



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

August 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

HCAOG Conference Room

611 I Street, Suite B

Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)

Orlando Payne

Peggy Martinez

Jessica Warwick

Katie Collender

Cody Ferreira

Saskia Rymer-Burnett (Vice Chair)

Charlotte Merkel

Patricia Ulmer (Via Zoom)

Carol Moné

Susan Cleverdon

Khristeena Fears

Advocate for Senior Transit Users

Social Service Provider for Seniors

Advocate for People with Disabilities

Social Service Provider for Disabled

Regional Transit Authority

Consolidated Transportation Service Agency

Caltrans District 01

County of Humboldt

Yurok Tribe Transit

Coalition for Responsible Transportation

Social Service Provider for Seniors

Karuk Tribe Transit

Staff:

Amy Eberwein

Stevie Luther

Oona Smith

Administrative Services Officer

Associate Regional Planner

Senior Regional Planner

Absent:

Isa Pritting

Catherine Sundquist

Krista Paddock

Jaison Chand

Advocate for Persons of Limited Means

Social Service Provider for Disabled

Advisory Member

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

1. Introductions

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Peggy Martinez discussed Cal Poly Humboldt's cancellation of bus services and requested that the topic be added as an agenda item at a future meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Records

Motion was made (Martinez/Moné) to approve the meeting records of May 6, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation – Flex Humboldt

HTA General Manager Katie Collender presented on Flex Humboldt, the on-demand shared ride microtransit currently serving the region.

5. Action Items

a. Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Schedule

Motion was made (Ferreira/Merkel) to approve the schedule for the 2027-28 UTN cycle.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Partnering Assets and Authorities for Comprehensive Transit (PAACT) Transit Route Concepts Survey

The SSTAC reviewed and discussed the public survey for transit route concepts for ridership vs. coverage as part of the PAACT project.

b. Future Agenda Items

SSTAC members provided staff with ideas for upcoming agenda topics including Cal Poly Humboldt Bus service cancellation, grant funding, transit-oriented development, and climate benefits.

7. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Senior Regional Planner Stevie Luther announced the following: HTA applied for the 5311 and 5311(f) grants. The Yurok Tribe also applied for a competitive FTA grant. The new Executive Director of HCAOG will be Rob Holmlund and he will start on August 17th. The next SSTAC meeting will take place on either October 7th or December 2nd.

8. SSTAC Member Reports

a. Member Reports – None

b. Transit Reports – HTA reports that there has been a 34% year to date increase in transit ridership.

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.