



**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 7, 2024, 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:**

Michelle Nielsen  
Netra Khatri  
Steven Pearl  
Jordan Lutdk  
Tom Mattson  
Misty Rickwalt (Non-Voting, Via Zoom)  
Jeff Hodge  
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)  
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Saskia Rymer-Burnett  
Katie Collender (Alternate)  
Brendan Byrd

**Absent:**

John McGinnis  
Anita Huff  
Captain Larry Depee  
Kathy Rexford  
Josh Wolf  
Jesse Willor

**Staff:**

Beth Burks (via Zoom)  
Amy Eberwein  
Stevie Luther (via Zoom)

City of Ferndale  
City of Arcata  
City of Rio Dell  
City of Blue Lake  
County of Humboldt  
Karuk Tribe  
Hoopa Tribe  
Trinidad Rancheria  
Yurok Tribe  
Caltrans District 1  
Humboldt Transit Authority  
City of Fortuna

Bear River Band Rancheria  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
California Highway Patrol  
City of Fortuna – Transit  
City of Trinidad  
City of Eureka

Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Associate Regional Planner

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

Chair Brendan Byrd called the meeting of March 7, 2024, to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

## **3. Presentations**

- a. Introduction of Jerome Washington, Caltrans District 1 Native American Liaison
- b. “Perceptions of Trail Safety in Humboldt County, California: An analysis of safety concerns, factors that impact trail use, and the value people place on trails” by Natalie Arroyo.

## **4. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approval of Meeting Record: February 1, 2024
- b. TAC Advisory Membership - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, California Highway Patrol, and Blue Lake Rancheria were moved from voting TAC members to advisory TAC members.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

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

## **6. Action Items**

### **a. County of Humboldt Request for \$25,000 Local Match Funding for Tish Tang Road Studies**

**Motion was made** (Khatri/Collender) to approve the County of Humboldt's request for \$25,000 of local matching funds to produce a Project Study Report (PSR) scope for Tish Tang Road and Airport Road in Hoopa Valley.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **a. 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update**

HCAOG Staff provided an update on California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendations regarding the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program.

## **8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports – None**

## **9. TAC Member Reports**

- Tom Mattson discussed striping reflectivity requirements, the need for access to a meter, and the potential for HCAOG to purchase a meter that could be used by all jurisdictions.
- Saskia Rymer-Burnett provided updates on staff changes at Caltrans District 1. Input is being requested on the HM4 survey until March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Herrick Mobility Hub survey is live. The Eureka Bike Plan community meeting is March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center.
- Brendan Byrd discussed City of Fortuna's recent application to the Federal DOT RAISE grant for the Kenmar Interchange Project and the Strong's Creek Project.

**Adjournment 3:36 p.m.**