



**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, December 7, 2023, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Alternate Meeting Site:  
Contact: Samuel Martinez  
Yurok Tribal Office  
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA 95548

**Present:**

Josh Wolf  
Jesse Willor  
Michelle Nielsen  
Jordan Ludtke  
Tom Mattson  
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)  
Henry Baker (Alternate)  
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Saskia Rymer-Burnett  
Captain Larry Depee  
Greg Pratt  
Brendan Byrd

City of Trinidad  
City of Eureka  
City of Ferndale  
City of Blue Lake  
County of Humboldt  
Karuk Tribe  
Trinidad Rancheria  
Yurok Tribe  
Caltrans District 1  
California Highway Patrol  
Humboldt Transit Authority  
City of Fortuna

**Absent:**

John McGinnis  
Anita Huff  
Steven Pearl  
Jeff Hodge  
Netra Khatri  
Merritt Perry

Bear River Band Rancheria  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
City of Rio Dell  
Hoopa Tribe  
City of Arcata  
City of Fortuna – Transit

**Staff:**

Beth Burks  
Amy Eberwein

Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer

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

Chair Brendan Byrd called the meeting of December 7, 2023, to order at 2:31 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**3. Presentations**

**a. New Speed Zone Laws (Caltrans)**

Chris Bledsoe from Caltrans District 1 Traffic Safety Team presented on new speed zone laws, AB 43 and AB 1938, and how they relate to the state highway system and local agencies when preparing an Engineering and Traffic Survey.

**Public Comment:** Colin Fiske

**b. State Only Funds (Caltrans)**

Russell Hansen Caltrans District 1 Local Assistance presented guidelines for using State Only Funds.

**c. Safety on Broadway (Cal Poly Humboldt Service-Learning Student, Lynn Spencer)**

Cal Poly Humboldt Service-Learning Student, Lynn Spencer, presented research related to collision rates on Broadway in Eureka.

**Public Comment:** Colin Fiske

**4. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Willor/Mattson) to approve the following item on the consent calendar:

**a. Approval of Meeting Record: November 2, 2023**

**Motion was approved with Michelle Nielsen abstaining.**

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

**6. Action Items - None**

**7. Discussion Items – None**

**8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Executive Director Burks reported on the following:

- Debbie Egger will be retiring next month and there will be a reception to honor her after the December 21<sup>st</sup> HCAOG Board meeting.
- Still waiting for the results of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant announcement.
- There will be an early quorum call for the January TAC meeting. If it needs to be cancelled the TAC will only have one opportunity to discuss the Draft FY 24-25 Overall Work Program.

**9. TAC Member Reports**

- Tom Mattson gave an update on the ½ cent sales tax for public safety focused on roads.
- Henry Baker announced this will be his last TAC meeting and introduced Noah Rodriguez who will be the new alternate for Trinidad Rancheria.

**Adjournment 3:51 PM**