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**AGENDA ITEM 5e**  
HCAOG Board Meeting  
June 18, 2026

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**DATE:** June 10, 2026  
**TO:** HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)  
**FROM:** Brendan Byrd, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Policy and Allocations**

## **STAFF REPORT**

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### **Staff's Recommended Action:**

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Regional Surface Transportation Program Policy and Allocations.”

### **Staff Summary:**

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) was established by California State Statute utilizing Surface Transportation Program (Federal) Funds (§133 of USC Title 23). Annually, HCAOG and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) execute an RSTP agreement to exchange these federal RSTP funds for state funds, thus eliminating the administrative burden of some federal requirements.

The RSTP apportionment for FY 2025-26 is \$1,674,331 which is a decrease of \$19,500 from the previous year. Additionally, there is accrued interest in the RSTP account that totals \$23,135. The distribution of RSTP funds includes a Regional Apportionment and an Excess Fund Apportionment. The Regional Apportionment totals \$262,188. This amount has remained constant

since the development of the distribution formula. The Excess Fund Apportionment is the remaining amount of \$1,435,278.

From the Regional Apportionment (\$262,188), \$100,000 is taken off the top and allocated to Humboldt County in exchange for an annual dedication of \$200,000 of County Local Transportation Funds to transit agencies supporting capital improvements. The remaining Regional Apportionment amount (\$162,188) is then apportioned to the four former Federal Aid Urban (FAU) recipients, based on percentages set in the 1990's:

- 46.6% Eureka
- 23.8% Arcata
- 15.0% McKinleyville
- 14.6% Fortuna

Of the Excess Fund Apportionment (\$1,435,278), funds are first allocated to the Small Agency Program, which provides funding to non-FAU agencies and tribal governments who are members of HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee. The Small Agency Program amount is based on the percentage of the population of the four small cities (Blue Lake, Ferndale, Rio Dell, and Trinidad) in the region, as well as populations of tribes that are members of the TAC (Blue Lake Rancheria, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, and the Yurok Tribe).

The remaining Excess Fund Apportionments are then allocated to the FAU and Humboldt County which is the sole Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) agency in the region. As the FAS recipient, Humboldt County receives 67.2% of the remaining Excess Fund Apportionments, with the FAU recipients receiving the remaining 32.8% of the Excess Fund Apportionment. The 32.8% allocation is apportioned according to the 1990 percentages for each FAU recipient listed above.

The California Department of Finance Table E-1 is used for city and county population estimates. The North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission provides tribal population estimates. The enclosed "FY 2025-26 RSTP Policy and Allocations," provides program background, the apportionment breakdown, and an RSTP claim form.

The TAC reviewed the Policy and Allocation at their June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and recommended approval. The PAC is being asked to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the FY 2025-26 allocations as follows:

<b>RSTP 2025-26 Allocations</b>	
County	\$ 1,063,592
Arcata	\$ 140,268
Blue Lake	\$ 12,494
Eureka	\$ 274,643
Ferndale	\$ 14,887
Fortuna	\$ 86,047
Rio Dell	\$ 35,621
Trinidad	\$ 3,190
Tribal Governments	\$ 66,723
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,697,466</b>