

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of August 5, 2024

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room

Alternate locations: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 - Supervisor Askew's Office

11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012 Supervisor Church's Office

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office

	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	JUL 24	AUG 24
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P	C	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	N	P
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P (VC)	O	P(A) (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, E. Mora)	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A) (VC)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (C. Courtney)	E	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	E	C	A	E	A
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
B. Delgado, Marina (J. McAdams)	A	A	A	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	T	A
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	P	A	P	P	E	L	P	P	L	P	I	P
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	A	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P	A	E	A	N	A
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	A	A	A	P	A	D	P	P	D	P	G	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	A	P		A	A		E		A
F. Cabrera, Soledad (A. Velazquez)	P	P	A	A	P		P	E		E		P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair (J. Barron)	E	A	E	P	P		P	P		P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5	A	A	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)		P (VC)	A		A		P (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ M. Overmeyer)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A)		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A)		P(A) (VC)

STAFF	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
T. Muck, Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	C	P	N	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	O	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P (VC)	E	E	P (VC)	E	N	P (VC)	E	N	E	M	P (VC)
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	E	C	E	E	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	E	P (VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P (VC)	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	L	P (VC)	A	L	P	T	A
A. Guther, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	L	P	I	P
A. Sambrano Transp. Planner		P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	E	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P	N	P (VC)
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P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video Conference

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Roland LeBrun	Public	Mi Ra Park	TAMC Staff
Tarah Gatten	Caltrans	Madison Springfield	TAMC Staff
Brianna Goodman	SCCRTC	Janneke Strause	TAMC Staff

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Carbone/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the June 3, 2024, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received media clippings attached online.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 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 will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas.

Ms. Watson reported that on July 17, 2024, staff met with Union Pacific and Caltrans to discuss the next steps in designing the project's intermediate improvements between Gilroy and Salinas.

Ms. Watson noted that the City of Salinas has allowed the Building Permit to expire, despite TAMC's project schedule showing that the project is months away from construction; staff is working with City staff to reopen the permit.

Committee Member Carbone noted that she and Committee Member Smith attended an American Public Transportation Association (APTA) conference in San Jose and heard about a grant funding opportunity for security and safety around transportation facilities.

5. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

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

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Board approved a contract between HDR Inc. and the Transportation Agency. A kickoff meeting and site visit is scheduled for August 14, 2024. Ms. Guther noted that she attended Pajaro community meetings to discuss the project as well as meetings hosted by the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission related to their Zero Emission Passenger Rail project. Ms. Guther also noted that the project received funding from the Senate Bill 125 funding source.

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 the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) working group met on June 21 and July 19 discussed the following:

- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant application for projects that support increased passenger rail service on the coast corridor (submitted July 23, 2024);
- California Intercity Passenger Rail Summit (October 10-11 in San Diego);
- Senate Bill 125 fund allocations approved after state budget adopted; and
- State budget included increased funds to support intercity rail operations.

Ms. Watson noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is planned for August 23 in San Luis Obispo, preceded by a Central Coast Layover Facility site tour/reception on August 22.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced that the next Rail Policy meeting is scheduled on the second week of September due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next meeting is September 9, 2024.

8. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.