



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING RECORD**

October 19, 2023, 4:30 p.m.  
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers  
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

**Present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Adelene Jones (Vice Chair)	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgenson	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Jack Tuttle (Alternate)	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

**Policy Advisory Committee Members:**

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

**Absent:** None

**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of October 19, 2023, 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. Presentations - None**

**4. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**5. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Jones/Bergel) to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of Meeting Record – August 17, 2023
- Adopted Resolution 23-21 approving the City of Arcata LTF claim in the amount of \$722,150 for FY 2023-24.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None**

**7. Action Items**

**a. 2023-2028 Five-Year Humboldt County Transit Development Plan (TDP) (encl)**

Representatives from LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc presented the final 2023-2028 Five-Year TDP.

**Motion was made** (Jones/Atkins-Salazar) to adopt the 2023-2028 Humboldt County Transit Development Plan with the possibility of amending the plan to include transit solutions for the City of Blue Lake.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comment** – Latanya Jacob

**8. Informational Items - None**

**9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports**

**a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Burks provided the following information:

- HCAOG was awarded a REAP 2.0 grant in collaboration with HTA and We Are UP for microtransit and housing development in McKinleyville.
- On October 28<sup>th</sup> there is a housing exhibition at Jefferson Community Center where works from artists supported by the REAP 1.0 grant will be displayed.
- The TAC will be voting on and prioritizing projects for the current STIP cycle at their next meeting. The list will then be brought to the board at the next board meeting.
- There will be a presentation on the Caltrans Road Charge Committee updates at the next board meeting.

**b. Caltrans Report**

Caltrans representative Tatiana Ahlstrand provided the following information:

- The Arcata 101 Merge Project is currently under construction. Will be completed in the spring.
- Fernbridge construction is almost complete. Caltrans is looking into a seismic notification system and safety protocols in the event of another earthquake.
- Last Chance Grade is now open to two-way traffic for the first time in nine years. An environmental document for the long-term solution for Last Chance Grade will be out this winter. Construction on that could begin as early as 2030.
- The FY 2024-25 call for applications for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant opened on October 5<sup>th</sup> and applications are due by January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

Pac Member Arroyo discussed Humboldt Transit Authority stepping in to provide transit for the Blue Lake area. Their tap on/tap off card system has been successful. The Transit App is a useful tool for transit both in our area and across the country.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.