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Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Peggy Martinez
Orlando Payne
Susan Cleverdon
Isa Pritting
Greg Pratt
Cody Ferreira
Saskia Rymer-Burnett
Charlotte Merkel
Patricia Ulmer (Via Zoom)
Carol Moné

Advocate for People with Disabilities
Social Service Provider for Seniors
Social Service Provider for Seniors
Advocate for Persons of Limited Means
Regional Transit Authority
Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
Vice-Chair
County of Humboldt
Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe
Coalition for Responsible Transportation

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Stevie Luther

Executive Director
Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Richard Johnson (Chair)
Juliannah Harris
Catherine Sundquist
Kaylyn Stainbrook
Krista Paddock
Jaison Chand

Advocate for Senior Transit Users
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Transit Operator – City of Fortuna
Advisory Member
Advisory Member

Call to Order – Vice-Chair Rymer-Burnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation on non-agenda items at this meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Records

Motion was made (Pratt/Martinez) to approve the meeting records of September 3, 2025, and November 5, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action Items

a. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Final Draft and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Addendum

Motion was made (Pratt/Merkel) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt the Addendum to the FEIR and approve the final draft of the RTP update, *VROOM 2026-2046*, with the suggested edit of including discussion in the report for why the transit ridership targets have been difficult to meet.

Motion passed with Moné and Martinez abstaining.

5. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd recapped the RTP timeline and notified the SSTAC that Fortuna Transit has been directed by their City Council to initiate converting their paratransit system into a paratransit and general public microtransit system.

Associate Planner Stevie Luther reported on the progress of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. The next SSTAC meeting in March will include the draft UTN Report of Findings. He also announced the 5310 grant awardees including Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Area 1 Agency of Aging, and Humboldt Transit Authority. Discussion took place about the complicated nature of this application.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the status of the Partnering Assets and Authorities for Comprehensive Transit (PAACT) project.

6. SSTAC Member Reports

Greg Pratt requested that HCAOG staff send reminders to non-attending members about attendance requirements and the option to move to an advisory position.

Saskia Rymer-Burnett discussed updates on the District Transit Plan.

Susan Cleverdon requested information on any available grants that might be able to help fund the volunteer driver program at Area 1 Agency on Aging while they wait for their 5310 grant award.

Adjournment: 2:18 p.m.