



**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**

February 19, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Supervisor Mike Wilson (Alternate, via Zoom)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny	City of Trinidad
Mayor Kimberley White	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Julie Woodall (Alternate)	City of Rio Dell
Mayor John Sawatsky	City of Blue Lake

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Absent:

None

Staff:

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of February 19, 2026, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

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. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Meeting Record – January 15, 2025

- b. FY 2026-27 Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Fund Apportionment
- c. Humboldt Transit Authority FY 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim
- d. Consultant Selection for Pavement Management Program 2026 Update

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

6. Action Items

a. Draft FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Motion was made (Kenny/Jorgensen) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the Draft FY 2026-27 OWP and Budget and direct staff to forward to Caltrans for review and comments.

Motion was approved unanimously.

b. SB 125 Formula Transit Funding Revised Regional Allocation

Motion was made (White/Sawatzky) to approve the revised SB 125 transit funding allocation and direct staff to submit to CalSTA.

Motion was approved unanimously.

c. Adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Certification of Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report

Motion was made (Bergel/White) to accept the addition of all new major transit stops with the exception of the stop located in the City of Fortuna.

Motion was approved with Kenny and Sawatzky voting no.

Motion was made (Wilson/Bergel) to reinstate the Funding Consistency Analysis Policy into the RTP.

Motion was approved with Jorgensen and Kenny voting no.

Motion was made (Kenny/Sawatzky) to adopt Resolution 26-03 certifying Addendum #3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Humboldt RTP 2013-14 update.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made (Sawatzky/Arroyo) to adopt Resolution 26-04 adopting the Regional Transportation Plan *Variety in Rural Options of Mobility 2026-2046*.

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following:

- The RNHA Methodology was approved by Housing and Community Development. There will be a supplementary appeal and comment period, and an appeal hearing will take place at the next HCAOG Board Meeting on March 19th.

- McKinleyville Community Services District has submitted a formal request for consideration of a member seat on the TAC. This item will be taken to the TAC and Board at the March meetings.

b. Caltrans Report

Tatiana Ahlstrand shared the following updates:

- Broadway Complete Streets Project work is almost completed. Final steps will take place in June including the signal at Hilfiker.
- The remaining tasks needed to open Indianola are the removal of 4 median crossovers between NB and SB 101 and electrical work. This work is planned for completion by June. The electrical work and traffic signal installation at Airport Road is scheduled to begin in June.
- The guidelines for the Prop 4 Urban Greening program were released last week. Funding will be awarded in 2 competitive cycles, with just over \$46M available in the first round (and \$100M in total over the next couple of cycles). Solicitations for Round 1 open Spring 2026.
- Headquarters announced awards for Round 3 of the Clean CA grant program and 8 applications in District 1 were funded, with 5 of those in Humboldt County. The program predominately funded litter abatement and workforce development efforts.
- A draft engagement strategy and existing conditions for the District Transit Plan will be released at the end of February/early March. Engagement will begin in April and continue through July.
- This year's Annual Caltrans Tribal Summit for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties will be held in Eureka on May 27th at the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria. Save the dates are going out and more information will be coming soon.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

Natalie Arroyo shared the following updates:

- HTA is working on outreach and scheduling to achieve 30-minute headways and streamlining stops.
- There was an increase in ridership, cash payments, and use of the Jack Pass in 2025.
- HTA has moved to a 4-day work week for all employees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.