



**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**

January 15, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Steven Madrone
Mayor Kim Bergel
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Mayor Kimberley White
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

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

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand

Caltrans

Absent:

Councilmember Robert Orr
Mayor John Sawatsky
Natalie Arroyo (PAC)

City of Rio Dell
City of Blue Lake
Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Stevie Luther

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Associate Regional Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of January 15, 2026, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- J.M. – Requesting research for diesel hybrid buses and HCD facilitation

3. Board Action Items

a. 2026 Election of Officers and Appointment of a California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Delegate

Motion was made (Madrone/Kenny) to elect Mayor Mike Johnson as the Chair and Mayor Kim Bergel as the Vice Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) to elect Councilmember Skip Jorgensen as the third Executive Committee Member for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) to elect Mayor Kimberley White as the CALCOG Delegate for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Jorgensen/Bergel) to approve the following consent items:

a. Approval of Meeting Records – December 18, 2025

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. Discussion Items

a. Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) Update

The PAC received an update on the Regional Climate Action Plan and HCAOG's potential role in accommodating the Regional Climate Committee and the Climate Program Manager and provided direction to staff to continue to explore taking on the RCAP coordination role.

b. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Comment Review

The PAC received an update on the public comments received on the draft 2026 RTP and provided direction to staff for the final draft.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

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:

- The Trails Ad Hoc Committee will meet next week to discuss trail mile marking for emergency access and funding augmentation for unforeseen maintenance needs.
- Updates from a recent Great Redwood Trail Agency meeting.
- The Request for Proposals for the Pavement Management Program will be closing on January 16th and a proposed consultant contract will be brought to the February Board meeting.
- A Request for Proposals for the Loleta Safe Routes to School project will be released in a week or two.
- HCAOG will be working with partner agencies for the Vision Zero Demonstration Projects outreach in the coming weeks.
- The final draft of the Regional Transportation Plan will be brought to the February Board meeting.
- An appeal was received by City of Eureka on the recently adopted RHNA Methodology. HCAOG is working with HCD staff and the methodology will be brought back to the Board at the February or March meeting.

b. Caltrans Report

Tatiana Ahlstrand shared the following updates:

- Work continues on the Indianola Undercrossing and upcoming work includes the installation of a traffic signal at Jacobs Avenue, ramp construction, removal of median crossings, creating a connection at Indianola to the Bay Trail and reopening the cutoff. Work is planned to be finished by the end of the summer.
- There is link to a new Project Communication Form included with the quarterly Caltrans Milestones package that can be used by Board members to become more involved in Caltrans projects.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Approved