



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 20, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Steven Madrone
Mayor John Sawatsky
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

City of Fortuna
County of Humboldt
City of Blue Lake
City of Trinidad
City of Arcata
City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo
Catharine Crayne (Alternate)

Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Robert Orr
Mayor Kim Bergel

City of Rio Dell
City of Eureka

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of December 18, 2025, 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

a. Humboldt Transit Authority Hydrogen Bus Video

PAC Member Arroyo shared a short video about Humboldt Transit Authority's new hydrogen bus.

b. Road Charge Update

Frances Dea-Sanchez, Associate Deputy Director of the California Transportation Commission shared information on the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee.

Lauren Prehoda, Road Charge Program Manager with Caltrans provided an update on the Road Charge Pilot Program.

Public Comment: Julie M, Dennis Mayo, Matt Simmons

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Julie M. – Concerns with infrastructure

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Arroyo/Madrone) to approve the following consent items:

- a. **Approval of Meeting Records** – November 20, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. Action Items

- a. **FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment #2**

Motion was made (Atkins-Salazar/Sawatzky) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-24 approving the FY 2025-26 OWP and Budget Amendment #2.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Board Action Items

- a. **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology Adoption**

Motion was made (Madrone/Sawatzky) to adopt Resolution 25-25 approving Alternative 2 as the final methodology for the 7th Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle and to direct staff to provide notice of adoption per California Code and begin the development of a Final Regional Housing Needs Plan for consideration of adoption at a future board meeting.

Motion was approved 4-2 with Kenny and Jorgensen voting no.

Public Comment: Matt Simmons, Dennis Mayo, Julie M., Rebecca Smith

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

- a. **HCAOG Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Brendan Byrd announced the following:

- The RFP for the 2026 Pavement Management Program has been released.
- The Regional Transportation Improvement Program that was approved at the last board meeting has been sent to the California Transportation Commission.
- The Regional Transportation Plan public comment period is open until December 28th. Comments will be reviewed at the January meeting, and the final draft will be brought to the February meeting for approval.
- Meetings continue with the Regional Climate Action Plan Committee.
- Recap of the Vibrant Neighborhoods community walk audits and meetings.
- Information about the upcoming demonstration projects for the Vision Zero Project.

b. Caltrans Report

Tatiana Ahlstrand shared the following updates:

- Quarterly Milestone report
- Hydesville Pedestrian Safety Improvement project
- New Navy Base Road roundabout
- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant
- Transit Development Plan
- Build Program
- Corridor Management Plans for State Route 36 and US 101.

Jeff Pimentel discussed updates on the Indianola Undercrossing and Eureka Slough Bridge projects.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

PAC Member Arroyo discussed updates on the EaRTH Center project, Ride Humboldt Flex Service.

Councilmember Atkins-Salazar announced she has been reassigned and Kimberly White will be the new Board Member for City of Arcata starting in January.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.