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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD

March 20, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Councilmember Kat Napier	City of Blue Lake
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
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Staff:

Debbie Egger	Interim Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of March 20, 2025, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convened to include representatives from Caltrans and Humboldt Transit Authority.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

4. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) to approve the following consent items:

- a. Approval of Meeting Records – February 20, 2025**
- b. City of Blue Lake FY 24-25 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim**

Adoption of Resolution 25-04 approving the City of Blue Lake's FY 2024-25 LTF claim in the amount of \$44,040.

c. FY 2024-25 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocations

Adoption of Resolution 25-05 approving the FY 2024-25 LCTOP funding in the amount of \$402,198.

d. FY 2025-26 State Transit Assistance (STA) and State of Good Repair (SGR) Allocations

Adoption of Resolution 25-06 approving the FY 2025-26 STA allocations and Resolution 25-07 approving the FY 2025-26 SGR allocations.

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

6. Action Items

a. Regional Transportation Plan Project Prioritization Ad Hoc Committee

Motion was made (Madrone/Orr) approving the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to establish a policy for prioritizing transportation projects listed within the Regional Transportation Plan.

Motion was approved unanimously

b. Humboldt County Regional Vision Zero Action Plan Consultant Selection

Motion was made (Kenny/Napier) to authorize the Interim Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations with SmithGroup to complete the Humboldt County Regional Vision Zero Action Plan.

Motion was approved unanimously.

c. Fiscal and Compliance Auditor Consultant Selection

Motion was made (Bergel/Jorgensen) to authorize the Interim Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations with Davis Farr to complete the Fiscal & Compliance Audits for fiscal years 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27.

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Madrone/Kenny) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

- Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed updates on HCAOG's involvement with County Measure O. A future agenda item will request direction from the board on the SSTAC's involvement with the distribution of transit funds received from Measure O.

b. Caltrans Report

- Lorna Mcfarlane provided an update on the Eureka-Arcata Corridor's Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan.
- PAC Member Tatiana Ahlstrand provided updates on safety improvements in Eureka, the new roundabout approval process, the Hwy 36 slide, progress of the Indianola Undercrossing project, improving Pacific Coast Bike route signage

plan, the District Transit Plan, Annette Brooks Bridge dedication, and the Tribal Transportation Summit, and the most recent Caltrans Milestone Report.

- Caltrans representative Jesse Robertson provided updates on the Hwy 255 Corridor Management Plan.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- PAC Member Natalie Arroyo discussed the status of state and federal budgets related to transit and the Humboldt Transit Authority and Arcata Mad River Transit System merger.

9. Closed Session

a. Closed Session: Executive Director Recruitment

The Board moved into closed session to discuss updates on the Executive Director Recruitment process.

b. Closed Session: Reports

Chair Johnson reported that the Board made the following vote during closed session:

Motion was made (Bergel/Napier) to appoint Brendan Byrd as the new Executive Director and to approve and sign the contract. Executive Director Byrd will assume his new role on April 28, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.