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**AGENDA ITEM 7b**  
TAC Meeting  
April 7, 2022

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DATE: March 30, 2022  
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Funding**

**STAFF REPORT**

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**Staff's Recommended Action:**

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:  
"I move that the TAC forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board programming \$116,426 HIP funding allocation, and recommend changes to the prior HIP programming"

**Staff Summary:**

The Humboldt region has unobligated Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funding from Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$116,426. These are federal funds and must be obligated by September 30, 2024 and expended by September 30, 2029. Roads classified *higher* than local or rural minor collector are eligible. The non-federal match requirement is 11.47% for most projects. Accepting these funds federalizes the project, and requires National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

HCAOG sent a letter to eligible applicants on March 21, 2022 asking that they come to the TAC meeting with projects for consideration. Staff asks that the TAC discuss possible projects for these unobligated funds and make a recommendation to the HCAOG Board.

Additionally, the City of Arcata, was the recipient of FFY 2018-2019 HIP funding to be applied to the construction phase of the Old Arcata Road project. The project will not enter the construction phase prior to the obligation deadline. However due to increased cost for the preliminary engineering phase, the 2018-2019 HIP funds totaling \$492,029, can be applied to that phase as an administrative modification to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. that can be process through Caltrans. Staff requests the TAC's recommendation to pursue the administrative modification.