



**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)  
December 15, 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 Steve Madrone (Alternate)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Mayor Susan Seaman (Vice Chair)	City of Eureka
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell

**Policy Advisory Committee Member:**

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

**Absent:**

Councilmember Stephen Avis	City of Ferndale
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**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of December 15, 2022 to order at 4:02 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.

**3. Presentation**

**a. Proclamations Recognizing Board Members**

Chair Johnson read the proclamation recognizing service of Mayor Susan Seaman on the HCAOG Board. Board members thanked Mayor Seaman for her work on pedestrian safety. Councilmember Gordon Johnson was recognized for his service on the HCAOG Board and contributing his technical expertise to Last Chance Grade project.

**b. California Department of Transportation Road Charge Program**

The Board received a presentation from Lauren Prehoda, Caltrans Road Charge Program Manager, on the research being conducted for changes to how the statewide gas tax is collected. Supervisor Madrone brought up concern that the potential tax ballot measure to fund County Road maintenance could be in competition with a State tax depending on timing, and encouraged coordination. The program is seeking participants to sign up for a 6-month pilot study focused on rural drivers who would receive \$250 for participating. More information is available at [www.caroadcharge.com](http://www.caroadcharge.com)

**4. Public Hearing: Receive Comments on Unmet Transit Needs**

Associate Regional Planner Stevie Luther presented a summary of the annual UTN process. The public hearing was opened to receive public comments regarding transit service needs. No public comments were received.

**5. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

**6. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Jones/West) to approve the following consent item:

- a. Assembly Bill 361 Findings to allow remote meetings for the HCAOG Board and Advisory Committees.
- b. Approval of Meeting Record October 20, 2022
- c. Adopt HCAOG TDA Rules and Regulations and Article 3 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian Policies.
- d. Adopt Resolution 22-26 approving FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program & Budget Amendment #1
- e. Approve Executive Direct to sign support letters for the CORE Hub Offshore Wind Community Benefits Network.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None

**8. Action Items**

**a. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant 2.0 to Improve Transit and Housing in McKinleyville**

Executive Director Burks provided an overview of the California Housing and Community Development REAP 2.0 grant program. There is a \$6 million set-aside for the North Coast region, and we are collaborating with the County of Humboldt, the only other known applicant in the region. The application is to support development of the We Are Up 50-unit housing community in McKinleyville and an on-demand micro-transit pilot within the McKinleyville area. Supervisor Madrone expressed his appreciation for staff working on the application and for pursuing on-demand transit in McKinleyville. Mayor Seaman noted that HCAOG is in a good position to work on housing issue in the region.

Public comment from Colin Fiske read into the record.

**Motion was made** (Madrone/Seaman) to adopt Resolution 22-27 authorizing the Executive Director to submit a REAP 2.0 grant application and receive an allocation of funds if awarded.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Informational Items - None**

**10. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports**

**a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Burks reported on the land acknowledgement included in the Board agenda. SB 361 remote meeting provision is expiring, and beginning in March an in-person quorum is required. The TAC and SSTAC will also need to meet in-person. The Yurok Tribe is resuming public transit service between Orleans, Hoopa and Willow Creek. The Indianola Undercrossing project has not been awarded for contract yet. Caltrans Project Manager Jeff Pimentel will present at February Board meeting with an update on all major 101 corridor projects.

**b. Caltrans Report**

Tatiana Ahlstrand noted Last Change Grade is on schedule and thanked Councilmember Gordon Johnson for his service on the Last Chance Grade working group. There is an opening for vacant position on working group if anyone on HCAOG has interest. Update on Highway 299 work in vicinity of Arcata/Blue Lake: North Bank Road bridge was raised, now working on earthwork, approaches to bridge, paving and guardrail to be completed in early spring 2023. Work to replace culverts just east of that project area starting June 2023. Work on the Arcata Highway 101 northbound merge lanes is scheduled for summer 2023.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Luther  
Associate Regional Planner