



**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, October 3, 2024, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

**Alternate Meeting Sites:**

Contact: Patricia Ulmer  
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room  
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA 95548

**Present:**

Brendan Byrd  
Katie Collender  
Catharine Crayne  
Jeff Hodge  
Jesse Willor  
Jordan Ludtke  
Josh Wolf  
Michelle Nielsen  
Misty Rickwalt  
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)  
Patricia Ulmer (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Steven Pearl  
Hank Seemann (Alternate)

**Absent:**

John McGinnis (Advisory)  
Anita Huff (Advisory)  
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)  
Kathy Rexford (Advisory)  
Netra Khatri

**Staff:**

Beth Burks  
Amy Eberwein  
Oona Smith  
Noah Sary

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

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

Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Senior Regional Planner  
CivicSpark Intern

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

Chair Brendan Byrd called the meeting of October 3, 2024, to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None****3. Discussion Items****a. Level of Traffic Stress (LTS): GIS Consultants' Progress Update**

GHD Consultants provided the TAC with a progress update and outlined the LTS analysis (ArcGIS Platform), as well as the Vibrant & Multimodal Communities Tool: Place Mix and corresponding “Smart Growth Score.”

**4. Presentations****a. Viva Traffic Safety Sensor Options**

Bradley Ericson, North America Manager for Viva, presented information on traffic safety sensor options available through Viva.

**b. Week Without Driving Presentation**

Peggy Martinez, Accessibility Consultant, presented information on the Week Without Driving including why it exists, and how accessible programs and services can create meaningful efficiencies.

**5. Consent Calendar**

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

**a. Approval of Meeting Record – September 5, 2024**

**Motion was approved unanimously**

**6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None****7. Action Items – None****8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Executive Director Beth Burks discussed the following:

- There is a walk audit scheduled for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at 5<sup>th</sup> and O Streets in Eureka.
- Contracts for On-call Planning Services and the Regional Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan were approved by the Board at the September meeting.
- Noah Sary, HCAOG's CivicSpark intern was introduced.

**9. TAC Member Reports**

- Katie Collender informed the TAC that HTA's board approved a simplified fare structure for all Ride Humboldt routes.
- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
  - There is a new Caltrans District 1 Native American Liaison website for tribal grant opportunities.
  - The draft FY 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application guide is still available for comments until Thursday, October 10th. There will be two workshops on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> which will provide stakeholders with the comment summary, anticipated updates, and final input options. The finalized grant guide will be released later in the month.
  - District 1 staff will be hosting a grant application workshop, dates and location TBD.
  - The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Research to Practice Symposium will take place virtually on October 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment 3:55 p.m.**