



HCAOG 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

MULTIMODAL & VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS



Staff supported the Safe Routes to School Pilot and Pop-Up event in partnership with the City of Arcata and Fuente Nueva Charter School, helping to demonstrate low-cost, temporary improvements designed to enhance student safety, improve circulation, and encourage walking and biking to school.

HCAOG coordinated a regional Speaker Series and training visit featuring Dan Burden (Blue Zones), Victor Dover (Victor Dover Associates), and Josh Meyer (CivicWell). The visit included walk audits in Arcata, Hoopa, and Eureka, as well as well-attended evening presentations in McKinleyville and Eureka, offering practical design guidance and community-focused strategies to support safer, healthier, and more walkable communities throughout the region.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

EVENT #1: HOOPA WALKING & BIKING AUDIT

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 9:30AM - NOON

LOCATION: MEET AT THE TRAINING ROOM, THE FIREHOUSE, 11121 CA-96, HOOPA, CA

EVENT #2: ARCATA WALKING & BIKING AUDIT

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 8:30AM - 11:00AM

LOCATION: MEET AT THE INTERSECTION OF GIUNTOLI AND MAD RIVER PARKWAY, ARCATA, CA

EVENT #3: EUREKA WALKING AUDIT

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2:30PM - 5:00PM

LOCATION: MEET AT HARRIS AND G STREET PARKING LOT (POLESKI'S APPLIANCE), EUREKA, CA

EVENT #4: MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:30PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: MEET AT AZALEA HALL, 1620 PICKETT RD, MCKINLEYVILLE, CA

EVENT #5: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: MEET AT THE GREAT ROOM, WHARFINGER BUILDING, 1 MARINA WAY, EUREKA, CA

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THESE EVENTS ARE FUNDED IN PART BY A CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT



DAN BURDEN



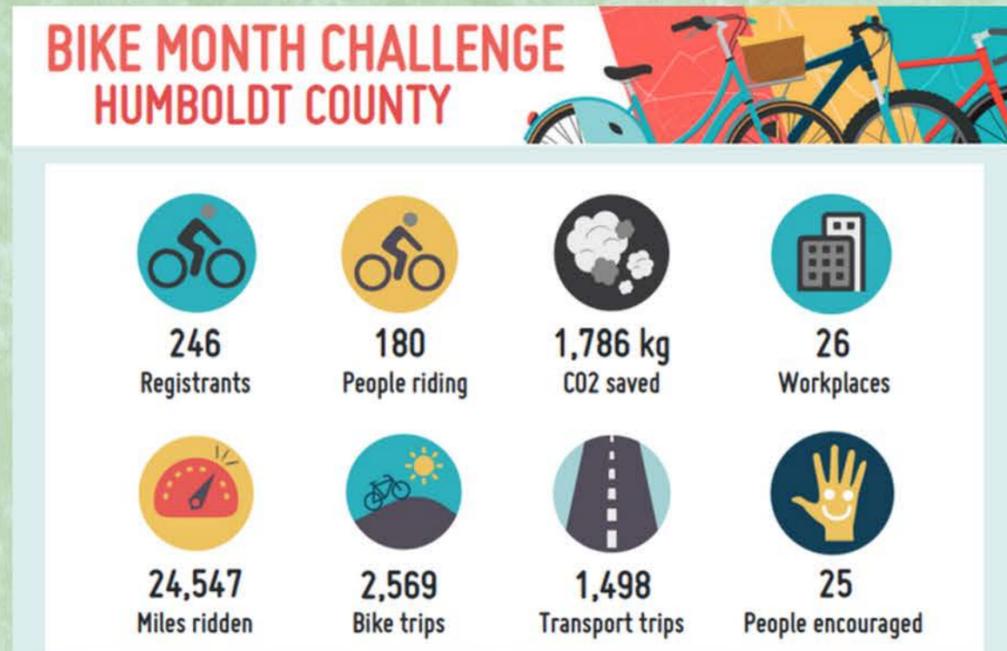
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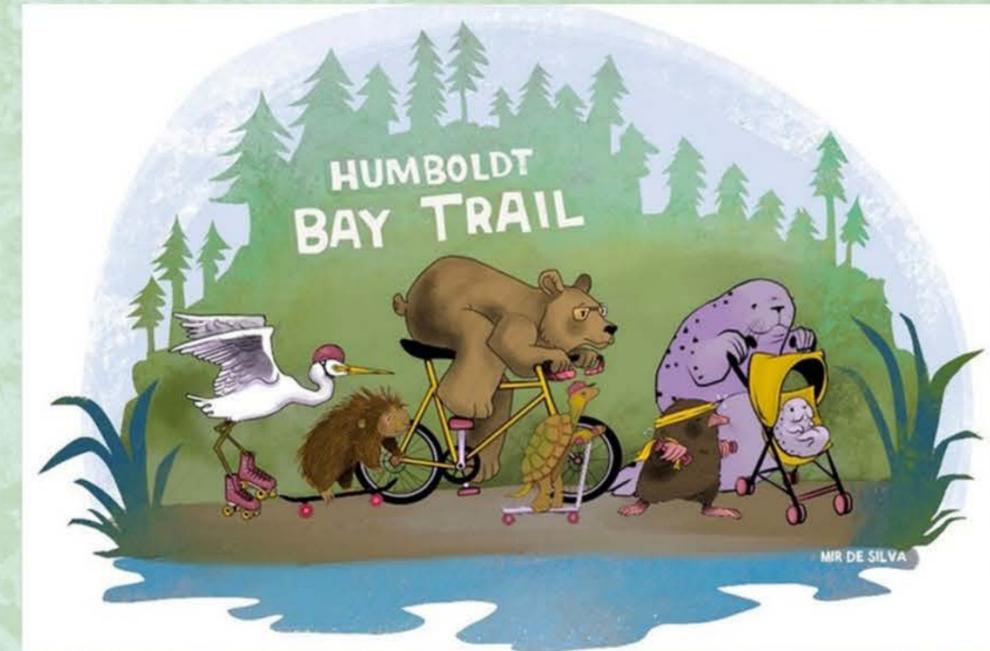
SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bike Month Humboldt



