

# ***VROOM* – Regional Transportation Plan (2022)**

## **PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**RTP Overall Goal:** HCAOG’s goal is for Humboldt County to have a carbon-neutral, multi-modal transportation system that is comprehensive, safe, sustainable, and equitable so that people in the region can travel and move goods by the modes that best suit the individual or business/industry, and society at large.

**RTP Overall Objective:** Program all transportation funds based on multi-modal transportation goals and objectives, and needs and priorities as established in the Regional Transportation Plan.

**Tribal Transportation Goal:** Tribal communities have safe and efficient mobility options, benefit from equitable access to transportation resources, and have strong interjurisdictional partnerships for advocating and solving transportation issues of tribal communities.

**Climate Crisis Goal:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions contributed by transportation while building and maintaining a transportation system that is truly multimodal and equitable.

**Climate Crisis Goal:** Minimize the negative health, social, economic, and environmental impacts caused by global climate change and sea-level rise.

**Emergency Transportation Goal:** Humboldt County has a transportation system that will successfully serve its population in the event of a major disaster, hazard, or emergency, thereby mitigating the potential medical, financial, and emotional traumas to the community.

**Land Use/Transportation Goal:** Throughout Humboldt County, we grow communities equitably and efficiently to create safe, sustainable access to places and opportunities, while conserving or utilizing land respectfully so that future generations can also enjoy optimal land uses and value. All our communities benefit from having quality transportation choices for getting to jobs, services, and home.

**Complete Streets Goal:** Throughout Humboldt County, the streets, roads, and highway system meet the transportation and safety needs of all users, including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists, motorists, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. The region’s jurisdictions have the resources to preserve, enhance, and maintain the roadway network to support complete streets and connected communities

**Commuter Trails Goals:** Humboldt's regional trail network is a complete and seamlessly connected system that gives people options for safe, active transportation within and between communities. The California Coastal Trail within Humboldt County is a continuous public right-of-way along the coastline and a contiguous trail for non-motorized travel. The CCT fosters appreciation and stewardship of the scenic and natural resources of the North Coast.

**Public Transportation Goal:** Achieve an integrated and sustainable multimodal transportation system that provides public transportation options for all users traveling in Humboldt County. Transit and paratransit users have options for affordable, reliable and efficient transit service that effectively meets their local and regional mobility needs.

**Aviation Goal:** The regional aviation system has safe and efficient facilities and services. It is part of a strong multimodal transportation system and is adequately linked to the national aviation network for freight and passenger service. Humboldt's public-use airports and adjacent land uses and circulation patterns are compatible.

**Good Movement Goal:** Goods move in and out of Humboldt County efficiently, predictably, and cost-effectively via an intermodal transport system. The system moves passengers and goods in a manner that is economically sustainable and environmentally compatible.

### **Additional Overall Objectives**

- **Active Transportation Mode Share/Complete Streets** – Increase multi-modal mobility, balanced mode shares, and/or access. Mobility means having travel choices (for people and goods) with predictable trip times. A balanced mode share means all transportation modes are available in proportion to their efficiency and short-term and long-term costs and benefits. Increased access means more options for people to reach the goods, services, and activities they need.
- **Economic Vitality** – Support the local or regional economy by improving goods movement and transportation access, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness; by enhancing economic attractors (e.g. via walkable streets, multiuse trails, transit service, freight access, shared mobility services); and by indirectly cutting health care costs due to more active transportation or less transportation-related pollution, and by reducing consumption of foreign oil.
- **Efficient & Viable Transportation System** – Make the transportation system operate more efficiently, such as by increasing multimodal connectivity, increasing opportunities for short trips made via walking or biking, and using Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) management (e.g. Humboldt County Travel Demand Model, Street Saver, GPS tracking on transit buses, other management programs). Make the system more financially and operationally viable such as by prioritizing cost-effective investments, including climate-change and sea-level-rise adaptation

and resiliency in planning and design, pursuing stable funding, and preserving transportation assets to maximize resources and future use.

- **Environmental Stewardship & Climate Protection** – Enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Strive to achieve goals of California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375), protect and improve air, water, and land quality, help reduce transportation-related fuel and energy use, help reduce single-occupancy-vehicle (SOV) trips and motorized vehicle miles traveled (VMT), etc.
- **Equitable & Sustainable Use of Resources** – Advocate for costs and benefits (financial, environmental, health, and social) to be shared fairly. Prioritize projects based on cost effectiveness as well as need and equity for underserved populations. Coordinate transportation systems with land use for efficient, sustainable use of resources and minimize the consumption and use of finite resources such as fossil fuels.
- **Safety and Health** – Increase safety especially for the most vulnerable users (elderly, youth, pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities). Advocate the health benefits of active transportation. Advocate for Vision Zero resolutions to reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries to zero.