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AGENDA ITEM 4i
HCAOG Board Meeting
May 21, 2026

DATE: May 14, 2026
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Contract between HCAOG and Humboldt Transit Authority for Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Services**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends the HCAOG Board approve and authorize the Executive Director to finalize and sign the FY 2026-27 contract with Humboldt Transit Authority for CTSA services in the amount of \$150,470.”

Staff Summary:

CTSA's were created in 1979, when the state legislature passed Assembly Bill 120, “Social Services Transportation Improvement Act.” The vision behind creating the CTSA model was to foster coordination among social service transportation providers and to improve the quality of transportation services to low mobility groups while achieving cost savings, lower insurance premiums, and more efficient use of vehicles and funding resources.

In March 2016, the HCAOG Board originally designated the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) as the regional CTSA. In 2021 HCAOG entered into a five year contract with HTA to perform the CTSA duties, which expires at the end of this fiscal year. In late 2025, HCAOG and HTA initiated conversations regarding extensions of the CTSA and Dial-a-Ride contracts. These discussions are largely focused on the scope of the contract and regional funding availability, with the goal of working towards a robust transit system funded through predictable and sustainable means. Those discussions are still ongoing between HCAOG and HTA, and therefore staff at both agencies are

recommending that the PAC authorize a CTSA contract for next fiscal year only (2026/27). Staff anticipate bringing back to the PAC a contract for future fiscal years in early 2027, which like previous contracts could have a longer term (five years).

A proposed contract with HTA for CTSA services has been reviewed by staff and CTSA services will be paid by the regional Local Transportation Fund. Staff is recommending that the PAC consider a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to approve the contract with HTA for CTSA services.