



**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 19, 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 Adelene Jones (Vice Chair)	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Castellano	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
Supervisor Steve Madrone (Via Zoom)	County of Humboldt

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
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Absent:

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
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Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of September 19, 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. Proclamations

a. Week Without Driving Proclamation

Chair Johnson read the Week Without Driving Proclamation into the record. Juliannah Harris, HCAOG SSTAC member and Assistive Technology Coordinator at Tri-Counties Independent Living, accepted the Proclamation.

5. Action Items

a. Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) Comment Letter

Motion was made (Jones/Atkins-Salazar) to direct staff to explore the possibility of HCAOG becoming the Regional Climate Committee and to send the comment letter regarding the draft RCAP.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Colin Fiske

6. Consent Calendar

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

a. Approval of Meeting Record

August 15, 2024

b. Consultant Selection for On-call Planning Services

Directed the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations and execute a contract not to exceed \$100,000 with Planwest Partners for On-call Planning Services.

c. Consultant Selection for Humboldt County Regional Zero Emission Fleet Transition and Infrastructure Plan

Directed the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations and execute a contract not to exceed \$300,000 with DKS Associates and sub-consultant Frontier Energy for the Humboldt County Regional Zero Emission Fleet Transition and Infrastructure Plan.

d. Humboldt Transit Authority FY 2024-25 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim

Adopted Resolution 24-18 approving the Humboldt Transit Authority's LTF claim in the amount of \$1,004,497 for FY 2024-25.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Items Removed from the PAC Consent Calendar – None

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentations

a. Last Chance Grade Presentation

Jaime Matteoli and Lianna Winkler-Prins from Caltrans' Project Management team presented information and updates on the Last Chance Grade Project in Del Norte County.

b. Blue Lake Housing Video

HCAOG staff shares a video about housing in Blue Lake that was created using REAP funding.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Beth Burks provided updates on staffing, statistics from CHP supplemental patrols, and Ride Humboldt marketing. Staff shared a marketing video for Ride Humboldt.

b. Caltrans Report

- Jeff Pimentel discussed the current status of the Indianola Undercrossing Project and the Eureka Slough Bridge Project.
- Tatiana Ahlstrand announced that the draft FY 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program guidelines has been released for a 30-day public review. There have been significant improvements to the contracting options for Native American Tribal Governments. There will be a call for applications this fall as well as public workshops. This is the final round of funding.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- Mayor Jones announced that City of Blue Lake will also have a Week Without Driving Proclamation at the upcoming City Council Meeting.
- Mayor Pro Tem Castellano announced that City of Eureka approved its Bike Plan at the last City Council meeting.
- Supervisor Madrone shared constituent concerns with the delays on Hwy 299 due to construction and discussed an upcoming campaign to promote Measure O.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.