



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 2:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Alternate Meeting Sites:

Contact: Patricia Ulmer
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA 95548

Present:

Brendan Byrd
Katie Collender
Catharine Crayne
Jeff Hodge
Jesse Willor
Jordan Ludtke
Josh Wolf
Michelle Nielsen
Misty Rickwalt
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)
Patricia Ulmer (Alternate, Via Zoom)
Steven Pearl
Hank Seemann (Alternate)

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

Absent:

John McGinnis (Advisory)
Anita Huff (Advisory)
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)
Kathy Rexford (Advisory)
Netra Khatri

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

Staff:

Beth Burks
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith
Noah Sary

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner
CivicSpark Intern

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Brendan Byrd called the meeting of October 3, 2024, to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

3. Discussion Items

a. Level of Traffic Stress (LTS): GIS Consultants’ Progress Update

GHD Consultants provided the TAC with a progress update and outlined the LTS analysis (ArcGIS Platform), as well as the Vibrant & Multimodal Communities Tool: Place Mix and corresponding “Smart Growth Score.”

4. Presentations

a. Viva Traffic Safety Sensor Options

Bradley Ericson, North America Manager for Viva, presented information on traffic safety sensor options available through Viva.

b. Week Without Driving Presentation

Peggy Martinez, Accessibility Consultant, presented information on the Week Without Driving including why it exists, and how accessible programs and services can create meaningful efficiencies.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Collender/Wolf) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

a. Approval of Meeting Record – September 5, 2024

Motion was approved unanimously

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

7. Action Items – None

8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Executive Director Beth Burks discussed the following:

- There is a walk audit scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at 5 p.m. at 5th and O Streets in Eureka.
- Contracts for On-call Planning Services and the Regional Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan were approved by the Board at the September meeting.
- Noah Sary, HCAOG’s CivicSpark intern was introduced.

9. TAC Member Reports

- Katie Collender informed the TAC that HTA’s board approved a simplified fare structure for all Ride Humboldt routes.
- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
 - There is a new Caltrans District 1 Native American Liaison website for tribal grant opportunities.
 - The draft FY 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application guide is still available for comments until Thursday, October 10th. There will be two workshops on October 16th and 17th which will provide stakeholders with the comment summary, anticipated updates, and final input options. The finalized grant guide will be released later in the month.
 - District 1 staff will be hosting a grant application workshop, dates and location TBD.
 - The 5th Annual Research to Practice Symposium will take place virtually on October 22nd -24th.

Adjournment 3:55 p.m.