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AGENDA ITEM 6a
TAC Meeting
November 5, 2026

DATE: October 26, 2026
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Stephen Luther, Senior Regional Planner
SUBJECT: **Vision Zero Action Plan Draft**

STAFF REPORT

Contents:

- Staff Summary
- Public Review Draft of Vision Zero Action Plan
- Chapter 6 Goals and Actions Extract

Discussion Item:

1. Introduce the item as a discussion item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss, provide comments, and/or direct staff as applicable.

Staff Summary:

HCAOG staff shared the administrative draft of the Vision Zero Action Plan with the TAC on October 1. Feedback received at that meeting included renaming the listed "policies" to "actions." The Smith Group responded to this comment, as well as others by HCAOG staff, to deliver the Draft Vision Zero Action Plan. The Draft Plan was released for public review on October 19th. The public comment period is open for 20 days, closing on Monday November 9th. The Smith Group will prepare a Final Plan after responding to all consolidated comments received during this period. This includes comments from the agencies.

Staff sent individual emails to local agency stakeholders requesting comment specifically on the actions in the plan where an agency was listed as lead or partner in the action. HCAOG sent direct review requests to Caltrans D1, the County of Humboldt, Cities of Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna, the CHP, Humboldt Transit Authority, and law enforcement. For context, there are 22 actions with

Public Works as lead or co-lead, 39 where Public Works or member/local jurisdictions appear as a partner or in the action text, and eight that name City Planning, Police, Fire, or Public Information Officers. By timeframe: 20 Immediate, 20 Short-term, 19 Medium-term, and 10 Long-term. Actions and lead agencies are taken from the Chapter 7 implementation tables (pp. 190–198).

This is a regional plan intended to support and strengthen existing traffic safety efforts of HCAOG member agencies. HCAOG staff will continue to play a coordinating role in the interjurisdictional collaboration needed for Vision Zero work. Many of the immediate and short-term actions listed in the Plan still require that HCAOG seek additional funding. While it is a long-term planning document subject to periodic updates, we want the Action Plan as adopted to serve as a roadmap for how to truly move the needle on reducing serious injuries and fatalities. To that end, we want to move forward with a Plan that has had the benefit of review and buy-in from the local agencies that are listed in the actions.

Individual agencies comprising the TAC are being asked to comment on the implementation actions of the Action Plan. Direction from the TAC will be conveyed to the Smith Group to incorporated into the Final Plan. The TAC would see the Final Action Plan in December to make a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to adopt. Following or concurrent with HCAOG Board adoption, jurisdictions are encouraged to take a resolution to their decision-making bodies to adopt a Vision Zero goal.

Following the TAC meeting, the schedule for the project is as follows:

Nov 9 - public comment period closes
Nov 12 - 25 - SmithGroup responds to comments to prepare Final Plan
Dec. 3 - TAC meeting to review Final Plan
Dec 17 - HCAOG Board meets to consider adoption of VZAP