



**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.