

Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan

Not more than half of one percent of funds, on an annual basis, will be used for administrative purposes of the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG). The remaining 99.5% funds generated by a ½ cent transportation sales tax measure will be allocated to the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad and the County of Humboldt. The allocation formula is based upon \$50,000 base for the four smallest cities (Blue Lake, Ferndale, Rio Dell and Trinidad) with the balance allocated by road miles, population and sales tax generation. The 20-year investment is expected to generate \$200,000,000.

20 Year Plan Totaling \$200 Million	Percent of Funds	Estimated Annual Allocation	20-Year Allocation Estimate
Audits, Oversight Committee Administration, Annual Reports Administration costs will be reimbursed actual expenditures, not to exceed \$50,000 per year.	0.50%	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
Arcata	11.41%	\$1,141,041	\$22,820,829
Blue Lake	0.97%	\$96,865	\$1,937,292
Eureka	32.57%	\$3,257,049	\$65,140,972
Ferndale	1.39%	\$139,014	\$2,780,279
Fortuna	7.48%	\$747,702	\$14,954,035
Rio Dell	1.86%	\$185,632	\$3,712,638
Trinidad	0.94%	\$94,125	\$1,882,498
County of Humboldt	42.89%	\$4,288,573	\$85,771,457
TOTAL	100%	\$10,000,000	\$200,000,000

Eligible Uses

- Maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of existing transportation including trails and transit.
- Local match leveraging of state and federal funds for road, trails and transit infrastructure.
- Retention of commercial air service.

Safeguards and Accountability Measures

This transportation investment plan includes strong taxpayer safeguards to ensure that the projects and programs approved by the voters are funded and delivered.

Taxpayer Oversight Committee: This committee will be created to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditures made under this investment plan to ensure that all voter mandates are carried out and that the financial integrity and performance of the program is maintained.

Annual Independent Audit and Annual Reporting: Annual fiscal and compliance audits will be conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant, selected by the Taxpayers Oversight Committee, to assure that the revenues expended are reasonable. The audit's results and annual report must be published and made available to the general public.

Sunset Date: This measure terminates in 20 years.

Administrative Expense Cap: Expenditures of HCAOG staff necessary to administer the program will be limited to no more than half of one percent of the annual gross revenues provided by the measure. These costs include independent audits, staffing the oversight committee and producing an annual report.

Eligibility Verification: The cities and County will select transportation projects that meet eligibility criteria as identified in this plan. The local jurisdictions will certify in the annual verification submitted to the HCAOG that these transportation funds were used for eligible expenses.

Maintaining Local Transportation Funding Efforts: The local jurisdictions will certify in the annual verification submitted to HCAOG that these transportation funds will be used to augment and not supplant local resources spent. For purposes of this calculation an average of the prior five (5) years spent for local transportation purposes will be used.

HCAOG is an association of local governments representing all seven cities and the County of Humboldt that is responsible for coordinating transportation planning in the Humboldt region. HCAOG has the fiduciary duty of administering the transportation sales tax proceeds in accordance with all applicable laws and with the Plan. The monies collected shall be accounted for and invested separately, unless and until the funds are turned over to a local agency in accordance with the Plan. At such time, the local agency shall keep a separate accounting of the monies and any and all expenditures to ensure that the monies are spent in accordance with the approved Plan. All interest income generated by these proceeds will be used for the purposes outlined in this Plan and will be subject to audits. HCAOG may use the contingency fund to make up the difference between the budgeted revenues and the actual revenues.