacts to residential areas such as noise and trucking increases. Mr. Sala responded that the project mainly involved a wide-span electric crane and that the project would control the truck access by time and by route. Mr. Myrick noted that the City was also concerned about potential impacts and that the railroad is exempt from all environmental rules if the project is within an existing footprint.

Kevin Dayton, Salinas City Center Improvement Association (SCCIA), noted that the SCCIA supported transit-oriented development in the area and would like to ensure that the project would not have unintended negative impacts from diesel or noise.

Executive Director Debbie Hale asked if AEI was subject to traffic impact fees. Mr. Myrick noted that the railroad project is exempt from both state environmental laws and zoning laws and would confirm whether the project was required to complete a building permit.

5. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

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 September 10, 2018, include progress towards structure demolition, resubmittal of various permits for the project, and meetings on utility relocation. The demolition of structures at the Salinas train station has started. She noted that Bowen Engineering, the demolition contractor, originally submitted a Water Pollution Control Program to the State Water Board in August in application for an erosivity waiver but is now working on a full Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. The demolition is expected to be completed by the first week of December. Ms. Watson noted that TAMC is working with City

staff on utility relocation and permits needed to proceed with construction of Package 1. She noted that Agency staff is recommending a reimbursement agreement to the TAMC Board on December 5, so that the City's storm drain relocation project would include elements within Caltrans right-of-way that otherwise would have been connections from the project to the City's relocated storm drain pipes.

6. **RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY**

The Committee received update on the rail network integration study.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the rail network integration study will lay the groundwork for implementing the State Rail Plan on the Central Coast. On October 18, 2018, the California Transportation Commission awarded TAMC \$500,000 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds to do a network integration study. She noted that Transportation Agency staff will bring a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the December 5 Board meeting. She noted that this study supports Package 3 of the Monterey County Rail Extension project, for track access rights on the Salinas-Gilroy corridor and preparing for funding applications for stations at Pajaro/Watsonville (for connectivity to Santa Cruz county) and at Castroville (for connectivity to the Monterey Peninsula).

Committee Member LeBarre asked whether the study would also support future funding applications for King City and Soledad, and Ms. Watson agreed she would add those stations to the RFP scope of work for the Board meeting.

7. **2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee received and commented on the draft 2019 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. She noted that the draft 2019 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2019 legislative session. Ms. Watson noted that after an interagency meeting on legislation, the program was edited to include support for federal grant applications for the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) busway project in the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way.

Jerome Landesman, Salinas resident, asked whether the MST busway project in the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way would enhance and not destroy the long-term opportunity for rail in the corridor. Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, responded that the project is not going to remove the rail line. Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, noted that TAMC staff is fully engaged in the project planning effort and that there is room within the Monterey Branch Line corridor to keep the busway to the side of the tracks, and that the key question is how the busway might cross the tracks. He also noted that the tracks are degraded and will need repairs for any future rail service.

8. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR CHAIR KIMBLEY CRAIG

The Committee presented a certificate of Appreciation to Chair Craig.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Committee wishes to recognize Chair Kimbley Craig for her eight years on the Committee, including two years as Vice Chair and two years as Chair. She noted that Chair Craig has traveled far and wide to champion expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area, representing TAMC at the regional, state and federal levels, and helping to seek and secure funding for rail projects in the region. Recognizing her achievements, the Committee presented Chair Craig with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Chair Craig noted that it has been an honor to serve on the Rail Policy Committee. She expressed that when Mayor Donohue appointed her to represent the City of Salinas to the TAMC Board, she was not sure who or what TAMC was. She is looking forward to the Measure X projects and Rail to Salinas.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None this month.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: Rail Policy Committee Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD elections for Chair for 2019-20.

SUMMARY:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

From the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bylaws, section 12.4:

“A **Rail Policy Committee** composed of TAMC Board members or their alternates from the following jurisdictions on the rail lines: Cities of Salinas, Marina, Sand City, Seaside, and Monterey, Supervisorial District 1, Supervisorial District 2, Supervisorial District 4, Supervisorial District 5 and two representatives from South Monterey County: either (a) the 3rd District County Supervisor and a voting TAMC Board member from one of the South Monterey County Cities, or (b) two voting TAMC Board members from South Monterey County Cities. The TAMC Chair may appoint annually ex-officio members as needed.

