



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD**

Hybrid Meeting
(Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361 and Resolution 21-24)
October 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Councilmember Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Supervisor Mike Wilson	County of Humboldt
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Stephen Avis	City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Member:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Absent:

Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Mayor Susan Seaman (Vice Chair)	City of Eureka

Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Oona Smith	Senior Regional Transportation Planner
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Transportation Planner

Due to lack of quorum, Item 3 was heard prior to meeting being called to order.

3. Presentation

a. Highway 101 Eureka Arcata Corridor Project

Executive Director Burks provided an update on the Highway 101 Eureka Arcata Corridor Project noting that bid openings came in under the engineers estimate. The project is scheduled to begin construction in Spring of 2023. Once a firm construction schedule is launched a public outreach campaign will be begin.

- b. COREHUB North Coast Offshore Wind Community Benefit Network Presentation**
Amy Jester, Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation Director of Policy, Advocacy & Civic Leadership provided a PowerPoint presentation on the CORE Hub and the Offshore Wind Community Benefits Network. The Offshore Wind Community Benefits Network is a collective of Tribal Nations, leaders, organizations, and governments advocating for offshore wind workforce development and community benefits. Staff was directed to return to the Board so that the Board could consider support for the Community Benefits Network.

Public Comments

Colin Fiske

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of October 20, 2022 to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convened to include representation from Caltrans and the Humboldt Transit Authority.

4. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Wilson/Jones) to approve the following consent items with a noted correction to show Mayor Atkins-Salazar as being absent from the August 18 meeting.

- a. Assembly Bill 361 Findings to allow remote meetings for the HCAOG Board and Advisory Committees.
- b. Approval of Meeting Record September 15, 2022
- c. Adopt Resolution 22-24 approving revisions to the HCAOG Personnel Policies Handbook.
- d. Approve contracting with Colantuono, Highsmith, Whatley, PC for Legal Services.
- e. Adopt Resolution 22-25 approving the Humboldt Transit Authority FY 22-23 LTF Claim.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Item 5d:

Conor Harkins

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

7. Action Items

None

8. Informational Items

9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Jones/Avis) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Burks reported on the following:

- The annual unmet transit needs process is underway. Associate Regional Planner Stevie Luther has been attending hearings throughout the county. Anyone wishing to make comments on unmet transit needs can find the survey on the HCAOG website (hcaog.net).

- The Transit Development Plan Update has also been initiated. The consultant is currently holding stakeholder interviews. HCAOG will be supplementing the stakeholder scope with HCAOG staff resources to enhance the public engagement opportunities.
- The Pavement Management Plan drafts have been issued with great involvement from TAC members.
- Redwood Region Economic Development has requested a presentation at their Board meeting, I will be sharing HCAOG's goals and policies that are in the regional transportation plan and REAP updates.
- SAFE update: The California Highway Patrol is continuing patrols on Highways 96 and 36. HCAOG has received encroachment permits from Caltrans for the ADA improvements on the call boxes.

b. Caltrans Report

Tatiana Ahlstrand reported on the following:

- Last Chance Grade: The project remains on schedule and on budget. Noting a thank you to Councilmember Gordon Johnson for his support and continued involvement on the Last Chance Grade project.
- Clean California: Willow Creek has a dump day scheduled for Nov 5th, Rio Dell and Scotia will have dump days scheduled sometime in February 2023. Caltrans is looking for community groups that are interested in partnering in the statewide community clean up, clean up kits will be provided.
- Working with City of Eureka to get the utility boxes painted along 101. Clean California cycle 2 will be announced in November.
- Highway 299 at US 101 North Off-Ramp project is currently in design and is expected to begin construction in the summer of 2023.

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Egger
Fiscal Administrative Officer