



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD**

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

Conducted via Zoom Video Communications

(in accordance with Assembly Bill No. 361, and HCAOG Board Resolution 21-24)

Members Present:

Keenan Hilton (Acting Chair)
Isa Pritting
Suresh Ratnam
Tess Martin
Catherine Sundquist
Richard Johnson
Jaison Chand
Charlotte Merkel
Sharon Batini
Alissa Norman
Sherry Dunlap

Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
Headstart
Caltrans
Area 1 Agency on Aging
CAE Transport
Public Representative
City Ambulance of Eureka
County of Humboldt
Public Representative
Tri County Independent Living
Humboldt Transit Authority (CTSA)

Staff:

Beth Burks
Debbie Egger
Stevie Luther

Executive Director
Fiscal Administrative Officer
Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Shane Drummond
Krista Paddock
LeAnn Schuetzle
Gavin Smiley
Melissa Miguelena
Cameron Mull
Greg Pratt
Nicholas Vulich

Blue Lake Rancheria Transit
Humboldt State University
A&MRTS
Humboldt Council of the Blind
Yurok Tribe Transit
Fortuna Transit
Humboldt Transit Authority
Humboldt Senior Resource Center

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Keenan Hilton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation

No public participation.

3. Approval of Meeting Record – October 5, 2022

Motion was made (Johnson/Merkel) to approve the meeting record of October 5, 2022, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation

No presentation.

5. Action Items

a. SSTAC Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff described the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Motion was made (Chand/Johnson) to recommend that the SSTAC elect Keenan Hilton as Chair and Suresh Ratnam as Vice Chair for the 2023 calendar year.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Information Items

a. Monthly Transit Reports

Blue Lake Rancheria Transit System and Fortuna Transit reports included in packet.

b. Transit Operator Updates on Current or Upcoming Changes to Services (routes, schedules etc.)

Cashlie Goertz introduced herself as she is taking over duties from Steve Abernathy. In February, Greyhound is expected to transition to different selling system to align with parent company Flix.

c. Transit Development Plan and Triennial Performance Audit Progress

Associate Planner Stevie Luther provided a progress report of the TDP. The online survey received 183 responses and is now closed. The on-board survey is ongoing and additional efforts are underway to solicit more responses. A supplemental scope of work was added to the TDP to look at Cal Poly service alternatives. The Performance Audits are underway and data requests have been sent to transit operators.

d. Annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Process Update

Associate Planner Stevie Luther provided an update on the UTN process. Local hearings have concluded and the HCAOG hearing is scheduled for December 15. The online survey is open until December 31. Comments will come back to the SSTAC in February 2023 for consideration. Chair Hilton asked what might account for variations in number of comments received year over year. Stevie replied that past years may have been outliers with concerted citizen involvement and large quantity of comments, but that the average annual response rate of UTN comments in Humboldt County appears comparable to those received by other Councils of Governments in California.

7. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Beth Burks reported that HCAOG is applying for a REAP 2.0 grant in partnership with We Are Up and Humboldt Transit Authority. The application to the Housing and Community Development grant program will seek funding for the We Are Up housing project in McKinleyville as well as on-demand microtransit pilot in McKinleyville. Keenan asked if HCAOG had been involved with the County's McKinleyville Town Center planning. Beth responded that HCAOG has been following and recommending the most walkable, bikeable alternative.

8. SSTAC Member Reports

Jaison reported he was in the air flying on autopilot, in case his connection dropped.

Suresh provided a reminder about applications for the Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and Adaptation Planning Grant.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner