



**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**

November 20, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Mike Wilson (Alternate)
Mayor John Sawatsky
Mayor Kim Bergel
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

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

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo
Catharine Crayne (Alternate)

Humboldt Transit Authority
Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Robert Orr

City of Rio Dell

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Steven Luther

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Associate Regional Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of November 20, 2025, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Hearing

a. Receive Comments for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology

Public comments were received for the Draft RHNA methodology that will be presented to the Board for adoption at the December 18, 2025 HCAOG Board meeting.

Public Comments:

- Colin Fiske
- Wendy Ring
- Julie M.
- [Additional Public Comments received prior to the meeting](#)

Discussion also took place for the need to address comments from Housing and Community Development regarding including Opportunity Scores in the methodology.

3. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convened to include representatives from Caltrans and Humboldt Transit Authority.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

5. Presentations

a. Receive Comments on Unmet Transit Needs (UTN)

This public hearing provided an opportunity to receive public comments regarding transit services throughout the county.

Public Comment:

- Jessica
- Colin Fiske

6. Consent Calendar

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

a. Approval of Meeting Records – October 16, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

8. Action Items

a. Consultant Selection for Triennial Performance Audits

Motion was made (Atkins-Salazar/Jorgensen) to recommend that the HCAOG Board direct HCAOG's Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations with Moore & Associates to conduct the Triennial Performance Audits for fiscal years 2022/23 through 2024/25.

Motion was approved unanimously.

b. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administrative Draft

Several comments and suggestions were received from the PAC for edits.

Motion was made (Wilson/Atkins-Salazar) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the full public draft of the RTP Update, *VROOM 2026-2046*, for the formal 30-day public review and comment period.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Colin Fiske
- Wendy Ring
- Kristin Kenyon
- Julie M.

c. 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Motion was made (Jorgensen/Sawatzky) to recommend that the HCAOG Board Resolution 25-22 amending the Regional Transportation Plan to include the Hawthorn and Humboldt Bike Boulevard and Francis Street Rehabilitation Project and approve Resolution 25-23 adopting the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

(RTIP) and direct staff to submit the RTIP to Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Colin Fiske
- Amy Nielsen

9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd announced the upcoming meetings, community workshops, and walk audits that will take place during the week of December 1-5. There have been some meetings regarding the Regional Climate Action Plan Committee and staff expect to bring updates and potentially an action item to an upcoming meeting.

b. Caltrans Report

Jeff Pimentel discussed updates on the Indianola Undercrossing project. Catharine Crayne shared that District 1 is beginning work on corridor management plans for US 101 and State Route 36 and there will be stakeholder outreach beginning next month. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications for fiscal year 2026/27 are due November 21st with award announcements in April or May.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

PAC Member Arroyo discussed increased ridership in August and announced that she will share a video about HTA's new hydrogen bus at the next meeting. Mayor Sawatzky announced the continued search for a City Manager and other updates from the City of Blue Lake.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.