We kept rolling with the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition, ramping up events in May to encourage bicycle commuting.

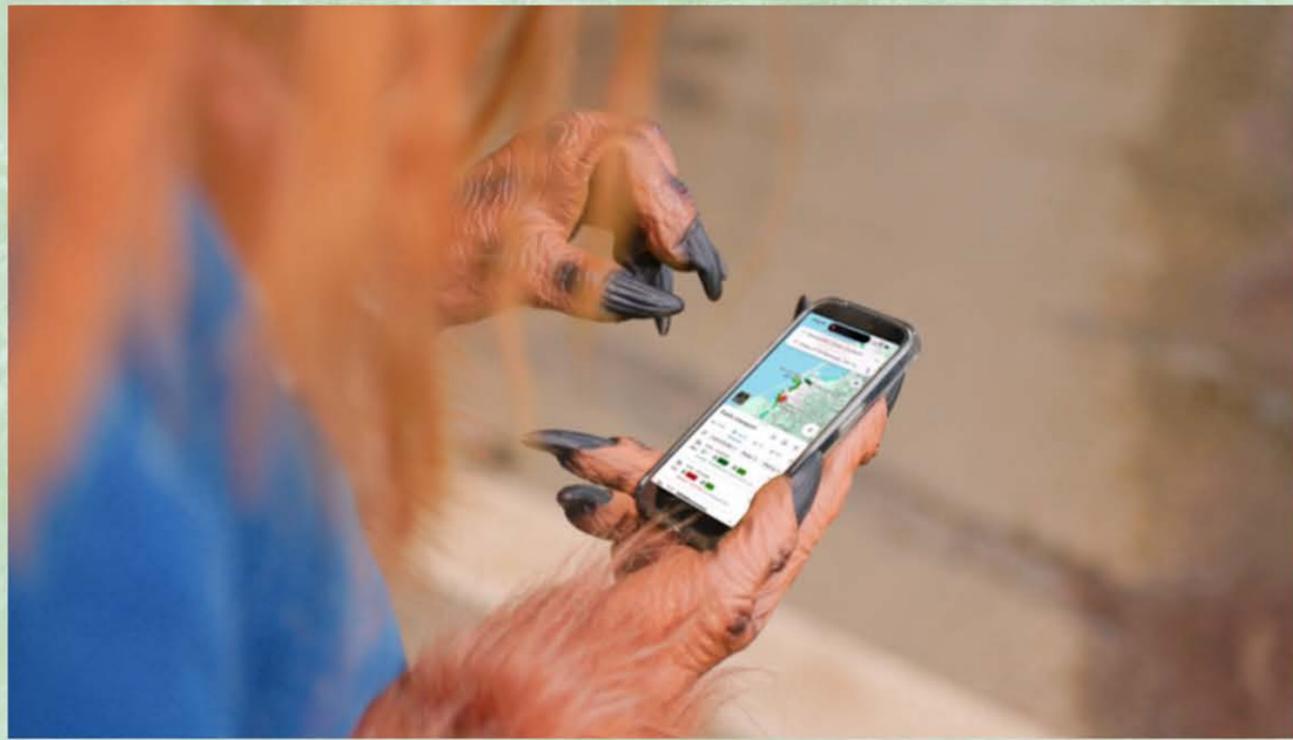
Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee



