



**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**

November 16, 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 Fisk-Becker (Alternate)	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
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Absent:

Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of November 16, 2023, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Board Action Item

a. Regional Housing Trust Fund Presentation

Motion was made (Madrone/Atkins-Salazar) to direct staff to participate more formally in exploring the formation of a regional housing trust fund for Humboldt County with the potential for HCAOG to become administrators of the fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Kay Escarta, Gregg Foster, Darlene Spoor, Latanya Jacob

3. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convened to include representatives from Caltrans and Humboldt Transit Authority.

4. Public Hearing

a. Receive Comments on Unmet Transit Needs (UTN)

The Board conducted a public hearing and received comments pursuant to Sections 99238.5 and 99401.5 of the Transportation Development Act. Associate Regional Planner Stevie Luther gave a presentation on the state of regional transit. The following individuals provided comments on unmet transit needs:

Colin Fiske – In order to provide more frequent service, later service, earlier service, and service seven days a week, we need more investment in the transit system. It is admirable to create standards to prioritize limited funding, but if other transportation systems, such as roads, were held to such standards most would fail.

Latanya Jacob – Times of service in the Eureka area should be increased to seven days a week. Routes and frequency should increase.

5. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Latanya Jacob

6. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approval of Meeting Record – October 19, 2023
- b. Adopted Resolution 23-22 approving the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment #1.
- c. Adopt Resolution 23-25 approving the City of Blue Lake Local Transportation Fund claim in the amount of \$46,683 for FY 2023-24.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

8. Action Items

a. Amendment to the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Adoption of the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Executive Director Beth Burks presented the 2024 RTIP.

Motion was made (Jones/West) to adopt Resolution 23-23 amending the 2022 RTP to include the Hubbard Lane rehabilitation project and to adopt Resolution 23-24 approving the 2024 RTIP for submittal to the California Transportation Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Elaine Astrue, Colin Fiske, Latanya Jacob

9. Presentations

a. Road Charge Presentation

Lauren Prehoda with the California Department of Transportation shared updates on the Road Charge Pilot Program.

10. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

11. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report – None

b. Caltrans Report – None

c. Board/PAC Member Reports - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved