



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD**

April 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Steve Madrone
Councilmember Kat Napier
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen
Mayor Kim Bergel
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Robert Orr

City of Fortuna
County of Humboldt
City of Blue Lake
City of Ferndale
City of Eureka
City of Arcata
City of Trinidad
City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo
Tatiana Ahlstrand

Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans

Absent: None

Staff:

Debbie Egger
Amy Eberwein

Interim Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of April 17, 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. Presentations

a. Bike Month Proclamation

The Bike Month Proclamation was read into the record and accepted by Peach Green, Health Education Specialist with Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Public Health. An update on upcoming May is Bike Month events was provided.

b. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fiscal and Compliance Audits

Keith Borges from the accounting firm Anderson, Lucas, Somerville and Borges presented audit reports for TDA claimants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The PAC recommended that the HCAOG Board receive and file the FY 2023-24 TDA Fiscal and Compliance Audits.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Madrone/Atkins-Salazar) to approve the following consent items:

a. Approval of Meeting Records – March 20, 2025

b. City of Trinidad FY 24-25 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim

Adoption of Resolution 25-08 approving the City of Trinidad's FY 2024-25 LTF claim in the amount of \$11,298.

c. 2025 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% Allocation Request

Adoption of Resolution 25-09 approving the City of Arcata's request in the amount of \$41,468 from the TDA 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian Fund.

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. PAC Action Items

a. FY 2025-26 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report of Findings

Motion was made (Madrone/Orr) to adopt the FY 2025-26 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings with Resolution 25-10 determining that there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet but cannot be funded at this time.

Motion was approved unanimously

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

Motion was made (Kenny/Napier) to approve the transit portion of Measure O tax funds be made available to transit agencies that meet the same eligibility requirements as the Transportation Development Act State Transit Assistance Funds and provide transit services to the general public with the option to reassess eligibility requirements annually.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Board Action Items

a. Update Coast Central Credit Union Signatories and Business Credit Card

Motion was made (Atkins-Salazar/Napier) to authorize the HCAOG Executive Director, Brendan Byrd, effective April 28, 2025, as the primary signatory on all Coast Central Credit Union accounts and to remove Debbie Egger from all accounts and to authorize the opening of a Coast Central Credit Union business credit card for Brendan Byrd in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion was approved unanimously.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

- Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed the following: Four proposals were received for the RFP for the Siting Analysis for North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network. The selected proposal will be presented to the board for approval at the May Board meeting. Participated in a PG&E Customer Advisory meeting. Staff will work with PG&E Division Manager Brian Gerving to provide a presentation to the HCAOG TAC and/or Board to discuss HCAOG's connection with PG&E. This is Debbie's last board meeting as Interim Executive Director.

b. Caltrans Report

- PAC Member Tatiana Ahlstrand provided updates on the following: There is an in person public meeting for the State Route 255 Corridor Management Plan on Thursday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Manila Community Center. Work on the Indianola interchange continues and bridge work is expected to be completed by the end of summer. A plan known as the Tribal Evacuation Preparedness Project will improve evacuation preparedness on Hwy 169 and Hwy 96 for wildfire safety and climate resilience. The Ferndale Access Project will have another public meeting in the coming months. Provided Caltrans contact cards to the board.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- PAC Member Natalie Arroyo provided updates on the following: Humboldt Transit Authority has taken over management of the Arcata and Mad River Transit System. Movement of Dial-a-Ride system from a private contractor to an in-house operation. There will be free fares for all youth and seniors on all systems between June and August and for all passengers in August. The new Hydrogen bus has arrived and will be in operation soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.