



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
Regional Transportation Planning Agency  
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority  
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies  
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**MEETING RECORD**

**Regular Meeting**

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

**Alternate Meeting Sites:**

Contact: Samuel Martinez  
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room  
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA

Contact: Misty Rickwalt  
Karuk Tribal Office Council Chambers  
37960 Highway 96, Orleans, CA

**Present:**

Brendan Byrd  
Catharine Crayne  
Jesse Willor  
Jordan Ludtke  
Michelle Nielsen  
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)  
David Caisse (Alternate)  
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)  
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Steven Pearl  
Jeff Hodge  
Camille Penny (Alternate)  
Tom Mattson (Via Zoom)  
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory)  
Isaac McKinney (Advisory)

City of Fortuna  
Caltrans  
City of Eureka  
City of Blue Lake  
City of Ferndale  
Karuk Tribe  
City of Arcata  
Trinidad Rancheria  
Yurok Tribe  
City of Rio Dell  
Hoopa Tribe  
City of Trinidad  
County of Humboldt  
City of Fortuna – Transit  
Blue Lake Rancheria

**Absent:**

Katie Collender  
John McGinnis (Advisory)  
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)

Humboldt Transit Authority  
Bear River Band Rancheria  
California Highway Patrol

**Staff:**

Debbie Egger  
Amy Eberwein  
Oona Smith

Interim Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Senior Regional Planner

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Vice-Chair Tom Mattson called the meeting of March 6, 2025, to order at 2:32 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**3. Presentations**

**a. Eureka 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets Projects Update**

Caltrans District 1 HM4 Safety Program Lead, Mark Mueller, provided updates on the Eureka 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets projects that are scheduled for construction this summer.

**4. Discussion Items**

**a. Level of Traffic Stress Preliminary Results**

HCAOG Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith, CRTP Executive Director Colin Fiske, and members of the GHD consultant team presented the Draft Bike and Pedestrian LTS preliminary scores for review. The TAC provided comments.

**b. Humboldt County's Roads/911 Emergency Response Measure O**

Humboldt County Public Works Director, Tom Mattson, presented information about the road project selections and spending plan from the roads portion of Measure O tax funds. The TAC provided input.

**5. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Byrd/Nielsen) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

**a. Approval of Meeting Record – March 6, 2025**

**Motion was approved unanimously**

**6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None**

**7. Action Items**

**a. 2025 2% Bike and Pedestrian Funding Requests**

**Motion was made** (Byrd/Willor) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to approve the City of Arcata's 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% allocation request.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Transit Needs: Humboldt County's Roads/911 Emergency Response Measure O**

**Motion was made** (Byrd/Pearl) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board that the transit portion of Measure O Tax Funds be distributed to transit agencies that are eligible for the Transportation Development Act State Transit Assistance Funds and that provide transit services to the general public with the option to reassess eligibility requirements annually.

**Motion was approved with Mattson and Nielsen abstaining.**

**8. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed the following:

- The HCAOG Board approved the formation of the RTP Ad Hoc Committee.
- Requested information related to the Vision Zero Action Plan and discussed upcoming meetings with the consultants at SmithGroup.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the following:

- There will be a community workshop on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss creating Safe Routes to School pop up projects as well as pop up demonstrations for Fuente Nueva Charter School in Arcata.
- May is Bike Month! There will be a bike celebration at Jefferson Community Center on May 31<sup>st</sup> as well as the month long bike challenge via the Love to Ride app.

## 9. TAC Member Reports

- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
  - Caltrans will host a public meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Manila Community Center for the draft Corridor Management Plan for State Route 255.
  - Caltrans is developing a District One Roundabout Approval Process to maintain consistency when approving roundabouts on the state highway system.
  - In December, new guidance was released for the Intersection Safety and Operational Assessment Process and a new approval process is expected to be completed sometime this spring.
  - The two-year District Transit Plan has begun to identify transit needs on the state highway system.
  - The 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award announcements will take place in mid-June. There was one application from Humboldt County that was submitted by HCAOG.
  - The Annette Brooks Memorial Bridge dedication will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Brendan Byrd discussed his participation in the Caltrans Transportation Asset Management Plan kickoff and upcoming HCAOG and TAC member involvement in the process.
- Tom Mattson discussed concerns with potential changes to FEMA.

**Adjournment 3:50 p.m.**

APPROVED