



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

March 21, 2024, 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 Pro-Tem Angela Shull (Alternate)	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Absent:

None

Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of March 21, 2024, 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. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

4. Presentations

- a. **“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.”**

Natalie Arroyo presented the results of her Master’s Thesis to the board.

5. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approval of Meeting Record – February 15, 2024
- b. Approval of SSTAC Membership Appointments and Terminations
- c. Approval of revised SSTAC Bylaws
- d. Approval of County of Humboldt Request for \$25,000 local match funding for Tish Tang Road and Airport Road studies

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Action Items

- a. **Authorization of Executive Director to Complete the Redwood Region Resilient Inclusive Sustainable Economy (RISE) High Road Transition Collaborative (HRTC) Collective Partnership Agreement Letter and to Participate in the HRTC Voting Member Block**

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the Partnership Agreement and participate in the voting member block.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Informational Items – None

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

- Update on the status of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) State Transportation Improvement Program. CTC staff recommendations are to approve our region's proposed projects.
- The transit marketing group Studio Six will be in our area April 29th through May 3rd to start work. There will be transit photography sessions on the last two days of the visit.
- Each board member must submit Form 700.

b. Caltrans Report

- Tatiana Ahlstrand provided updates on the following:
 - The City of Arcata was awarded a grant through the Reconnecting Communities Highways to Boulevards Program. The project will address mobility problems caused by US 101, State Route 255, and State Route 299 in Arcata.
 - Work on the Indianola interchange has paused due to the weather. Work is expected to resume in April with the installation of the support columns.
 - There was a public meeting on Tuesday, March 19 for Fernbridge. There will be another public meeting this summer and the Project Initiation Document is expected to be delivered in summer 2025 followed by seeking for funding for the next phase.

- The Broadway Complete Streets design phase has a targeted completion of June 2024 with construction targeted for early 2025.
- Eureka sidewalk construction includes upgrading pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, driveways, and pedestrian signals. Work should conclude by July 1st, 2024.
- Eureka Slough Bridge alternatives include a seismic retrofit, the other is replacement of structures. There was a public outreach event on March 12th. Outreach will continue as the project moves forward.
- Caltrans is exploring ways to improve the Herrick Avenue Park and Ride to a mobility hub. There is a survey out now that will be open until April.
- Caltrans is in the process of updating the Caltrans Milestones Report formatting. Input is encouraged to make the documents more user friendly.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- Natalie Arroyo discussed the production of HTA's new hydrogen bus, hydrogen fueling station, and ridership stats.
- Councilmember Atkins-Salazar recently attended a CALCOG meeting and provided updates on the topics which included a push back on the recent REAP funding cutbacks, and Assembly Bill 2485 which increases transparency regarding the calculation of RHNA numbers. Caltrans, Cal Poly Humboldt, and City of Arcata representatives recently attended a press conference for the Reconnecting Communities grant.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.