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AGENDA ITEM 6a
HCAOG Board Meeting
September 18, 2025

DATE: September 9, 2025
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
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 PAC recommend that the HCAOG Board remove the City of Arcata as a member of the SSTAC."
AND
"I move that the PAC 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 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 can then take action to complete the membership change. The City of Arcata's resignation letter is included as an attachment to this staff report.

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 Bylaws, Board action is required to change the representative for social service provider for the disabled from CAE Transport, Inc. to Fortuna Transit.

The SSTAC reviewed these proposed changes at their special meeting held on September 3rd, and are recommending that the HCAOG Board approve the changes as proposed.