



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING RECORD**

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

**Present:**

Mayor Kim Bergel (Vice-Chair)	City of Eureka
Supervisor Mike Wilson (Alternate)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kimberley White	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Mayor John Sawatsky	City of Blue Lake

**Policy Advisory Committee Members:**

Tatiana Ahlstrand (Via Zoom)	Caltrans
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**Absent:**

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell
Natalie Arroyo (PAC Member)	Humboldt Transit Authority

**Staff:**

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Bergel called the special meeting of April 30, 2026, to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

**3. Presentations**

None

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Julie M: Importance of infrastructure improvements**

**5. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve the Meeting Record for March 19, 2026.
- b. Approve the 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% Allocation Requests for City of Eureka in the amount of \$22,000 and City of Arcata in the amount of \$7,774.
- c. Adopt Resolution 26-05 approving the City of Blue Lake's FY 2025-26 LTF claim in the amount of \$43,271.
- d. Adopt Resolution 26-06, authorizing the execution of a standard agreement with the CHP for supplemental patrols on State Routes 36, 96, and 169.
- e. Approve revisions to the TAC bylaws including adding MCSD as an advisory member.
- f. Adopt Resolution 26-07 approving FY 2025-26 Cycle A LCTOP funding for Humboldt Transit Authority in the amount of \$263,214.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

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

**7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**8. Board Action Items**

**a. Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Appeal Final Determination**

**Motion was made** (Wilson/Sawatzky) to adopt the written determination denying the Cycle 7 RHNA appeal filed by the City of Eureka and direct staff to finalize the draft Regional Housing Needs Plan for consideration of adoption at a future Board meeting.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**9. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports**

**a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report**

None

**b. Caltrans Report**

Jeff Pimentel shared the following updates:

- The Indianola Cutoff on and off ramps and the Humboldt Bay Trail connections should also be completed prior to the ribbon-cutting which is planned for May 28th.
- South bound traffic on the Eureka Slough bridges is being diverted for repairs.
- Signal equipment at South Broadway and Hilfiker has been installed but is not operational. The project should be completed this summer.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

None

**10. Closed Session**

The Board met in closed session regarding public employee appointment/employment.

**a.** The Board accepted the resignation of Executive Director Brendan Byrd.

**b.** The Board directed Executive Director Byrd to select an Interim Executive Director and bring back a contract at the next meeting.

**c. Motion was made** (Wilson/Bergel) to select Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Bergel to serve as the hiring committee.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

- d. The Board directed the Executive Director to work with Tripepi, Smith and Associates for recruitment outreach support. The Executive Director and the hiring committee will perform resume evaluations and interviews.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved