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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting

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

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)
Orlando Payne
Juliannah Harris
Isa Pritting
Greg Pratt
Cody Ferreira
Saskia Rymer-Burnett
Charlotte Merkel
Kaylyn Stainbrook
Patricia Ulmer (Via Zoom)
Tom Wheeler (Alternate)
Carol Mone (non-voting, via Zoom)

Advocate for Senior Transit Users
Social Service Provider for Seniors
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Advocate for Persons of Limited Means
Regional Transit Authority
Consolidated Transportation Service Agency
Vice-Chair
County of Humboldt
Transit Operator – City of Fortuna
Transit Operator – Yurok Tribe
Coalition for Responsible Transportation
Coalition for Responsible Transportation

Staff:

Brendan Byrd
Amy Eberwein
Oona Smith
Stevie Luther

Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer
Senior Regional Planner
Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Peggy Martinez
Susan Cleverdon
Catherine Sundquist
Krista Paddock
Jaison Chand

Advocate for People with Disabilities
Social Service Provider for Seniors
Social Service Provider for Disabled
Advisory Member
Advisory Member

Call to Order – Chair Johnson 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/Rymer-Burnett) to approve the meeting records of February 4, 2026.

Motion passed with Johnson abstaining.

4. Discussion Items

a. Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) FY 2026-27 Measure O Transit Spending Plan

Greg Pratt, General Manager of HTA presented the draft 2026-27 Measure O Transit Spending Plan.

b. Dial a Ride (DAR) Analysis Report

Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner, reviewed the DAR Analysis Report. Greg Pratt provided additional information on the DAR program and discussion took place regarding the challenges of the program as it is currently operated.

c. Humboldt Partnering Assets & Authorities for Comprehensive Transit (PAACT) Project April Workshops

Oona Smith, Senior Regional Planner, provide information on upcoming PAACT workshops and asked SSTAC to consider attending events.

d. FY 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Draft Report of Findings

Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview of the unmet transit needs comments received and the preliminary analysis of the draft report. Discussion took place regarding the marginal farebox ratio and the lack of funding for transit. Staff will expand the analysis of the Eureka Transit System and Redwood Transit System in the final draft of the report. Discussion took place regarding potential updates to the HCAOG TDA Rules, but there was no consensus from the SSTAC on whether this item should be brought back. Staff recommended proceeding with the UTN process with the current TDA rules, and that further discussions regarding the TDA rules and the UTN process could happen after this year's UTN process.

5. HCAOG Executive Director Report

None

6. SSTAC Member Reports

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

Adjournment: 2:48 p.m.