"The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership for a two-year term at the end of the February meeting of every even year, beginning in 2008. The Chair may rotate between the County Supervisors and the Cities, and/or between Salinas Valley and the Monterey

Peninsula or the existing Chair may be reappointed to a new term. **To be eligible to serve as the Chair or Vice Chair, the person must be a voting AGENCY Board Member and have served on the Rail Policy Committee for at least one year.** The Rail Policy Committee advises the Transportation Agency Board on matters related to the establishment of passenger rail service in Monterey County.”

The Committee elected Kimbley Craig as Chair and Bruce Delgado as Vice Chair in February 2018 for 2018-20. As Chair Craig left office in December 2018, the Committee must hold elections at the beginning of the January meeting to replace her.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: **Coast Corridor Rail Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles and **RECOMMEND** the TAMC Board appoint representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

SUMMARY:

Progress since the last update on the coast rail project to this Committee on November 5, 2018 includes a meeting of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail service project construction and operation costs are still under evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco bay area along the California Central Coast. Members of CRCC include all regional transportation planning agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast’s portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

The member agencies have all adopted a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the Council. The Policy Committee met in Monterey on December 13, 2018. At that meeting, agenda topics included bylaws, work plan, legislative program, and the 2019 meeting calendar. Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2019, in Santa Barbara.

Staff to the member agencies convene regular technical working group phone calls, the next call will be

on January 18, 2019.

In January 2018, the TAMC Board approved the Rail Policy Committee recommended appointment of Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the TAMC alternate for a one-year term, and the CRCC Policy Committee selected Mr. Potter as the Chair. The Rail Policy Committee is now asked to recommend appointments to the CRCC Policy Committee for the period ending January 2020. The appointment involves attending up to four meetings of the Committee and potentially representing the group at legislative days with the Intercity Passenger Rail group (tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2019 in Sacramento) and the California Passenger Rail Summit (scheduled for April 24-25, 2019 in Oakland).



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: **Salinas Rail Kick Start project update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

SUMMARY:

Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update on November 5, 2018 include completion of structure demolition, meetings on utility relocation, approval of the Caltrans encroachment permit, and approval of construction funding for Package 1.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The capital cost of the Monterey County Rail Extension project, Phase 1, Salinas Kick Start project (the Salinas station and improvements in Santa Clara County), is estimated at \$81 million. The Kick Start project is proceeding with secured state funding under the adopted state environmental clearance.

On December 6, 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved an allocation of \$11.2 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Proposition 116 Rail Bond Funding for construction of Package 1: the extension of Lincoln Avenue across Market Street (State Route 183) to provide signalized access, parking and circulation improvements. TAMC published the construction bid documents with a bid opening date of February 13, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Project Background

The Monterey County Rail Extension project extends passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas. This is a transformative project that will revitalize the downtown Salinas train station and create new multimodal transportation hubs for the disadvantaged communities of Pajaro and Castroville.

These multimodal stations will be served by new passenger rail service and bus transit that will provide peak period connections for the residents of Salinas and their north Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula and Santa Cruz County neighbors, to access Silicon Valley, San Jose, the greater San Francisco Bay Area, and Sacramento. In recognition of the importance of service to these populations, the 2018 California State Rail Plan includes the Monterey County Rail Extension Project in the near-term (2022) scenario.

TAMC is pursuing a phased implementation of the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Phase 1, known as the Kick Start Project, includes Salinas train station circulation improvements, a train layover facility, and track improvements at the Gilroy station and between Salinas and Gilroy. Phase 2 will be the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Transit Hub, the connection point for Santa Cruz County, and Phase 3 will be the Castroville Multimodal Station, the connection point for Monterey Peninsula, both of which are currently on hold at 60% with no funding for the next steps. Staff intends to apply for funding for one or both stations at the next opportunity.

