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Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING RECORD

April 30, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Kim Bergel (Vice-Chair)	City of Eureka
Supervisor Mike Wilson (Alternate)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kimberley White	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Mayor John Sawatsky	City of Blue Lake

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand (Via Zoom)	Caltrans
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Absent:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell
Natalie Arroyo (PAC Member)	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Bergel called the special meeting of April 30, 2026, 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. Presentations

None

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Julie M: Importance of infrastructure improvements

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Wilson/Jorgensen) to approve the following consent items:

- a. Approve the Meeting Record for March 19, 2026.
- b. Approve the 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% Allocation Requests for City of Eureka in the amount of \$22,000 and City of Arcata in the amount of \$7,774.
- c. Adopt Resolution 26-05 approving the City of Blue Lake’s FY 2025-26 LTF claim in the amount of \$43,271.
- d. Adopt Resolution 26-06, authorizing the execution of a standard agreement with the CHP for supplemental patrols on State Routes 36, 96, and 169.
- e. Approve revisions to the TAC bylaws including adding MCSD as an advisory member.
- f. Adopt Resolution 26-07 approving FY 2025-26 Cycle A LCTOP funding for Humboldt Transit Authority in the amount of \$263,214.

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Board Action Items

a. Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Appeal Final Determination

Motion was made (Wilson/Sawatzky) to adopt the written determination denying the Cycle 7 RHNA appeal filed by the City of Eureka and direct staff to finalize the draft Regional Housing Needs Plan for consideration of adoption at a future Board meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report

None

b. Caltrans Report

Jeff Pimentel shared the following updates:

- The Indianola Cutoff on and off ramps and the Humboldt Bay Trail connections should also be completed prior to the ribbon-cutting which is planned for May 28th.
- South bound traffic on the Eureka Slough bridges is being diverted for repairs.
- Signal equipment at South Broadway and Hilfiker has been installed but is not operational. The project should be completed this summer.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

None

10. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session regarding public employee appointment/employment.

- a. The Board accepted the resignation of Executive Director Brendan Byrd.
- b. The Board directed Executive Director Byrd to select an Interim Executive Director and bring back a contract at the next meeting.
- c. **Motion was made** (Wilson/Bergel) to select Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Bergel to serve as the hiring committee.
Motion was approved unanimously.

- d. The Board directed the Executive Director to work with Tripepi, Smith and Associates for recruitment outreach support. The Executive Director and the hiring committee will perform resume evaluations and interviews.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.