



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD**

August 21, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Steve Madrone (Vice-Chair)
Councilmember Kat Napier
Mayor Kim Bergel
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Councilmember Robert Orr

City of Fortuna
County of Humboldt
City of Blue Lake
City of Eureka
City of Trinidad
City of Arcata
City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo
Tatiana Ahlstrand (PAC Member)

Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

City of Ferndale

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith
Noah Sary

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner
CivicSpark Fellow

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of July 17, 2025, 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. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

4. Presentations

a. **Housing and Community Development (HCD) Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND)**

HCD staff presented information on the region's RHND and answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment: Pat Kaspari, Colin Fiske, Cristin Kenyon, Leslie Castellano

b. **Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan (CAIP) Update**

Caltrans Climate Change Adaptation Branch Supervisor Lorna McFarlane presented an update on the Eureka-Arcata Corridor CAIP.

Public Comment: Cristin Kenyon

c. **Caltrans 2025 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Ten-Year Plan Projects for Humboldt County**

Caltrans District 1 Asset Manager Kirsten Thursesson presented an overview of the SHOPP Ten Year Plan development, the District 1 2025 Performance Plans, planned projects for Humboldt County, and feedback received from HCAOG partners.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Madrone/Kenny) to approve the following consent items:

a. **Approval of Meeting Records – July 17, 2025**

b. **2025 Draft Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan Update**

The PAC recommended that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-19 approving the 2025 Title VI Program and LEP plan.

c. **2025 Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update**

The PAC recommended that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-20 approving the 2025 Public Participation Plan.

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. Board Action Items

a. **FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment #1 (encl)**

Motion was made (Atkins-Salazar/Arroyo) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-21 approving the FY 2025-26 OWP & Budget Amendment #1.

Motion was approved unanimously.

b. **Draft Revised HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules (encl)**

Motion was made (Kenny/Napier) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt the HCAOG Transportation Development Act Rules as revised.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Atkins-Salazar/Madrone) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discussion Items

a. **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update 2026: Discuss Plan Objectives, Update Approach and Development Schedule; Update on 2022 Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets**

Executive Director Brendan Byrd provided updates on the RTP Update including a proposed schedule. CivicSpark Fellow Noah Sary provided an update on the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets (SSTT) and potential revisions to metrics. The Board was asked to provide input on plan objectives, approach, SSTT revisions, and schedule. Staff was directed to proceed with the current objectives, public outreach approach, and schedule. The Board directed staff to develop proposed revisions to the SSTTs as suggested in the staff report and bring back to the Board for further discussion. PAC Member Arroyo requested the inclusion of regional complete streets criteria, maintenance funding, and the Climate Action Plan Manager into the RTP. She also suggested implementing a transit audit/group bus ride.

Public Comment: Colin Fiske

b. Bike and Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Assessment: Public Review & Comment Period

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith presented the results of the Bike and Pedestrian LTS Assessment, demonstrated how the application functions, and requested Board input on the results of the assessment.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following: Associate Regional Planner Stevie Luther has returned to work after his educational leave. CivicSpark Fellow Noah Sary will be finishing up his work with HCAOG with his internship ending in early September. Work has started on the Zero Emission Fleet Transition and the North State Hydrogen Fueling Station projects. All projects that were submitted to the Carbon Reduction Program have been obligated. RHNA working group has created a draft methodology and those will be brought to the Board at the September meeting for consideration. The Week Without Driving will take place September 29th through October 5th and Board members are encouraged to sign up for the challenge.

b. Caltrans Report

- Jeff Pimentel discussed the current status of the Indianola Undercrossing Project and the timeline for completion.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- PAC Member Natalie Arroyo requested to present information about the Measure O spending plan and a marketing video for HTA at the October Board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.