In the meantime, the Kick Start Project is fully funded with \$81 million in state funding, and is proceeding with construction of Package 1, improvements at the Salinas train station. The layover facility and track improvements are ready for final design, pending comments from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

Structure Demolition

Bowen Engineering and Environmental has completed the demolition of structures at the Salinas train station, and found no surprise foundations or other complications. The MNS Engineers construction management team are undertaking Best Management Practices (BMPs) under the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), just in time for the onset of winter rains.

Caltrans

Caltrans approved the project encroachment permit on November 28, 2018. The construction team will need to apply for a "double permit" prior to starting work, and the City will need to provide Caltrans a copy of a "no parking" ordinance or resolution on State Route 183 (Market Street) at Stone Street.

City of Salinas

TAMC and City staff continue to meet regularly to coordinate on utility relocation and permits needed to proceed with construction of Package 1. The City approved the revised Stormwater Control Plan, which governs how the project takes stormwater runoff into consideration with design elements such as bioswales. TAMC has submitted encroachment and grading/drainage permits to the City for the project, along with the final plans.

The TAMC Board approved a reimbursement agreement on December 5 and the City Council approved it on December 18, 2018, so that the City's storm drain and sanitary sewer project now includes elements within Caltrans right-of-way that otherwise would have been connections from the project to the City's relocated storm drain pipes. The City's storm drain and sanitary sewer relocation project is estimated to begin in May, pending Caltrans approval of the project's encroachment permit and pending City Council approval of bid documents and contract for the work.

TAMC and City staff are working with PG&E, AT&T and Comcast regarding relocation of their gas line and cables into the new Lincoln Avenue Extension, with the goal of integrating that relocation work into the storm drain/ sanitary sewer relocation timeline and to avoid significant delays to the overall roadway project construction.

Northern California Megaregion Group

TAMC staff attended a meeting of the Northern California Megaregion Group on November 13, 2018, followed by meetings with Caltrain, Caltrans and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to discuss the extension operations scenario and next steps on the Monterey Bay Area rail network integration study.

The earliest Caltrain can project initiation of diesel rail operations to Salinas would be 2022. The proposed initiation of High-Speed Rail (HSR) service on the Gilroy-San Francisco line in 2027 would impact the operations of rail service south of Gilroy, so CalSTA directed TAMC to include the consideration of the evolution of that service into the network integration study.

Next steps in the near-term operations negotiations is to discuss the proposed schedule with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) regarding track rights and in order to enable UPRR to review the 75% design plans for Package 2 (Salinas layover facility) and Package 3 (Gilroy station and track improvements).

California High-Speed Rail Technical Working Group

TAMC staff attended meetings of the California High-Speed Rail Technical Working Groups for Gilroy and Morgan Hill on November 7 and 28, 2018. The HSR project is updating their environmental documents with the goal of publishing a "preferred alternative" route and station location in Gilroy by September 2019. Their conceptual plans for the downtown Gilroy station reserve two tracks for "UPRR/TAMC" service with a platform for passengers to transfer to the HSR train. TAMC will stay involved and supportive of the downtown Gilroy alignment.

Staff will provide a verbal update on all activities at the meeting.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [December 4, 2018 letter to Fran Inman, Chair, California Transportation Commission, re: Rail Extension to Monterey County - Package 1](#)



Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: Reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No reports this period.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Rail Policy Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 7, 2019
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [October 25, 2018 article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, "Santa Cruz County RTC names new chief"](#)
- [November 13, 2018 article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, "RTC staff's spending priority is rail: \\$635 million"](#)
- [November 20, 2018 article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, "RTC puts off rail-trail decision til January"](#)
- [November 23, 2018 article in StreetsBlog, "US finally legalizes modern, European-style train cars"](#)
- [November 26, 2018 article in Green Caltrain, "Opportunities for more Caltrain service to South San Jose and South Santa Clara County"](#)
- [December 2, 2018 article in the San Jose Mercury News, "What Google's San Jose project means for downtown: Three perspectives on the City Council's critical Tuesday vote"](#)
- [December 10, 2018 article in the Monterey Herald, "Caltrans announces state funding for highway, rail upgrades"](#)
- [December 11, 2018 article in Progressive Railroading, "Caltrans announces \\$600 million in funding for rail, transportation projects"](#)