



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

September 18, 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)
Mayor John Sawatsky (Alternate)
Mayor Kim Bergel
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

City of Fortuna
County of Humboldt
City of Blue Lake
City of Eureka
City of Trinidad
City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

None

Absent:

Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Councilmember Robert Orr
Natalie Arroyo (PAC Member)
Tatiana Ahlstrand (PAC Member)

City of Arcata
City of Rio Dell
Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Stephen Luther

Executive Director
Associate Regional Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of September 18, 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. Consent Calendar

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

a. Approval of Meeting Records – August 18, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

6. Action Items

a. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Membership

Motion was made (Madrone/Jorgensen) 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 was approved unanimously.

b. Trail Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee

Motion was made (Bergel/Madrone) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore possible maintenance and safety funding strategies and explore rules and regulations for local non-motorized trails.

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Kenny/Bergel) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Board Action Items

a. Preferred Cycle 7 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) to approve Alternative 1 which weights jobs and population at 50% each as the preferred RHNA methodology and to increase the income category adjustment to 20 percent.

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following: status of the Regional Transportation Plan public outreach efforts and the request to Caltrans for a one-month extension to February 2026 to complete the RTP update.

b. Caltrans Report

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

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.