

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Minutes of June 3, 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

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

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

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

Leonie Gray	District 2 Office	Jeff Kise	TAMC Staff
Bryan Rosen	Public	Madison Springfield	TAMC Staff
Roland LeBrun	Public	Elouise Rodriguez	TAMC Staff
Lorna Moffett	Public	Mi Ra Park	TAMC Staff
Todd Clark	Public	Brianna Goodman	SCCRTC

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lauren Moffet, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Roland LeBrun, resident, commented on the potential of hydrogen power for rail service.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Smith/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the April 1, 2024, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received media clippings attached online.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE USE AGREEMENT WITH MST FOR THE SURF! PROJECT

M/S/C LeBarre/Smith/unanimous

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the Monterey Branch Line use agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

Doug Bilsle, Principal Engineer, reported that the MST SURF! Busway and BRT project will consist of six miles of roadway surface and related improvements to provide a dedicated busway and bus rapid transit service between Marina and Sand City within the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line rail corridor right-of-way. He noted that MST and TAMC have collaborated and planned the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project with the support of the Measure X funding program, and that MST is the lead agency for the project.

Committee Member Delgado asked when rail would be allowed in the corridor pursuant to the use agreement. Executive Director Muck responded that the use agreement is required by MST's federal grant, which requires a 20-year useful life of the busway project. He noted the right-of-way can accommodate both the busway and the future rail line, and the use agreement has a condition to allow for the rail project should funding be secured within that 20-year window.

Public comment:

Lauren Moffet, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

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

Ms. Watson reported that staff has met with Caltrans and received design review and capacity model preliminary findings from Union Pacific.

Public comment:

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the Castroville station.

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) Policy Committee met on May 17 to discuss a joint funding request.

7. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

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

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Pajaro station environmental review contract would be on the agenda for the June Board meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced there is no Rail Policy meeting in July, the next meeting is August 5, 2024.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, announced that the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission is opening public engagement for a new phase of its Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project starting June 6, 2024.

Committee Member Delgado requested the Committee discuss extending the handcar lease that will expire in October 2024.

9. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.