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**AGENDA ITEM 7b**  
HCAOG Board Meeting  
December 21, 2017

DATE: December 14, 2017  
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)  
FROM: Marcella Clem, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Revision**

### **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:  
"The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board direct staff as necessary."

#### **Staff Summary:**

During the November Board meeting, staff forwarded a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for approval of the 2018 RTIP. During that meeting an issue was raised regarding the motion from the TAC, specifically that the prioritization presented to the Board was not reflective of the TAC's motion. The 2018 RTIP was approved at the Board meeting.

The TAC revisited the prioritization issue and requests that the HCAOG Board direct staff to resubmit the 2018 RTIP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with the following changes affecting the table on page 6 of the RTIP.

<b>Project Name and Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Requested RIP Amount</b>
Caltrans 101 Eureka-Arcata Corridor Project	Existing Project Interchange on Highway 101 at Indianola, ½ signal at Airport and Highway 101, close all other uncontrolled intersections between Eureka and Arcata	\$1,903,000 (cost increase) Priority Project #1
Caltrans 101 Eureka-Arcata Mitigation Project	Existing Project Mitigation for the Highway 101 Eureka-Arcata Corridor Project	\$1,969,000 (cost increase) Priority Project #1
<b>\$3,872,000</b>		
City of Eureka Highland/Koster Rehabilitation STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	2016 Deleted Project Rehabilitation	\$650,000 (includes cost increase) Priority Project #2
City of Eureka Hawthorne/Felt/14th Rehabilitation STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	2016 Deleted Project Rehabilitation	\$650,000 (includes cost increase) Priority Project #2
City of Eureka Waterfront Drive G to J Connection STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	New Project Multimodal connection, includes vehicle lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks and transit stops	\$735,000 (Construction only) Priority Project #3 <b>Priority Project #2</b>
<b>\$2,035,000</b>		
<b>Listed in Alphabetical Order</b>		
City of Arcata Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements	New Project Roadway rehabilitation and multimodal safety and traffic flow improvements.	\$2,388,000 Priority Project #4 <b>Priority Project #3</b>
City of Fortuna Redwood Way Paving and Pedestrian Improvements: Fortuna Boulevard to Rohnerville Road STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	New Project Rehabilitation and roadway widening between Strongs Creek and Rohnerville Road to add bike lanes, one side of sidewalk.	\$1,150,000 Priority Project #4 <b>Priority Project #3</b>
City of Trinidad Downtown Trinidad Pedestrian and Connectivity Improvements STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	New Project This project will implement complete streets improvements by removing barriers and extending new accessible routes along portions of Patrick's Point Drive, Scenic Drive, and Trinity Street.	\$550,000 Priority Project #3
County of Humboldt Pedestrian Safety Improvements and Shoulder Widening on Central Avenue from Bella Vista to Mill Creek STATE ONLY FUNDING REQUEST	New Project This project will widen and pave an intersection in McKinleyville to improve safety and transit maneuvers.	\$300,000 Priority Project #3
<b>\$4,388,000</b>		

This is a new recommendation from the TAC. The reason for the change is due to concern from the TAC that sending a prioritized list sends the wrong message to the CTC. The TAC's recommendation shows that all projects shown as Priority #3 are equal. Their concern is that providing a prioritized list will make it easier for the CTC to cut projects out of the programmed request. The TAC indicated that if the CTC receives a list showing all projects as equal, up to the maximum target amount, then there is a higher chance of all of the projects getting funded. If the maximum target amount is not available for all of the projects, the TAC indicated that we would have another opportunity to prioritize.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) guidelines disclose that when selecting projects, they “intend to consider regional agency priorities”. There is no guarantee that the CTC will request a priority a second time, but if they do, it would take a minimum of three weeks to take the issue through the TAC and Board a second time. Staff does not recommend leaving prioritization decisions in state hands. That being said, the CTC seems open to allow for a submittal of a revised RTIP after the December 15 deadline.