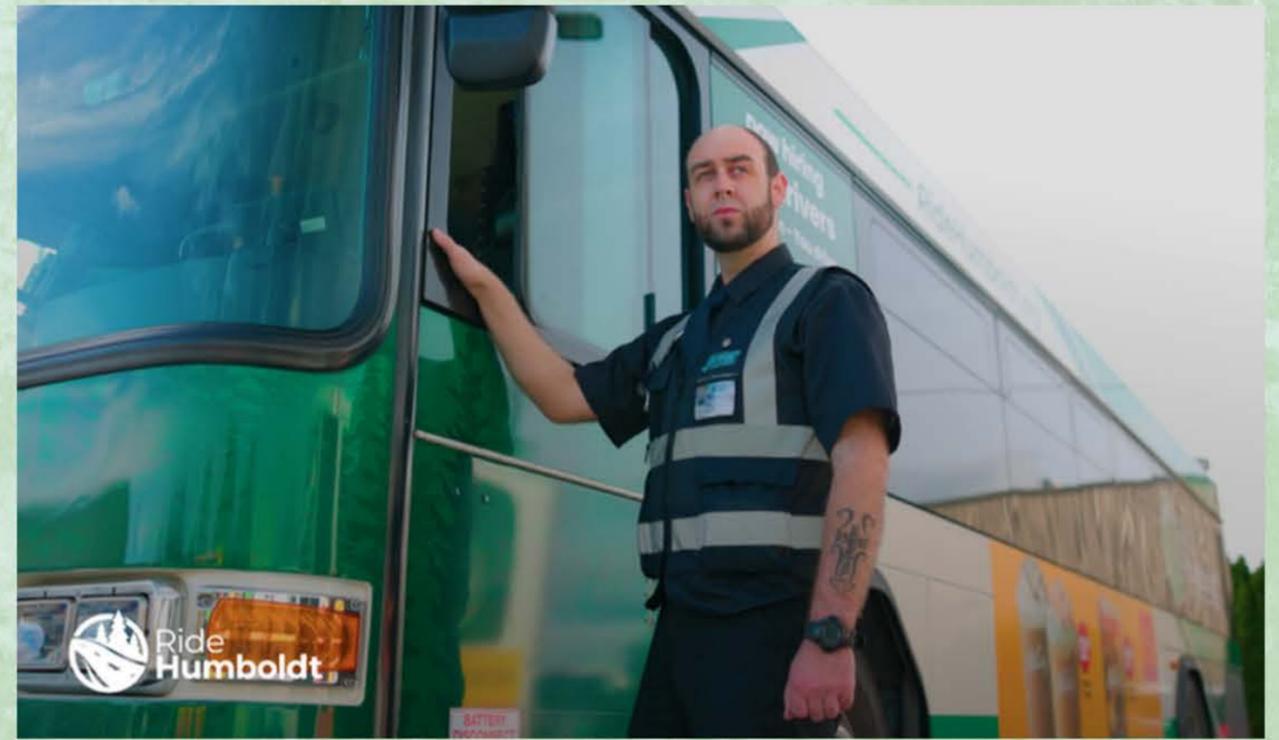
In addition to our regular work supporting the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund, HCAOG joined in the celebration of the opening of the Humboldt Bay Trail South.

