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## **RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 2, 2022**

**\*\*3:00 PM\*\***

### **REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY**

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### **1. Quorum Check, Call to Order and Introductions**

**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 Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are

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### **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 March 7, 2022.

- Montiel

*The draft minutes of the March 7, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.*

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **4. RECEIVE** update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

- Watson

*Activities on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project since the last update in March include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).*

#### **5. RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

- Watson

*Progress since the last update to this Committee in March includes a working group meeting on April 1.*

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS** from Rail Policy Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Rail Policy Committee meeting:

**Monday, June 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:  
Christina Watson, Rail Program Coordinator  
[Christina@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Christina@tamcmonterey.org)**

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TEL: 831-775-0903

EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org

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### **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**

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



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2022  
**Subject:** **Draft March RPC Minutes**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** minutes of the Rail Policy Committee meeting of March 7, 2022.

### **SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the March 7, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting are attached for review.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▣ Draft March RPC Minutes

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DRAFT Minutes of March 7, 2022**  
Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
**ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY**

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

Benson Kwong            Caltrans Headquarters            Jeffrey            Public

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/Anderson/unanimous

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

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. SURF! BUSWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer, presented on the proposed SURF! Busway that is a 6-mile bus-only corridor parallel to State Route 1 to be constructed along the Monterey branch line rail right-of-way. Mr. Bipse noted that the community engagement opportunities will be ongoing through the next year. The project expects to go out to bid for the construction in 2024 and start operation in 2027.

Committee Member Medina-Dirksen asked for more information on the community engagement and what efforts are used to outreach to people with disabilities. Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, replied that the plan is to reach out to community groups and churches. The MST Mobility Center will help with outreach to persons with disabilities. Starting in late April, outreach efforts will include onsite pop-ups, engagement opportunities, and an online engagement tool through Social Pinpoint. MST continues to work with City of Marina staff and will have another site visit.

Executive Director Todd Muck noted that all transportation projects must be state of the art for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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

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

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Monterey County Rail Extension Project won awards for the construction of Package 1, the parking and circulation improvements at the Salinas train station.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City of Salinas. Mr. Zeller noted CTC deferred the approval of the property transfer to the May CTC meeting.

Mr. Zeller reported that the Agency is pursuing the acquisition of five privately-owned parcels for the layover facility for Package 2. He noted that the TAMC Board approved the contract with Bender Rosenthal to assist with Union Pacific Railroad property acquisition.

Ms. Watson reported that the design plans are at 90% and aim to have 100% plans in August. Staff will bring a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gilroy and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for improvements at the Gilroy train station to the March 23 Board for adoption.

6. **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 Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) reelected Dave Potter as their chair at their meeting on February 25, 2022.

Committee Member Potter noted that he has chaired the CRCC for over 24-years and wants to intensify the group's lobbying efforts for rail.



**7. RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

The Committee discussed how to conduct future Committee meetings.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that it is recommended that the Committee discuss how and where to conduct future in-person meetings, in light of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, allowing the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committee to meet remotely, is expected to be lifted at some point this year.

Committee Member Craig noted she supports the flexibility allowed by virtual meetings but would like to meet in person for controversial topics.

Committee Member Medina-Dirksen asked for best practices be sent out to committee members for being present in a meeting.

Chair LeBarre reported that it sounds like we are okay to stay remote until August then likely hybrid from the TAMC conference room.

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

Committee Member Potter suggested a discussion for lobbying efforts to discuss at a future meeting date.

Committee Member Craig noted that she will be in D.C. next week and would be happy to meet with Mr. Potter and Paul Schlesinger, TAMC's legislative analyst, while she is there.

Chair LeBarre noted that the City of King City was happy to hear that Union Pacific responded back from Amtrak's request for additional Coast Star light train stops. They sent a letter saying they are open to a new station in King City.

**9. ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2022  
**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 in March include work related to transferring the properties acquired for Package 1 (Salinas Station access and circulation improvements) to the City of Salinas and design coordination efforts with key stakeholders on Packages 2 (Salinas layover facility) and 3 (Gilroy track connections).

### **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.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Monterey County Rail Extension Project will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas. TAMC is pursuing a phased implementation of the Project. Phase 1, known as the Kick Start Project, includes Salinas train station circulation improvements, a train layover facility in Salinas, and track improvements at the Gilroy station and between Salinas and Gilroy. The Kick Start Project has wrapped up construction of Package 1, improvements at the Salinas train station. The layover facility (Package 2) and track improvements (Package 3) are now in final design.

### **Construction of Package 1: Salinas Station Improvements**

TAMC staff is coordinating with Caltrans and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City, pursuant to the adopted Memorandum of Understanding. The land transfer must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to empower the City and TAMC to approve transfer agreements. The CTC is requiring the City to commit to replacing any parking spaces used for future development in a location walking distance from the station. Staff will provide a verbal update at the Committee meeting.

### **Property Acquisition for Package 2: Salinas Layover Facility**

On December 4, 2019, the Transportation Agency Board approved Resolutions of Necessity on portions of four

parcels and one full parcel needed for the Salinas layover facility. TAMC staff continues to oversee the right-of-way special counsel Meyers Nave to further negotiations and finalize the remaining acquisitions in Salinas, and the team of Bender Rosenthal and Nossaman for Union Pacific property access negotiations.

**Final Design for Package 2 and Package 3: Gilroy Station & Track Improvements; Operations Scenarios**

HDR Engineering prepared the 90% plans, specifications and estimates for stakeholder review on November 8. HDR is now working on responding to comments, with the goal of preparing 100% plans by August.

The final design team held the following meetings to further the project's design:

- Amtrak - April 5
- Caltrans and Caltrain - March 16

Documents the team is preparing for future Committee/Board approval include the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding between TAMC and Caltrain outlining the process towards an operating agreement.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2022  
**Subject:** **Coast Corridor Rail Project Update**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

### **SUMMARY:**

Progress since the last update to this Committee in March includes a working group meeting on April 1.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are 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 Council 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.

Staff will provide a verbal update on the project at the meeting.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2022  
**Subject:** **Correspondence**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** correspondence attached online.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [February 25, 2022 letter from K. N. Novak, Union Pacific Railroad Sr. Dir. Passenger Ops, to Ms. Sharnell T. Ladson-Hargett, Amtrak Principal Host Railroad Development, re: King City Station](#)



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Rail Policy Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2022  
**Subject:** **Reports**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** reports attached online.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- Capitol Corridor monthly report for [January 2022](#) and [February 2022](#)