



**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, May 1, 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

**Present:**

Katie Collender  
Tom Mattson  
Mat Nyberg  
Catharine Crayne  
Jeff Hodge  
Jesse Willor  
Camille Penny (Alternate)  
Jordan Ludtke  
Michelle Nielsen  
Misty Rickwalt (Non-voting, Via Zoom)  
Netra Khatri  
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)  
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Steven Pearl  
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory, Via Zoom)

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

**Absent:**

John McGinnis (Advisory)  
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)  
Isaac McKinney (Advisory)

Bear River Band Rancheria  
California Highway Patrol  
Blue Lake Rancheria

**Staff:**

Brendan Byrd  
Amy Eberwein  
Oona Smith (Via Zoom)

Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Senior Regional Planner

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Katie Collender called the meeting of May 1, 2025, to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None****3. Discussion Items****a. Safe and Sustainable Transportation (SST) Targets**

Executive Director Brendan Byrd requested input from the TAC about the progress of baseline data being collected for monitoring SST Target performance measures adopted in VROOM 2022-42.

**4. Consent Calendar**

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

**a. Approval of Meeting Record – April 3, 2025****b. Final Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26**

The TAC recommended that the HCAOG Board approve the Final OWP & Budget for 2025-26.

**Motion was approved unanimously**

**5. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None****6. Action Items****a. Consultant Selection for Siting Analysis for North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network**

**Motion was made** (Mattson/Khatri) to recommend that the HCAOG Board select project consultants RebelGroup Americas, Inc to complete the Siting Analysis for the North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following:

- The recent Americorps budget cuts have resulted in our CivicSpark Fellow, Noah Sary, needing to stop work for the time being.
- The Vision Zero Action Plan kickoff meeting will take place May 8th. An in-person meeting with task force members will take place at a future date.
- It is a STIP year and members should prepare to bring projects to the TAC during the summer.
- Staff will be scheduling the first meeting for the RTP Ad Hoc Committee soon.
- Carbon Reduction Program funds are available and funding requests are due to HCAOG staff by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Board of Supervisors approved Measure O funding split and transit funding will go to Humboldt Transit Authority.
- HCAOG staff is tracking the legislative action that will update the Brown Act.
- Middle Mile Broadband project is moving forward and the county and cities will likely see encroachment permits coming in soon.
- Regional Manager Brian Gerving would like to meet with the TAC. HCAOG staff will schedule him for a future meeting.

**8. TAC Member Reports**

- Tom Mattson discussed the Board of Supervisors decisions on Measure O and planned projects, and requested input from TAC members for potential projects. He will ask the TAC for a recommendation of projects at the June TAC meeting. The Humboldt Bay Trail South ribbon cutting will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup>. A traffic calming demonstration will take place on Hiller Road in McKinleyville in July or August.

- Katie Collender discussed HTA's new hydrogen bus and fueling station. There will be an unveiling ceremony on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Catharine Crayne discussed Caltrans news including updates on the Hwy 36 slide, and a transportation scholarship.
- Jesse Willor discussed current and future work taking place on Myrtle Ave in Eureka.
- Netra Khatri discussed the Annie and Mary Trail project. It is scheduled for the CTC in June.

**Adjournment 3:14 p.m.**