SUPPORTING TRANSIT

IN 2025 HCAOG CONTINUED OUR WORK WITH HTA
ON THE MULTI-MODAL MOBILITY MARKETING PLAN



How to Ride the Bus Video



Driver Recruitment Video



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS

VROOM 2026-2046

VARIETY IN RURAL OPTIONS OF MOBILITY

HCAOG HIT THE ROAD IN THE FALL TO HEAR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES ON THE 20-YEAR VISION FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION. WE TABLED AT FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RECEIVED 200 SURVEY RESPONSES. THE ADOPTED PLAN CARRIES FORWARD THE IMPORTANT POLICIES AND TARGETS FROM VROOM 2022, SUCH AS THE SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION TARGETS.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HUMBOLDT'S TRANSPORTATION



Participate in updating the
Regional Transportation Plan!

Community Workshop

Monday October 20

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Azalea Hall, McKinleyville

Refreshments provided



Tell us **YOUR** priorities



SCAN
ME!

bit.ly/HumboldtRTP2026

Visit hcaog.net for more information

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SAFE

SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

CHP SUPPLEMENTAL PATROLS

12,423 Miles Driven

553 Total Patrol Hours

206 Motorist Service

67 Verbal Warnings

1 Impaired Driver Removed

HCAOG BY THE NUMBERS

Every year HCAOG has fiduciary responsibilities for allocating State and Federal funds from various sources to our local jurisdictions and transit agencies.

IN 2025 HCAOG ALLOCATED

~\$16,000,000

SB 125 FORMULA-BASED TIRCP/ZETCP

\$3.5M

Regional allocation of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program & Zero Emission Transit Capital program to maintain existing service and operations of transit services

5311 FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY GRANT PROGRAM

\$1M

Regional apportionment through a Federal Transit Administration Grant program. These funds provided operating assistance to Humboldt Transit Authority.

STA STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

\$1.5M

Humboldt Transit Authority and Arcata & Mad River Transit received these funds for operating, Dial a Ride, fuel & maintenance, and route planning.

SGR STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

\$275K

Humboldt Transit Authority and Arcata & Mad River Transit received these funds to keep fleets and bus stop shelters in good repair.

RSTP REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

\$1.6M

Funds primarily used to augment city, county, and tribal road budgets. Regionally distributed based on an HCAOG adopted formula.

LTF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

\$5M

Funds transit operations. In jurisdictions with no unmet transit needs their portion can go to local streets and roads. Also funds a portion of HCAOG's operating budget.

2% BIKE & PED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

41K

These funds are set aside specifically for projects that benefit bicyclists and pedestrians. Funding supported bike and pedestrian counters for the City of Arcata.

STIP STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

3M

These funds are state and federal transportation dollars allocated by the California Transportation Commission for major transportation projects.

HCAOG FUNDING IN ACTION

~\$11.1M ALLOCATED TO TRANSIT

Transit agencies received the majority of funding allocated through HCAOG. This funding supported operating costs, the Dial a Ride and Senior Bus programs, bus shelter maintenance and signage, hydrogen facility planning and upgrades, passenger information systems, fleet repairs and maintenance, free and reduced bus fares, and match towards the purchase of new buses.



~\$4.9M ALLOCATED TO STREETS AND ROADS

This funding augments local budgets for maintaining and improving roadways. A portion is awarded specifically for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.



NEW GRANT SECURED

LOLETA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND CONNECTIVITY TO TRIBAL LANDS FUNDED BY CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM



HCAOG and local partners are developing plans to improve walking, biking, and roadway safety in Loleta, focusing on routes between Loleta Elementary School, Main Street, and nearby tribal lands. The project will address safety concerns near U.S. Highway 101 while supporting stronger connections between the community, the Wiyot Tribe, the Bear River Rancheria, and the future Great Redwood Trail.

NEW LEADERSHIP



In 2025, HCAOG welcomed our new Executive Director, Brendan Byrd

HCAOG LIFE/WORK BALANCE



Stevie had a lot of fun living and studying in Barcelona, one of the highest density cities in the world. He was very happy to finish the Master's in Urban Design for Healthy Cities and get back to work!

Administrative Services Officer Amy Eberwein and her husband got to meet the creator of their favorite video game when they took a trip to Seattle to see the Stardew Valley Symphony of Seasons concert.



Oona went to Oregon to ride many of their scenic bikeways. Scenery included Cascade Range mountains, lava rocks, rivers, falls, covered bridges, dams, and lightning storms.

Brendan enjoyed spending time with his two beautiful daughters, including memorable family vacations to Hawaii and cheering at many soccer games throughout the year.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026



WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!