



**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**

July 16, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair)
Supervisor Steve Madrone
Mayor Kim Bergel
Mayor John Sawatzky
Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen

City of Fortuna
County of Humboldt
City of Eureka
City of Blue Lake
City of Trinidad
City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand
Natalie Arroyo

Caltrans
Humboldt Transit Authority

Absent:

Councilmember Robert Orr
Mayor Kimberley White

City of Rio Del
City of Arcata

Staff:

Debbie Egger
Amy Eberwein

Interim Executive Director
Administrative Services Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnson called the meeting of June 18, 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. Presentations

a. Last Chance Grade Project

This item was moved and heard after Item 8.

5. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve the Meeting Record for June 18, 2026.
- b. Adopt Resolution 26-18 approving the City of Ferndale's FY 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund claim in the amount of \$46,202.63.
- c. Adopt Resolution 26-19 approving the City of Fortuna's FY 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund claim in the amount of \$414,084.85.
- d. Adopt Resolution 26-20 approving the City of Rio Dell's FY 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund claim in the amount of \$131,801.96.
- e. Adopt Resolution 26-21 approving the programming of FFY 2026 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program funds to the Humboldt Transit Authority for Operating Assistance. Adopt Resolution 26-22 authorizing the Executive Director sign and execute a certification and assurance form for all FFY 2026 5311(f) applications that meet the program requirements.

Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar – None

7. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Madrone/Bergel) 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

- Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed being back in the office and the 101 corridor project.

b. Caltrans Report

- Indianola Interchange Project: The median crossing closures at Mid-City Motors, the site of the old mill, Bracut, and Bayside Cutoff will start next week. The construction of the northbound traffic signal at Airport Road is underway and should go live at the end of July or early August. All construction activities should be wrapped up by the end of the summer.
- Eureka Slough Bridge Project: Piling driving has started on the repair of the existing bridge and is estimated to continue through October of this year.
- Fourth and Fifth Street Corridor Feasibility Study: The study will look at safety operations and integration of bike, pedestrian, and transit. It is expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.
- Hilfiker Traffic Signal: Expected to go live at the end of August.
- US 101 Corridor Management Plan: The draft US 101 Corridor Management Plan is still open for public comment.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

- PAC Member Arroyo discussed upcoming grant funded capital improvement projects including the Eureka Intermodal Transit Station groundbreaking in August and pavement and capacity improvements at W Street this summer.

4. Presentations

a. Last Chance Grade Project

Caltrans Project Manager Lianna Winkler-Prins presented updates on the Last Chance Grade Project.

9. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session regarding public employee appointment/employment. **Motion was made** (Bergel/Madrone) to direct the Interim Executive Director to finalize the employment contract with Rob Holmlund for the Executive Director position with a start date of August 17, 2026.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Approved