



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

May 21, 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 Steve Madrone (via Zoom)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny (via Zoom)	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Del
Mayor Kimberley White	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
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Absent:

Mayor John Sawatsky	City of Blue Lake
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Brendan Byrd	Executive Director
Oona Smith	Senior Regional Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of May 21, 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. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

4. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve the Meeting Records for April 16, 2026, and April 30, 2026.

- b. Approve CAE’s request to change their SSTAC membership from a discretionary voting membership to an advisory membership and approve the appointment of a Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation representative to the SSTAC.
- c. Adopt Resolution 26-13 approving the FY 2026-27 UTN Report of Findings determining there are no unmet transit needs reasonable to meet.
- d. Adopt Resolution 26-09 approving the revised HCAOG Travel Policies and Guidelines.
- e. Adopt Resolution 26-10 approving the final Overall Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
- f. Adopt Resolution 26-11 approving the County of Humboldt FY 2025-26 LTF claim in the amount of \$2,638,668.
- g. Amend and restate Resolution 26-08 approving the 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian 2% allocation requests for the City of Arcata in the amount of \$28,774, City of Eureka in the amount of \$22,000, and Humboldt Transit Authority in the amount of \$22,170.
- h. Approve the Dial-A-Ride Funding Agreement as proposed by Humboldt Transit Authority and authorize the Executive Director to sign the one-year contract approving HCAOG’s portion of \$150,469 for the supplemental paratransit service for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
- i. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign the FY 2026-27 contract with Humboldt Transit Authority for CTSA services in the amount of \$150,470.

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

6. Action Items

a. Commercial Lease Agreement Extension for the HCAOG Offices

Motion was made (Jorgensen/Bergel) to approve and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a Commercial Lease Agreement for up to 5-years with the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria for the property at 611 I Street Suite B, Eureka.

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Board Action Items

a. Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Motion was made (White/Jorgensen) to adopt Resolution 26-12 approving the 2026 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan, and direct staff to submit the plan and resolution to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Motion was approved unanimously.

9. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Brendan Byrd discussed the following:

- Regional Climate Action Plan has been adopted by five local agencies and work continues on housing the Climate Manager position at RCEA.

- The City of Fortuna approved the proposed major transit stop to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A future RTP addendum will be brought to the board, which may also include the reduction of current major transit stops as a result of ongoing RTS streamlining planning by HTA.
- Staff attended a retirement party for Humboldt Transit Authority's General Manager Greg Pratt.
- Open recruitment for the Executive Director position closes on May 29th after which the hiring committee will convene for a review of applicants.

b. Caltrans Report

- The Tribal Transportation Summit will take place on May 27th
- The Indianola Cutoff ribbon cutting will take place on May 28th
- There is a ribbon cutting for the Eureka Gateway sign on May 28th
- Public comment for the Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan closes on June 30th
- The District 1 Transportation Planning Open House will take place on June 16th
- Announcements for the 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program will be released in the last week of May

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- Mayor Bergel expressed appreciation for the Bike Celebration Fair and announced the Kinetic Sculpture Race will take place Memorial Day weekend
- Chair Johnson discussed the upcoming Bike Rodeo at the Walker Elementary

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.