

Friday, February 27, 2026

To the Members of the HCAOG Technical Advisory Committee,

I am writing to formally urge your support for granting the McKinleyville Community Services District a seat on the Technical Advisory Committee. As you consider this request, it is vital to recognize the direct link between regional transportation planning and the MCSD's fundamental responsibility: the long-term maintenance of critical public infrastructure. It's my understanding that the last time we requested a seat, it was denied because the MCSD "doesn't have any roads." While road maintenance is not one of our granted latent powers, we certainly have a vested interest.

The MCSD manages the water and wastewater systems that serve the largest unincorporated population in Humboldt County. Much of this essential infrastructure is located within or adjacent to the regional transportation network and the county maintained road system. Future projects, including the development of the Town Center and essential traffic-calming measures on Central Avenue, will have significant, long-term impacts on the District's ability to access, repair, and sustain these systems.

Granting the MCSD a seat on the TAC ensures that technical decisions are made with a full understanding of these underlying utilities. Without our direct involvement, we risk transportation designs that inadvertently complicate or increase the cost of maintaining the services that McKinleyville residents rely on daily.

Including the MCSD provides this committee with the additional necessary insight to ensure our regional transit goals and local infrastructure needs are perfectly aligned. I strongly advocate for a "yes" vote on our inclusion.

Sincerely,

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