



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

May 6, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)	Advocate for Senior Transit Users
Orlando Payne	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Isa Pritting	Advocate for Persons of Limited Means
Peggy Martinez	Advocate for People with Disabilities
Susan Cleverdon	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Katie Collender	Regional Transit Authority
Cody Ferreira	Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
Saskia Rymer-Burnett	Vice-Chair
Charlotte Merkel	County of Humboldt
Patricia Ulmer (Via Zoom)	Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe
Carol Moné	Coalition for Responsible Transportation

Staff:

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Kaylyn Stainbrook	Transit Operator – City of Fortuna
Juliannah Harris	Social Service Provider for Disabled
Catherine Sundquist	Social Service Provider for Disabled
Krista Paddock	Advisory Member
Jaison Chand	Advisory Member

Call to Order – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation on non-agenda items at this meeting.

3. Presentations

The SSTAC viewed two videos that were recently produced for Humboldt Transit Authority’s marketing campaign.

4. Approval of Meeting Records

Motion was made (Moné/Rymer-Burnett) to approve the meeting records of March 4, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action Items

a. SSTAC Membership Updates: CAE Advisory Request and Karuk Tribe Appointment

Motion was made (Collender/Merkel) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve CAE’s request to have their membership moved from discretionary voting membership to advisory membership and to approve the appointment of a Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation representative to the SSTAC. The SSTAC also directed staff to bring the SSTAC bylaws back as a discussion item at a future meeting, specifically to review attendance policies and membership opportunities.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. FY 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report of Findings

Motion was made (Collender/Rymer-Burnett) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt the FY 2026-27 UTN Report of Findings determining there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. SB 125 Long Term Financial Plan

Motion was made (Merkel/Ferreira) to recommend that the HCAOG Board accept the SB 125 Long Term Financial Plan and authorize staff to submit to CalSTA.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Administrative Services Officer Amy Eberwein shared the new website accessibility software Doc Access. Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the recruitment effort for the Executive Director position.

6. SSTAC Member Reports

Saskia Rymer-Burnett discussed updates on the District Transit Plan and the Caltrans Open House taking place on June 16th.

Adjournment: 3:05 p.m.