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**HCAOG Hosts Two Weeks of Community Events to Advance Safer, More Connected Neighborhoods Across Humboldt County**

*National experts to lead walking and biking audits, corridor reviews, and a regional community workshop December 1–3, 2025; HCAOG to kick off with a weeklong webinar primer series*

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) is hosting a series of community events December 1–3, 2025, as part of the Humboldt Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning Project. The initiative is focused on improving roadway safety, expanding travel choices, and strengthening connected neighborhoods throughout the region.

Nationally recognized experts **Dan Burden**, **Victor Dover**, and **Josh Meyer** will visit Humboldt County to walk key corridors, meet with residents and local staff, and lead a public workshop on tools and strategies for creating safer, walkable/rollable, and more vibrant communities. Their visit is funded in part by a Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant.

To dive in early and get ready for the December events, HCAOG invites locals to gather, in person or virtually, to watch pre-recorded webinars and enjoy brief roundtable chats with fellow locals who are interested in how Humboldt grows. The “webinar roundtables” will begin at noon on Nov. 21 (Fri), Nov. 25 (Tue), and Nov. 26 (Wed.), on topics including the essential value of street trees, the need for missing middle housing, and how accessibility and design affect quality of life. Register at [hcaog.net/vibrant-walkablerollable-livable-neighborhoods](https://hcaog.net/vibrant-walkablerollable-livable-neighborhoods).

“These events are a hands-on opportunity for community members to walk/roll their streets with national leaders, share local lived experience, and help shape safer and more inviting—and more fiscally sustainable—places for all,” said **Oona Smith**, Senior Regional Planner at HCAOG.

**Schedule of Events**

**HOOPA WALK & BIKE AUDIT**

**Monday, December 1 • 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Meet at: *The Training Room, the Firehouse, 11121 CA-96, Hoopa, CA*

Walking audit of Tish Tang Road, Airport Road, and the corridor to K’ima:w Medical Center.

### **ARCATA WALK & BIKE AUDIT**

**Tuesday, December 2 · 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

Meet at: *Intersection of Giuntoli & Mad River Parkway, Arcata, CA*

Walking and biking audit of Giuntoli Lane and the Valley West/East corridors.

### **EUREKA WALK & BIKE AUDIT**

**Tuesday, December 2 · 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

Meet at: *Harris & G Street parking lot (Poleski's Appliance), Eureka, CA*

Walking audit of Harris and Henderson Streets through the Henderson Center corridor.

### **MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 2 · 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Location: *Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, CA*

A community conversation on safety, mobility, and neighborhood connections.

### **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP — “Join the Conversation”**

**Wednesday, December 3 · Program: 6:00–8:00 PM**

**Agency Tabling: 5:30–6:00 PM & 8:00–8:30 PM**

Location: *Great Room, Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA*

A regional workshop with national experts exploring tools, best practices, and next steps for creating safer, more connected neighborhoods across Humboldt County.

### **About the Project**

The **Humboldt Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning Project** aims to create safer roadways, improve multimodal access, and support thriving, connected communities. The project will help guide future planning, infrastructure investments, and policy updates across the region.

### **About Our Experts**

**Dan Burden:** Dan Burden is a Fellow at Blue Zones and one of North America’s most influential leaders in safe systems, active transportation, and walkable community design. A White House Champion of Change and named by TIME magazine as one of the world’s six most important civic innovators, Dan has helped thousands of communities reimagine their streets, trails, and connections. Through hands-on workshops and community engagement, he brings practical strategies for transforming streets into safer, more vibrant public spaces.

**Victor Dover:** Victor Dover is the Founding Principal of Dover, Kohl & Partners and an internationally respected town planner. A Fellow of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Congress for the New Urbanism, he co-authored *Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities & Towns*, the leading text on street design worldwide. Victor is a recipient of the John

Nolen Medal and the 2024 Seaside Prize and is known for helping communities create and restore walkable, people-centered neighborhoods.

**Josh Meyer:** Josh Meyer is the Director of Community Design Programs at CivicWell, where he leads technical assistance efforts in land use, transportation, and multimodal access. He has deep experience managing complex planning programs, facilitating public workshops and charrettes, and helping local governments translate bold ideas into implementable plans. Josh is known for supporting communities in building safer, more connected places through collaborative design.

**For More Information:** [www.hcaog.net/vibrant-walkablerollable-livable-neighborhoods](http://www.hcaog.net/vibrant-walkablerollable-livable-neighborhoods)

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