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Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
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RESOLUTION 22-05

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TO PARTNER WITH THE HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY APPLYING FOR A
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT THAT SUPPORT
ADOPTED POLICIES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND VEHICLE
MILES TRAVELLED**

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) is a Joint Powers Authority and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Transit Authority has indicated their intent to apply for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant and requested HCAOG to be a project partner in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes the following features:

- Purchase of zero-emission, hydrogen fuel cell buses,
- Install a hydrogen fueling station,
- Build an intermodal transit center in downtown/ Old Town Eureka in conjunction with a mixed-use housing project,
- Conduct outreach to encourage private and government fleets to convert to zero emission hydrogen fuel cells and where appropriate further the hydrogen fueling network and economy for our local region; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (*VROOM* 2022-2042) includes public transit objectives such as expanding and improving local and interregional transit services to improve mobility for people in Humboldt County, and to maximize the operating efficiency and productivity of transit systems without lowering service quality; and

WHEREAS, the *VROOM* 2022-2042 includes Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets which promote actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions vehicle miles traveled and include targets such as:

- 100% of public busses are zero-emission by 2030,
- 100% of public fleet work vehicles are zero-emission by 2036;
- Double transit trips by 2025, and again by 2030, and again by 2040,
- There is sufficient hydrogen fueling infrastructure in Humboldt County by 2030 to enable inter-county travel of medium and heavy-duty fuel cell vehicles,
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled per capita by at least 25% by 2030 and 40% by 2050,
- Starting by 2022, 80% of all new permitted housing units are in places with safe, comfortable, and convenient access to employment, shopping, and recreation by walking, biking, rolling or transit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Association of Governments supports Humboldt Transit Authority’s TIRCP grant application and approves HCAOG as a project partner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Association of Governments finds that this TIRCP grant application, if awarded, would further policies of our regional plan (*VROOM* 2022-2042) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt County Association of Governments, in the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California, this 20th day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS:

NOES: MEMBERS:

ABSENT: MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS:

Attest:

Debbie Egger,
HCAOG Fiscal Administrative Officer

Mike Johnson,
HCAOG Chair