



**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**

Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2022, 4:00 p.m.  
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications  
(in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20)

**Present:**

Mayor Susan Seaman (Vice Chair)	City of Eureka
Mayor Sue Long (Alternate)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Mike Wilson	County of Humboldt
Councilmember Sarah Shaefer (Alternate)	City of Arcata
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell
Councilmember Stephen Avis	City of Ferndale

**Policy Advisory Committee Member:**

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans District 1
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**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner

**Absent:**

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Vice Chair Mayor Seaman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

The PAC convened to include representation from Caltrans (with the Humboldt Transit Authority representative absent) for items specific to transportation.

**3. Bike Month Proclamation**

Stevie Luther read the Bike Month Proclamation acknowledging May as Bike Month and also provided information on biking events in the community directing interested parties to visit the Bike Month Humboldt 2022 – Love to Ride website. Councilmember Avis recommended amending the proclamation to read *Employees who commute by bicycle on average have less fewer sick days and higher productivity.*

**Motion was made** (Avis/Wilson) to adopt the Bike Month Proclamation.

**Motion carried unanimously**

#### **4. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (G.Johnson/Jones) to approve the following consent items

- a. Assembly Bill 361 Findings to allow remote meetings for the HCAOG Board and Advisory Committees.
- b. Approval of Meeting Record March 17, 2022 (with noted correction)
- c. Adopt Resolution 22-11 approving the 2022 Public Participation Plan and Resolution 22-12 approving the Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plan.
- d. Adopt Resolution 22-13 approving the FY 2022-23 State Transit Assistance Allocations (\$1,429,262) and Resolution 22-14 approving the FY 2022-23 State of Good Repair Allocations (\$235,410)
- e. Adopt Resolution 22-15 approving the FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects (\$2,222,086) and Resolution 22-16 authorizing Executive Director to sign and execute the certification and assurances for FFY 2022 5311(f).
- f. Adopt Resolution 22-17 approving the FY 2022-23 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings
- g. Approve Highway Infrastructure Program funds (\$116,426) for FY 20-21 to the City of Eureka and reprogram the City of Arcata's FY 2018-19 HIP funds to the preliminary engineering phase of the Old Arcata Road Project.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None

#### **7. Action Items**

#### **8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **9. HCAOG Staff and PAC Member Reports**

##### **a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Burks reported on the following:

- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended forming a working group to discuss concerns and conflicts among trail users and unclear regulations regarding e-bikes and other motorized and semi-motorized transportation devices on trails.  
Councilmember West volunteered to be a member of the working group.  
Public Comment:  
James Bellermann  
Elaine Weinreb  
Colin Fiske – Volunteered to participate in the working group.
- Through committee discussion the consensus of the TAC is to hold hybrid monthly meetings and the consensus of the SSTAC is to continue meeting virtually as long as allowed.
- Executive Director reported that she had given a presentation to the Trinidad City Council at the request of Councilmember West.

- HCAOG staff has released a notice of funding opportunity being made available through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant. The notice is inviting artists to apply for funding to tell the stories of Humboldt’s housing struggles. Deadline to apply is May 13. Information about the program is on the [HCAOG website](#).

#### **b. Caltrans Report**

Tatiana Ahlstrand provided a brief update on the Last Chance Grade project noting that the project was continuing schedule and Senator McGuire would be hosting a virtual public open house May 25 6:30 p.m. Caltrans was in the process of scheduling a date for next mitigation workshop that was expected to be in late summer or early fall 2022.

Jeff Pimentel provided an update on the following:

- The Eureka/Arcata 101 Corridor; a finalized cost estimate and engineering design for the undercrossing will be brought back to the Board’s May meeting.
- Eureka Broadway Multi Modal project; Caltrans is planning to deploy popup demonstrations along Broadway. The purpose is to allow test features prior to construction and collect data to know what works prior to a final construction project. Some of the types of changes that will be made include traffic calming measures that include lane closures, curb extensions, median refuges, and a portion of the segment will include a class four bike way with a barrier between the bike lane and the road.

Councilmember Avis inquired about the current speed limits on Broadway and what role those speed limits had in the proposed project. Jeff informed the Board that the project did not include reducing the speed limit that are set by the vehicle but the project itself should create a traffic calming effect.

Mayor Jones inquired about the Jacoby Creek bridge replacement project. Jeff Pimentel stated the project was temporarily in winter suspension but would be out of suspension in June and the bridge was scheduled to be in place in July.

Public Comment:  
Colin Fiske

#### **c. PAC Member Reports**

### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Egger  
Fiscal Administrative Officer