



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, March 6, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Alternate Meeting Sites:

Contact: Samuel Martinez
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA

Contact: Misty Rickwalt
Karuk Tribal Office Council Chambers
37960 Highway 96, Orleans, CA

Present:

Brendan Byrd
Katie Collender
Catharine Crayne
Jay Wortelboer (Alternate)
Jordan Ludtke
Michelle Nielsen
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)
Netra Khatri
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)
Steven Pearl
Tom Mattson
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory)

City of Fortuna
Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans
City of Eureka
City of Blue Lake
City of Ferndale
Karuk Tribe
City of Arcata
Trinidad Rancheria
Yurok Tribe
City of Rio Dell
County of Humboldt
City of Fortuna – Transit

Absent:

John McGinnis (Advisory)
Anita Huff (Advisory)
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)
Jeff Hodge
Josh Wolf

Bear River Band Rancheria
Blue Lake Rancheria
California Highway Patrol
Hoopa Tribe
City of Trinidad

Staff:

Debbie Egger
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith
Noah Sary

Interim Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner
CivicSpark Intern

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Katie Collender called the meeting of March 6, 2025, to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None**3. Consent Calendar**

Motion was made (Pearl/Mattson) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

a. Approval of Meeting Record – February 6, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None**5. Action Items****a. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Consultant Recommendation**

Motion was made (Mattson/Byrd) to forward a recommendation for the HCAOG Board's consideration to select Project Consultants SmithGroup to complete the Humboldt County Regional Vision Zero Action Plan.

Motion passed with Steven Pearl abstaining.

b. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Prioritization Ad Hoc Committee

Motion was made (Byrd/Khatri) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee that will explore opportunities to establish a policy for prioritizing transportation projects listed in the RTP and assist in leveraging outside funding. Ad Hoc Committee Members would include Tom Mattson, Catharine Crayne, Netra Khatri, Katie Collender, Noah Rodriguez, and Jesse Willor.

Motion was unanimous.

c. Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Carbon Reduction Program Call for Projects

Motion was made (Byrd/Pearl) to bring this agenda item back to the May TAC meeting. Submissions from agencies are due to HCAOG by April 24th.

Motion was unanimous.

6. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed the following:

- Recap of the Measure O discussion that took place at the March SSTAC meeting.
- Provided an update selection of the new HCAOG Executive Director.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the status of the Level of Traffic Stress Analysis. TAC members will be receiving GIS data ahead of the TAC packet for the next meeting in order to provide more time for review.

7. TAC Member Reports

- Brendan Byrd provided updates on trail planning and the 12th street interchange project in the City of Fortuna.
- Katie Collender provided updates on the upcoming arrival of HTA's first hydrogen bus and temporary hydrogen fueler.
- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
 - Highway 36 is closed near Swimmer's Delight due to a landslide.
 - The FY 25-26 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget is currently under review.
 - A survey has been sent out to RTPA Executive Directors on SHOPP projects.

Adjournment 3:16 p.m.