



Item 3
HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

August 6, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)
Orlando Payne
Cody Ferreira
Greg Pratt
Saskia Rymer-Burnett
Charlotte Merkel
Kaylyn Stainbrook
Carol Moné
Susan Cleverton

Advocate for Senior Transit Users
Social Service Provider for Seniors
Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
Regional Transit Authority
Vice-Chair
County of Humboldt
Transit Operator – City of Fortuna
Coalition for Responsible Transportation
Social Service Provider for Seniors

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith
Stevie Luther

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner
Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Jaison Chand
Catherine Sundquist
Krista Paddock
Peggy Martinez
Netra Khatri
Juliannah Harris
Isa Pritting
Samuel Martinez

Advisory Member
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Advisory Member
Advocate for People with Disabilities
Transit Operator – A&MRTS
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Advocate for Persons of Limited Means
Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe

Call to Order - Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation on non-agenda items at this meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Record

Motion was made (Moné/Merkel) to approve the meeting record of June 11, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action Items

a. 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Cycle and Proposed Timeline

Motion was made (Merkel/Collender) to approve the FY 2026-27 UTN timeline.

Motion passed unanimously

b. Draft Revised HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules

Motion was made (Collender/Ferreira) to approve the revised HCAOG TDA Rules with one edit of changing the deadline for STA claims to August 31st rather than June 30th.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Draft 2025 Title VI and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan Update

Motion was made (Johnson/Moné) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-19 approving the revised Title VI and LEP plan.

Motion passed unanimously

d. 2025 Draft Public Participation Plan Update

Motion was made (Ferreira/Merkel) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-20 approving the revised Public Participation Plan.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Discussion Items

a. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Grant Program Information

Associate Planner Stevie Luther provided an update on the FTA 5310 program and interested applicants discussed projects they will be submitting. HCAOG will potentially be requesting volunteers to score grant applications depending upon the amount of applications received.

b. Results of Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Assessment

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith presented the Bicycle and Pedestrian LTS online interactive mapping application and requested comments by September 1, 2025.

6. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd announced upcoming changes to the SSTAC membership including the potential removal of City of Arcata due to no longer running a transit service. This will be a future agenda item.

HCAOG is working on updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and will request a special meeting of the SSTAC on September 3 to discuss and get input on the goals and objectives of the RTP. The December 3rd SSTAC meeting will be rescheduled to November 5th in order to provide the opportunity for the SSTAC to review the draft RTP before it goes out for public comment. There is also the potential for a special SSTAC meeting to review the draft again before it is presented to the Board at their January meeting.

7. SSTAC Member Reports

Saskia Rymer-Burnett discussed updates on the District Transit Plan. On August 25th Caltrans will launch a survey and in September they will be doing outreach to transit agencies.

Adjournment: 3:06 p.m.

Approved