

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

September 3, 2025, 1:30 p.m. HCAOG Conference Room 611 I Street, Suite B Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)

Orlando Payne

Cody Ferreira

Advocate for Senior Transit Users

Social Service Provider for Seniors

Consolidated Transportation Service Agency

Greg Pratt Regional Transit Authority

Saskia Rymer-Burnett Vice-Chair

Kaylyn StainbrookTransit Operator – City of FortunaCarol MonéCoalition for Responsible TransportationPeggy MartinezAdvocate for People with Disabilities

Staff:

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

Absent:

Jaison Chand Advisory Member

Catherine Sundquist Social Service Provider for Disabled

Krista Paddock Advisory Member

Netra Khatri Transit Operator – A&MRTS

Juliannah Harris Social Service Provider for Disabled

Isa Pritting Advocate for Persons of Limited Means

Samuel Martinez Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe

Charlotte Merkel County of Humboldt

Susan Cleverton Social Service Provider for Seniors

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

1. Introductions

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

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

3. Approval of Meeting Record

Motion was made (Pratt/Moné) to approve the meeting record of August 6, 2025. **Motion passed unanimously**.

4. Action Items

a. SSTAC Membership Update

Motion was made (Pratt/Rymer-Burnett) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve updates to the SSTAC membership including the removal of City of Arcata and transferring Fortuna Transit to a statutorily required membership and CAE to a discretionary membership. **Motion passed unanimously**.

5. Discussion Items

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

Executive Director Brendan Byrd provided an update on the 2026 RTP and Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets (SSTT). The SSTAC provided input on plan objectives and potential changes to the targets and metrics of the SSTT. The SSTAC discussed the importance of complete streets and transit-land use policy connections, inclusion of transit projects in the RTP, specifying disability accessibility not just safety. It was suggested that Southern Humboldt and various agency transportation committees receive targeted public outreach or presentations and that the options for providing comments were varied. Discussion took place about potential changes to targets and metrics of the SSTT and the SSTAC expressed mixed opinions on whether targets should be changed or not and the value of making targets attainable versus not creating moving targets.

6. HCAOG Executive Director Report

None

7. SSTAC Member Reports

Saskia Rymer-Burnett discussed updates and outreach efforts for the District Transit Plan. Peggy Martinez discussed the upcoming Transpo Party on October 15th at the Septentrio Winery.

Adjournment: 3:32 p.m.