**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**
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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RECORD

August 20, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Present:**

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| Mayor Mike Johnson (Chair) | City of Fortuna |
| Supervisor Steve Madrone | County of Humboldt |
| Mayor Kim Bergel | City of Eureka |
| Mayor John Sawatzky | City of Blue Lake |
| Mayor Pro Tem Bryce Kenny | City of Trinidad |
| Mayor Kimberley White | City of Arcata |
| Councilmember Skip Jorgensen | City of Ferndale |

**Policy Advisory Committee Members:**

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| Tatiana Ahlstrand | Caltrans |
| Natalie Arroyo | Humboldt Transit Authority |

**Absent:**

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| Councilmember Robert Orr | City of Rio Dell |

**Staff:**

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| Rob Holmlund | Executive Director |
| Amy Eberwein | Fiscal Administrative Officer |
| Stevie Luther | Senior Regional Planner |
| Oona Smith | Senior Regional Planner |

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Johnson called the meeting of August 20, 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** (Sawatzky/White) to approve the following consent items:
   **a.** Approve the Meeting Record for July 16, 2026.

Approved

**b.** Remove Debbie Egger from all Coast Central Credit Union accounts and authorize Rob Holmlund as the primary signatory on all accounts. Amy Eberwein and Mike Johnson to remain as secondary signatories. Authorize the opening of a CCCU Visa Credit Card for Rob Holmlund in the amount of $10,000.
**Motion was approved unanimously.**

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

6. **Discussion Items**
   a. **Draft Proposal Regarding Emergency Response Following Bayside Cutoff Closure**
   The PAC discussed a letter written by Bayside resident Paul Nicholson to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding concerns about delayed emergency response times in the Bayside/Jacoby Creek area following the closure of the Bayside Cutoff. Jeff Pimentel of Caltrans discussed the next steps for addressing these concerns.

7. **Action Items**
   a. **Delegating Authority to the Executive Director to Execute Certain Documents on Behalf of the Board**
   **Motion was made** (Madrone/Arroyo) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 26-23, delegating limited authority to the Executive Director to execute and transmit specified routine correspondence, grant-related documents, administrative documents, and other documents necessary to carry out programs and projects previously authorized by the Board. Letters expressing official Board policy or advocacy on legislative, regulatory, or controversial matters must be consistent with the Board-adopted Legislative Platform, or, if a Legislative Platform has not been adopted, must be consistent with the policies and priorities established in the Regional Transportation Plan, or that have been previously approved by the Board.
   **Motion was approved unanimously.**

   b. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Director Feasibility Study Report**
   **Motion was made** (Sawatzky/Jorgensen) to recommend that the HCAOG Board accept the SRTS Director Feasibility Study Report and submit the report to Caltrans as part of the program deliverables for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant.
   **Motion was approved unanimously.**

8. **Informational Items**
   a. **Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP): Draft Memorandum of Understanding for Jurisdictions and JPAs**
   Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith provided updates on the RCAP implementation progress including the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

9. **Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**
   **Motion was made (**Bergel/Kenny**)** to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.
   **Motion was approved unanimously.**

Approved

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

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

- Executive Director Rob Holmlund provided some background on himself and his plans for the further development of HCAOG.

**b. Caltrans Report**

PAC Member Tatiana Ahlstrand discussed the following:

- Caltrans is scheduled to present on the US 101 Corridor Management Plan at the August 26th McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting is in person with a remote option.
- The FY 27-28 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program call for applications went out on Monday. Applications are due Friday, October 9th. District 1 will be hosting 3 virtual office hours sessions where applicants can work with us on their draft application

Jeff Pimentel discussed updates on the merge near Mid-City Motors and the Eureka Slough Bridge Project.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

- Mayor White discussed her recent experiences participating in Elected Officials to Protect America.
- Mayor Sawatzky announced that City of Blue Lake is making progress on their housing element and it should be completed by next July.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Approved