



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)  
**MEETING RECORD**

**Regular Meeting**

February 4, 2026, 1:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B  
Eureka, CA 95501

**Members Present:**

Peggy Martinez	Advocate for People with Disabilities
Orlando Payne	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Susan Cleverdon	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Isa Pritting	Advocate for Persons of Limited Means
Greg Pratt	Regional Transit Authority
Cody Ferreira	Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
Saskia Rymer-Burnett	Vice-Chair
Charlotte Merkel	County of Humboldt
Patricia Ulmer (Via Zoom)	Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe
Carol Moné	Coalition for Responsible Transportation

**Staff:**

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner

**Absent:**

Richard Johnson (Chair)	Advocate for Senior Transit Users
Juliannah Harris	Social Service Provider for Disabled
Catherine Sundquist	Social Service Provider for Disabled
Kaylyn Stainbrook	Transit Operator – City of Fortuna
Krista Paddock	Advisory Member
Jaison Chand	Advisory Member

**Call to Order** – Vice-Chair Rymer-Burnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

There was no public participation on non-agenda items at this meeting.

**3. Approval of Meeting Records**

**Motion was made** (Pratt/Martinez) to approve the meeting records of September 3, 2025, and November 5, 2025.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Action Items**

**a. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Final Draft and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Addendum**

**Motion was made** (Pratt/Merkel) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt the Addendum to the FEIR and approve the final draft of the RTP update, *VROOM 2026-2046*, with the suggested edit of including discussion in the report for why the transit ridership targets have been difficult to meet.

**Motion passed with Moné and Martinez abstaining.**

**5. HCAOG Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Brendan Byrd recapped the RTP timeline and notified the SSTAC that Fortuna Transit has been directed by their City Council to initiate converting their paratransit system into a paratransit and general public microtransit system.

Associate Planner Stevie Luther reported on the progress of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. The next SSTAC meeting in March will include the draft UTN Report of Findings. He also announced the 5310 grant awardees including Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Area 1 Agency of Aging, and Humboldt Transit Authority. Discussion took place about the complicated nature of this application.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the status of the Partnering Assets and Authorities for Comprehensive Transit (PAACT) project.

**6. SSTAC Member Reports**

Greg Pratt requested that HCAOG staff send reminders to non-attending members about attendance requirements and the option to move to an advisory position.

Saskia Rymer-Burnett discussed updates on the District Transit Plan.

Susan Cleverdon requested information on any available grants that might be able to help fund the volunteer driver program at Area 1 Agency on Aging while they wait for their 5310 grant award.

**Adjournment:** 2:18 p.m.