



**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**

May 18, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Adelene Jones (Vice Chair)	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
Saskia Rymer-Burnett (Alternate)	Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Skip Jorgenson	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata

Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Service Officer

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of May 18, 2023, to order at 4:10 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. Presentation

a. Clean California

Julia Peterson, Caltrans District 1 Clean California Program Coordinator, shared a Power Point Presentation and information regarding Clean California Grant opportunities.

b. Humboldt is Home - Video

Staff presented the "Humboldt is Home" video, created by artist Sequoyah Faulk-Kellogg, as part of the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Multimedia Grant awards to increase community discourse on housing needs.

4. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Colin Fiske – Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities: The Board of Supervisors recently formed an ad hoc committee to look at transportation funding including potential funding for public transportation. It will not be possible to meet the safe and sustainable transportation targets in the adopted regional transportation plan without a dedicated source of local transit funding. Colin encourages HCAOG to be involved in this process in supporting a local source of transit funding.

5. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approval of Meeting Record – April 20, 2023
- b. Adopt Resolution 23-17 approving the FY 2023-24 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings determining that Saturday night service between Eureka and Arcata and Sunday service on Redwood Transit System are unmet needs that are reasonable to meet.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

7. Action Items

a. Core Hub – Offshore Wind Community Benefits Network

Motion was made (Arroyo/Madrone) to adopt Resolution 23-18 authorizing the HCAOG Executive Director to participate in North Coast Offshore Wind Community Benefit Network negotiations and engage in stakeholder outreach.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Informational Items

None

9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Burks provided the following information:

- HCAOG staff recently attended the Humboldt Bay Trail South groundbreaking event. Construction will begin soon and should be complete by the end of 2024.
- The Indianola Undercrossing groundbreaking event will take place on June 15th at 1 p.m. at the parking lot of the US Foods CHEF’SSTORE. Caltrans will be sending out an invitation to all Board and TAC members.
- The Bike Month celebration will be held on May 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center.
- CHP Supplemental Patrols statistics for last two months:
 - Hwy 36: 16 deployments resulting in 25 citations, 21 verbal warnings, and 69 motorists assisted.
 - Hwy 96: 9 deployments resulting in 3 citations, 16 verbal warnings, and 37 motorists assisted.

b. Caltrans Report

Caltrans representative Saskia Rymer-Burnett presented information on the following:

- The 23-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is currently in review of grants. The awards are expected to happen in late August.
- The Asset Management Unit has a survey and invitation to comment on the 2023 ten-year plan. Comments are due by May 31st.
- The Broadway Pop-Up Demonstration survey is active and will take place over the next month. A survey and more details are available on the Caltrans website.
- There is an invitation to comment by May 31st on the Draft Document “Main Street California – Guide for People Centered State Highway and Main Streets”.
- Mayor Adelene Jones asked about the Caltrans Milestones document which states that the Route 200-299 Separation Bridge project will be completed on March 10th, 2024, however it seems to be almost done now. Director Burks will reach out to the Project Manager to get the most accurate information on that project.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- Supervisor Madrone proposed that Caltrans consider partnering with the County on repairs needed on Scenic Drive.
- Pac Member Arroyo provided the following updates from Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA).
 - HTA recently received Transit Intercity Rail Connect Program funding and will be working with the Yurok Tribe to acquire electric shuttles for a micro transit program.
 - HTA will also be developing a hydrogen powered coach shuttle program for the Redwood Coast Express Route bridging the gap between Humboldt and Mendocino counties.
 - The California Air Resource Board approved the regulations to phase out gas powered medium and heavy-duty trucks. HTA will have hydrogen fueling capabilities and hydrogen and electric buses.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Amy Eberwein
 Administrative Services Officer