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**AGENDA ITEM 4a**  
**SSTAC Meeting**  
**September 3, 2025**

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DATE: August 27, 2025  
TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)  
FROM: Stephen Luther, Associate Regional Planner  
SUBJECT: **SSTAC Membership Update**

**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 SSTAC recommend that the HCAOG Board remove the City of Arcata as a member of the SSTAC."  
**AND**  
"I move that the SSTAC recommend that the HCAOG Board designate Fortuna Transit as one of the two statutorily required representatives of local service providers for the disabled and move CAE Transport, Inc to a discretionary membership seat."

**Staff Summary:**

HCAOG staff is recommending several membership changes to the SSTAC in accordance with adopted bylaws. The City of Arcata has requested to be removed as a member because the Humboldt Transit Authority now operates Arcata & Mad River Transit System. The City will continue to be involved in the Unmet Transit Needs process through the annual City Council hearing, in addition to continuing engagement in regional transportation planning through the TAC. Per Section 4.08 of the SSTAC By-laws, a member may resign with a written letter to the SSTAC Chair. The HCAOG Board will then take action to complete the membership change.

The second change is to designate Fortuna Transit as one of the two statutorily required social service providers for people with disabilities. The Transportation Development Act (TDA) statute

Section 99238(a) describes the nine required members of the SSTAC (the statutorily required members). This includes two representatives of local social service providers for the disabled. Currently these two agencies are Tri-County Independent Living and CAE Transport. Recently, the Dial-a-Ride service previously operated through CAE was brought in-house to Humboldt Transit Authority. CAE continues to provide critical service to people with disabilities through their taxi service and would remain a valued discretionary member of the SSTAC represented by Catherine Sundquist. For the purposes of meeting the intent of the statute, Fortuna Transit has agreed to serve in the role as a social service provider for the disabled. Per Section 4.06 of the SSTAC By-laws, Board action is required to change the representative for social service provider for the disabled from CAE Transport, Inc. to Fortuna Transit.

The SSTAC is being asked to make a recommendation on these membership changes to the HCAOG Board.