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Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
October 7 2021, 2:30 p.m.
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications
(in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20)

Present:

Netra Khatri (Chair)	City of Arcata
Mike Foget	City of Blue Lake (joined @ 2:59)
Vanessa Blodgett	City of Ferndale
Brendan Byrd (Vice Chair)	City of Fortuna
Christine Prove (Alternate)	City of Trinidad
Tom Mattson	County of Humboldt
Jon Hunt (Alternate)	Blue Lake Rancheria
Leslie Sanders (Alternate)	Trinidad Rancheria
Greg Pratt	Humboldt Transit Authority
Saskia Rymer-Burnett	Caltrans District 1
Wendell Freeman	Bear River Band Rancheria
Brandi Natt	Yurok Tribe (joined @ 3:14)
Nathan Sanger	City of Rio Dell
Jeff Hodge	Hoopa Tribe
Misty Rickwalt	Karuk Tribe

Absent:

Leann Schuetzle	Arcata & Mad River Transit System
Jesse Willor	City of Eureka
Captain Shawn Morris	California Highway Patrol

Staff:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Netra Khatri called the meeting of September 2, 2021, to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation for items not on the agenda.

4. Approval of Meeting Records – August 5, 2021

Motion was made (Pratt/Rickwalt) to approve the meeting record of September 2, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Presentation

a. Caltrans Report on the 101 Corridor Project

Executive Director Beth Burks provided an update on the Eureka/Arcata Corridor Project. Caltrans will be repackaging the project and is expected to have bids out by February 2022. The geotechnical drilling is currently taking place in the corridor and construction is estimated to start in the Fall of 2022.

b. Pavement Management Study (PMS) Progress Report

Debaroti Ghosh, NCE Consulting, provided a progress report. A kickoff meeting took place in August. To date NCE has been able to access StreetSaver information for all eight agencies and is currently waiting on information from the County Public Works Department, City of Ferndale, and from the Tribes and Rancherias.

Next steps include updating M&R records in the StreetSaver Database, uploading shapefiles, and relinking the GIS to the database. Trainings are anticipated to be scheduled in January 2022.

6. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Byrd/Rickwalt) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the follow consent item:

a. FY 21-22 Overall Work Program & Budget Amendment #1

Motion carried unanimously

7. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

8. Action Items

a. Humboldt County Online Bicycle & Trails Map App

Stevie Luther presented the item. The TAC requested an update in 6 months showing the performance of actual usage of the map app.

Public Comment:

Colin Fiske

Motion was made (Mull/Rymer-Burnett) to recommend that the HCAOG Board consider approving the Humboldt County Bicycle & Trails Map App.

Abstentions: V.Blodgett

Motion carried.

b. Service Authority for Freeway Emergency's (SAFE) Draft Strategic Plan

Stevie Luther presented the item informing the committee that the strategic plan is proposing removal of a few call boxes that have been severely underutilized. The material from the removed call boxes will be repurposed and reused to upgrade existing call boxes to satellite boxes and relocated to highways 96 and 36.

Motion was made (Rymer-Burnett/Forget) to recommend that the HCAOG Board consider adopting the SAFE Strategic Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Public Draft Regional Transportation Plan Update

Oona Smith presented the item and noted that the public survey which is currently open will close on October 31. The EIR addendum is scheduled to be presented to the TAC and Board at their November meetings with adoption of full RTP scheduled for December.

Public Comment:

Colin Fiske

Motion was made (Mattson/Rymer-Burnett) to recommend that the HCAOG Board consider approving release of the Draft RTP for formal public review.

Abstentions: V.Blodgett

Motion carried.

d. 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate

Executive Director Burks presented the item noting that a total of 12 project requests had been received. Projects were presented and discussion occurred on which projects and funding requests would be included in the 2022 RTIP.

Motion was made (Mattson/Sanger) to approve the slate of negotiated projects to be included in the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan.

Abstentions: M.Foget

Motion carried.

7. HCAOG Staff and TAC Member Reports

HCAOG Executive Director's Report

Beth Burks reported on the following:

The CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) funds, distributed through the RSTP formula, will be going to the CTC for programming in December.

Caltrans is offering a Clean California Grant to aid in beautification in local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, and pathways which includes removal of litter and debris as well as art in public spaces. A call for projects is expected to go out the beginning of December with the applications being due in the beginning of February. HCAOG will provide as much help as possible with grant applications.

Through Senate Bill 361 HCAOG meetings will continue meeting virtually as long as there is a state of emergency.

TAC Member Reports:

Tom Mattson: Applications to apply for funds through the Highway Safety Improvement Program will be coming out in the Spring. It's an easy application process for the set aside funds and encourages those looking for pedestrian improvements to apply.

John Hunt: The Blue Lake Rancheria will be producing biodiesel fuel at a faster rate than their vehicles can use it. An invitation is extended to bring, by appointment, biodiesel capable vehicles in to use a cleaner burning fuel.

8. Adjournment 4:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Egger
Fiscal Administrative Officer