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AGENDA ITEM 5b
TAC Meeting
February 5, 2026

DATE: January 27, 2026
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2026-27 Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Fund Apportionment**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“I move that the PAC recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 26-01 approving the FY 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund Apportionment.”

Staff Summary:

Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are a component of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding that is derived from a $\frac{1}{4}$ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. It is the main source of funding for transit operators in the region. If all transit needs are met within a jurisdiction, any funds not used on transit related activities may be used for bicycle, pedestrian, or road purposes. Qualifying transit needs are identified through HCAOG's annual Unmet Transit Needs process.

On an annual basis, the County Auditor Controller is required to provide an estimate of the upcoming fiscal year's estimate before January 31. The Humboldt County Auditor Controller's estimate of LTF funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 is \$5,416,531 which is a decrease of \$481,869 from the 2025-26 estimate. The estimate is calculated using a 1% increase while also factoring in the difference between the estimate and actual revenues from FY 2024-25.

Out of this estimate the first and second priority, based on HCAOG's adopted Rules and Regulations, allocates funds to the County Auditor (\$4,000) and to HCAOG (\$500,000) for administration and planning needs. LTF funds are one of the main sources of HCAOG's annual budget.

Of the remaining funds available the third and fourth priority are met. The third priority being the Pedestrian and Bicycle 2% set aside (\$98,251) and the fourth priority funding the regional Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) administrative costs and the region's supplemental Dial-A-Ride (combined total \$300,939).

The following table provides a comparison with the previous fiscal year apportionment:

	FY 2025-26 Estimate	FY 2026-27 Estimate	Difference
County Auditor Estimate	5,898,400	5,416,531	(481,869)
Auditor Controller Payment	(4,000)	(4,000)	-
HCAOG Administration & Planning	(500,000)	(500,000)	-
Available for Article 3 Allocation (2%)	5,394,400	4,912,531	(481,869)
Article 3 2% Bike and Ped Set Aside	(107,888)	(98,251)	(9,637)
CTSA Administration	(141,361)	(150,470)	9,109
Dial A Ride Contract	(132,639)	(150,470)	17,831
Estimated Amount Available to Jurisdictions	\$ 5,012,512	\$ 4,513,341	(499,171)

Once all off-the-top allocations are deducted, the remaining balance is apportioned to the County and cities based on population estimates provided by the Department of Finance. The 2024-25 FYE Fund Balances have also been figured into the 2026-27 apportionment. These fund balances include interest earned in 2024-25 as well as any remaining interest and unclaimed funds that have accumulated from previous fiscal years. Jurisdictions should note that apportionments are based on an estimate and any unpaid claim balances due to unavailability of funds will not be carried over into future fiscal years.

Jurisdiction	Dept. of Finance Population Projection	% of Total Population	FYE 2024-25 Fund Balance	Estimated FY 2026-27 Apportionment
Arcata	19,001	14.20%	423,856.81	1,064,717.02
Blue Lake	1,136	0.85%	1,117.35	39,432.03
Eureka	26,122	19.52%	184,545.22	1,065,580.45
Ferndale	1,361	1.02%	299.22	46,202.63
Fortuna	12,198	9.12%	2,674.25	414,084.85
Rio Dell	3,232	2.42%	22,794.00	131,801.96
Trinidad	296	0.22%	11,855.97	21,839.37
Humboldt County	70,471	52.66%	390,934.31	2,767,759.73
Total	133,817	100.00%	\$ 1,038,077.13	5,551,418.03

After Board approval of the apportionment, jurisdictions will submit claims in conformance to HCAOG's adopted Transportation Development Act Rules and Regulations, which establish eligible programs and priority uses for this funding.