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AGENDA ITEM 6a

TAC Meeting

September 4, 2025

DATE: August 28, 2025
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Trail Maintenance and Funding Ad Hoc Committee**

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:

“The TAC recommends that the HCAOG Board consider approving the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore possible maintenance funding strategies for local non-motorized trails.”

Summary:

At a TAC meeting earlier in 2025, several TAC members expressed interest in HCAOG staff further exploring possible maintenance funding strategies for the region's ever-expanding network of commuter trails. Since that meeting, HCAOG staff have also had discussions on this topic with staff from the County, local elected officials, and members of the HCAOG Board. Lastly staff have had several follow-up discussions with the Great Redwood Trail Agency, who have indicated they are also interested and eager to explore this topic further with HCAOG and local agencies.

As a result of these discussions, HCAOG staff are proposing the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore this topic further. It is expected that the Ad Hoc Committee would meet periodically throughout the year in an ongoing effort to identify or recommend potential funding sources or funding strategies for trail maintenance. Should the TAC concur with this approach and choose to recommend formation of a committee to the HCAOG Board, staff are also seeking volunteers to participate in the committee. If recommended by the TAC to move forward, the committee recommendation is expected to go to the HCAOG Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Committee meetings would likely begin in October or November.