



**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**

September 18, 2025, 4:30 p.m.  
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers  
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Present:**

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)  
Supervisor Steve Madrone (Vice-Chair)  
Mayor John Sawatsky (Alternate)  
Mayor Kim Bergel  
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny  
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

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

**Policy Advisory Committee Members:**

None

City of Arcata  
City of Rio Dell  
Humboldt Transit Authority  
Caltrans

**Absent:**

Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar  
Councilmember Robert Orr  
Natalie Arroyo (PAC Member)  
Tatiana Ahlstrand (PAC Member)

Executive Director  
Associate Regional Planner

**Staff:**

Brendan Byrd  
Stephen Luther

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Johnson called the meeting of September 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. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**4. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Kenny/Sawatsky) to approve the following consent items:

**a. Approval of Meeting Records – August 18, 2025**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

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

**6. Action Items**

**a. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Membership**

**Motion was made** (Madrone/Jorgensen) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve updates to the SSTAC membership including the removal of City of Arcata and transferring Fortuna Transit to a statutorily required membership and CAE to a discretionary membership.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**b. Trail Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee**

**Motion was made** (Bergel/Madrone) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore possible maintenance and safety funding strategies and explore rules and regulations for local non-motorized trails.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**8. Board Action Items**

**a. Preferred Cycle 7 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNAs) Methodology**

**Motion was made** (Madrone/Bergel) to approve Alternative 1 which weights jobs and population at 50% each as the preferred RHNAs methodology and to increase the income category adjustment to 20 percent.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**9. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports**

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

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following: status of the Regional Transportation Plan public outreach efforts and the request to Caltrans for a one-month extension to February 2026 to complete the RTP update.

**b. Caltrans Report**

Jeff Pimentel discussed the current status of the Indianola Undercrossing Project and the timeline for completion.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.