



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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Eureka, CA 95501
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Alternate Meeting Sites:

Contact: Samuel Martinez
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA

Contact: Misty Rickwalt
Karuk Tribal Office Council Chambers
37960 Highway 96, Orleans, CA

Present:

Katie Collender (Chair)
Tom Mattson
Brian Issa
Catharine Crayne
Jeff Hodge
Jesse Willor
Jordan Ludtke
Josh Wolf
Michelle Nielsen
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)
Netra Khatri
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)
Steven Pearl

Humboldt Transit Authority
County of Humboldt
City of Fortuna
Caltrans
Hoopa Tribe
City of Eureka
City of Blue Lake
City of Trinidad
City of Ferndale
Karuk Tribe
City of Arcata
Trinidad Rancheria
Yurok Tribe
City of Rio Dell

Absent:

John McGinnis (Advisory)
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)
Anita Huff (Advisory)
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory)

Bear River Band Rancheria
California Highway Patrol
Blue Lake Rancheria
City of Fortuna – Transit

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Katie Collender called the meeting of September 4, 2025, to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Presentations

a. City of Arcata South Arcata Multimodal Safety Improvement Plan (SAMSIP) Presentation

City of Arcata staff and contracted consultants from GHD presented the results of the SAMSIP project.

4. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Khatri/Pearl) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

a. Approval of Meeting Record – June 5, 2025

Motion was approved with Jesse Willor, Jordan Ludtke, and Samuel Martinez abstaining.

5. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

6. Action Items

a. Trail Maintenance and Funding Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Motion was made (Khatri/Willor) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to explore possible maintenance funding strategies and rules and regulations for local non-motorized trails. Volunteers will be from City of Eureka, City of Arcata, City of Rio Dell, County of Humboldt, and Caltrans.

Motion passed with Samuel Martinez abstaining.

7. Discussion Items

a. Regional Transportation Plan Update 2026: Discuss Plan Objectives, Update Approach and Development Schedule; 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 TAC provided input on plan objectives and potential changes to the targets and metrics of the SSTT. Specifically, TAC members addressed concerns about the use of “Crisis” and the potential to combine climate goals. Members also provided suggestions for public engagement opportunities such as MMAC, Rotary Clubs, HTA Board, and taking surveys on trails. In regard to the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets recommendations and suggestions included extending ZEV targets to match state mandated timelines, eliminating targets for school buses or school education, making goals consistent with CARB and HTA’s targets, rewording or replacing VMT language regarding housing development, modification of ATP goals for discretionary funding, and working with Public Health to reach Active Transportation targets.

b. Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and Guidelines

Executive Director Brendan Byrd provided an update on the draft 2026 STIP schedule, fund estimate and the call for projects.

c. Training Series for Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith provided information on the planning process for the training series portion of the Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning project. The TAC was asked to respond to an upcoming email to share interest, ideas, and requests

for the series. County of Humboldt and Humboldt Transit Authority/City of Eureka expressed interest in walkability audits.

8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed CivicSpark Noah Sary's completion of service, Vision Zero Project Task Force meeting scheduling, project timeline, and an upcoming demonstration of a traffic safety camera from Currux happening on September 18th 6th and I Streets in Eureka. A questionnaire was sent out to determine which agencies are interested in demonstration projects and what resources they have available to contribute. There is also a data request for the Fleet Transition project and agencies were asked to encourage fleet managers to respond.

9. TAC Member Reports

Catharine Crayne discussed updates regarding the Corridor Management Plan for 101 and 36, the expected date of release of the next milestone report, and status of the Clean California guidelines.

Adjournment 4:43 p.m.