



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Alternate Meeting Sites:

Contact: Samuel Martinez
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA

Contact: Misty Rickwalt
Karuk Tribal Office Council Chambers
37960 Highway 96, Orleans, CA

Present:

Brendan Byrd
Catharine Crayne
Jesse Willor
Jordan Ludtke
Michelle Nielsen
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)
David Caisse (Alternate)
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)
Steven Pearl
Jeff Hodge
Camille Penny (Alternate)
Tom Mattson (Via Zoom)
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory)
Isaac McKinney (Advisory)

City of Fortuna
Caltrans
City of Eureka
City of Blue Lake
City of Ferndale
Karuk Tribe
City of Arcata
Trinidad Rancheria
Yurok Tribe
City of Rio Dell
Hoopa Tribe
City of Trinidad
County of Humboldt
City of Fortuna – Transit
Blue Lake Rancheria

Absent:

Katie Collender
John McGinnis (Advisory)
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)

Humboldt Transit Authority
Bear River Band Rancheria
California Highway Patrol

Staff:

Debbie Egger
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith

Interim Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Vice-Chair Tom Mattson called the meeting of March 6, 2025, to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

3. Presentations

a. Eureka 4th and 5th Streets Projects Update

Caltrans District 1 HM4 Safety Program Lead, Mark Mueller, provided updates on the Eureka 4th and 5th streets projects that are scheduled for construction this summer.

4. Discussion Items

a. Level of Traffic Stress Preliminary Results

HCAOG Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith, CRTP Executive Director Colin Fiske, and members of the GHD consultant team presented the Draft Bike and Pedestrian LTS preliminary scores for review. The TAC provided comments.

b. Humboldt County's Roads/911 Emergency Response Measure O

Humboldt County Public Works Director, Tom Mattson, presented information about the road project selections and spending plan from the roads portion of Measure O tax funds. The TAC provided input.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Byrd/Nielsen) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

a. Approval of Meeting Record – March 6, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

7. Action Items

a. 2025 2% Bike and Pedestrian Funding Requests

Motion was made (Byrd/Willor) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to approve the City of Arcata's 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% allocation request.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Transit Needs: Humboldt County's Roads/911 Emergency Response Measure O

Motion was made (Byrd/Pearl) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board that the transit portion of Measure O Tax Funds be distributed to transit agencies that are eligible for the Transportation Development Act State Transit Assistance Funds and that provide transit services to the general public with the option to reassess eligibility requirements annually.

Motion was approved with Mattson and Nielsen abstaining.

8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed the following:

- The HCAOG Board approved the formation of the RTP Ad Hoc Committee.
- Requested information related to the Vision Zero Action Plan and discussed upcoming meetings with the consultants at SmithGroup.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the following:

- There will be a community workshop on April 22nd to discuss creating Safe Routes to School pop up projects as well as pop up demonstrations for Fuenta Nueva Charter School in Arcata.
- May is Bike Month! There will be a bike celebration at Jefferson Community Center on May 31st as well as the month long bike challenge via the Love to Ride app.

9. TAC Member Reports

- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
 - Caltrans will host a public meeting on April 24th at the Manila Community Center for the draft Corridor Management Plan for State Route 255.
 - Caltrans is developing a District One Roundabout Approval Process to maintain consistency when approving roundabouts on the state highway system.
 - In December, new guidance was released for the Intersection Safety and Operational Assessment Process and a new approval process is expected to be completed sometime this spring.
 - The two-year District Transit Plan has begun to identify transit needs on the state highway system.
 - The 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award announcements will take place in mid-June. There was one application from Humboldt County that was submitted by HCAOG.
 - The Annette Brooks Memorial Bridge dedication will take place on April 16th.
- Brendan Byrd discussed his participation in the Caltrans Transportation Asset Management Plan kickoff and upcoming HCAOG and TAC member involvement in the process.
- Tom Mattson discussed concerns with potential changes to FEMA.

Adjournment 3:50 p.m.