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RESOLUTION 17-17

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS CERTIFYING THE ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE HUMBOLDT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2017 UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), acting in its official capacity as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Humboldt County, has prepared an update to the Regional Transportation Plan for its area of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Federal planning regulations require Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to prepare and adopt a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, HCAOG has prepared and circulated the Humboldt Regional Transportation Plan 2017 Update–Variety in Rural Options of Mobility (Plan), for public and agency review; and

WHEREAS, HCAOG previously prepared and certified, in 2014, the Humboldt County Regional Transportation Plan 2013-14 Update: Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2013102063), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, HCAOG has prepared an Addendum to the previously certified EIR that adequately analyzes the potential significant environmental impacts of the Plan, and confirms that no impacts beyond those already analyzed and disclosed in the EIR will result from implementing the Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15164(a), a lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions to the report are necessary but none of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred; and

WHEREAS, HCAOG has determined that none of the circumstances identified in State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 have arisen, and that an Addendum to the EIR is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, although, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15164(c), the Addendum is not required to be circulated for public review, HCAOG circulated the Addendum for agency and public review, and made the Plan, EIR, and Addendum documents available for review at the HCAOG office at 611 I Street, Eureka, CA, and on the website www.hcaog.net; and

WHEREAS, HCAOG, at a duly-noticed public meeting on November 16, 2017, independently reviewed and considered the Addendum together with the previously certified EIR and other documents in the record before it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Association of Governments does hereby approve and adopt the Addendum to the Humboldt Regional Transportation Plan 2013/14 Update: Final Environmental Impact Report, SCH# 2013102063, and declares as follows:

SECTION 1. HCAOG as Lead Agency for the Humboldt Regional Transportation Plan 2017 Update–Variety in Rural Options of Mobility (Plan) adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.

SECTION 2. As the decision-making body for the HCAOG, the HCAOG Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum, EIR, and all supporting documentation, copies of which are on file at the HCAOG office and are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein. Based on this review, the HCAOG Board finds that the Addendum, EIR, and supporting environmental documentation contain a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of potentially significant environmental impacts of the Plan, and that these findings reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the HCAOG Board.

SECTION 3. The HCAOG Board finds that the documents have been completed in compliance with CEQA and further finds that any comments received regarding the Plan or Addendum have been examined and determined to not modify the conclusions of the EIR. The HCAOG Board further finds that no additional feasible mitigation measures within HCAOG’s authority are necessary to reduce the environmental impacts of the Plan, because all impacts are either less than significant or will be mitigated to a level of less than significant through the imposition of enforceable mitigation. Finally, based on the substantial evidence set forth in the record, including but not limited to the Addendum, the HCAOG Board finds that none of the conditions triggering the need for subsequent environmental review have occurred. Specifically, the Board finds that no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 because:

a. No substantial changes are proposed in the Project which will require major revisions of the EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

b. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is being undertaken which will require major revisions of the EIR due to the involvement of new significant, environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

c. No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified, shows that: (i) either the Project will have one or more new significant effects; (ii) significant effects examined in the EIR will be substantially more severe; (iii) mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the Agency declined to adopt the measure or alternative; or (iv) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from

those analyzed in the EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the Association declines to adopt the measure or alternative.

SECTION 4. Based on the foregoing, HCAOG hereby approves and adopts the Addendum to the EIR that has been prepared for the Humboldt Regional Transportation Plan 2017 Update–Variety in Rural Options of Mobility.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt County Association of Governments, in the County of Humboldt, State of California, this 16th day of November 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS:

NOES: MEMBERS:

ABSENT: MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS:

Attest:

Christie Smith, HCAOG Executive Assistant

Frank Jäger, HCAOG Vice-Chair