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AGENDA ITEM 7b
HCAOG Board Meeting
August 21, 2025

DATE: August 12, 2025
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Revised HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:

"I move that the PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board adopt the HCAOG Transportation Development Act Rules as revised."

Staff Summary:

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), acting in its official capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), adopts the HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules. Based on a recommendation in the Fiscal and Compliance Audit for FY 2023-24 and recent changes to regional transit operations, staff are proposing revisions as described in the bulleted list below. These revisions can also be found in the redlined version of the updated TDA rules, which is included as an attachment to this staff report.

- Annual LTF & STA Claims deadline has been changed from April 30th to June 30th in order to provide agencies more time to finalize their budgets before submitting a claim (pages 2 and 21).

- Humboldt Transit Authority was added as a DAR provider and clarification was added regarding subcontractors for Dial-A-Ride (pages 4 and 8).
- Blue Lake Rancheria was removed as a transit provider (page 4)
- The words handicapped and poor were replaced with disabled and economically disadvantaged (pages 8 and 15).

Staff will note that none of the changes recommended affect the prioritization or proportions of TDA funding, or the process for obtaining funds (outside of the extended deadline discussed above).

The TDA Rules require HCAOG to give a 30-day notice to eligible claimants prior to taking action, and this notice was given on June 17, 2025. The TDA rules were presented to the SSTAC at the August 6th meeting. At this meeting it was requested that the deadline for STA claims be moved to August 31st rather than June 30th in order to better accommodate claimants in the reimbursement process. That change was incorporated into the revised TDA Rules and brought forward at the TAC meeting on August 7, 2025. Both committees recommended that the HCAOG Board adopt the HCAOG TDA Rules as revised.