



**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 7, 2026, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

**Present:**

Katie Collender (Chair)	Humboldt Transit Authority
Tom Mattson	County of Humboldt
Brian Issa	City of Fortuna
Catharine Crayne	Caltrans
Jesse Willor	City of Eureka
Jordan Ludtke	City of Blue Lake
Josh Wolf	City of Trinidad
Michelle Nielsen	City of Ferndale
Misty Rickwalt (via Zoom, non-voting)	Karuk Tribe
Netra Khatri	City of Arcata
Tyler Felt (Alternate)	Trinidad Rancheria
Steven Pearl	City of Rio Dell
Pat Kaspari (Advisory)	MCSD
Jose Hernandez (Alternate/Advisory, via Zoom)	Blue Lake Rancheria
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory, via Zoom)	City of Fortuna – Transit

**Absent:**

Jeff Hodge	Hoopa Tribe
Dennis Korb	Yurok Tribe
Kelsey Benson (Alternate, Advisory)	Bear River Band Rancheria
Lt. Commander Gabriel Parker (Advisory)	California Highway Patrol

**Staff:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Katie Collender called the meeting of May 7, 2026, to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

**a. Approval of Meeting Record – April 2, 2026**

**Motion passed with Mattson abstaining**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None

**5. Action Items**

**a. Final FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP and Budget)**

**Motion was made** (Collender/Mattson) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the Final 2026-27 OWP and Budget.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Transportation Development Act (TDA) 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian Allocation Requests**

**Motion was made** (Mattson/Pearl) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve request for funds from City of Arcata for \$21,000 and the Humboldt Transit Authority for \$22,170.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Presentation of Level of Traffic Stress and PlaceMix Results**

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith and project consultant GHD presented the results of the PlaceMix platform as applied with the level of traffic stress assessment. The TAC discussed the possibility of being able to work with GHD in the future to utilize the software on an on-call basis, or to transfer the model to HCAOG for use by staff.

**b. Draft Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Director Feasibility Study**

Associate Regional Planner Stevie Luther presented an overview of the draft SR2S Director Feasibility Study and the TAC provided input.

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

Executive Director Brendan Byrd provided an update on the Executive Director recruitment process and requested that the TAC share the announcement in their professional networks. The Vision Zero demonstration projects are still on hold as HCAOG waits for the grant amendment to be approved by the funder. The final Regional Housing Needs Plan will go to the HCAOG Board in May.

**8. TAC Member Reports**

Catharine Crayne provided the following updates from Caltrans: the Urban Greening Grant Program project solicitation was opened on May 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a Caltrans Open House taking place on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Aquatic Center.

Katie Collender reminded the TAC that May is Bike Month.

**Adjournment 3:34 p.m.**