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AGENDA ITEM 7d
HCAOG Board Meeting
August 17, 2017

DATE: August 11, 2017
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Oona Smith, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: **Regional Transportation Plan Update Administrative Drafts: Introduction, Global Climate Crisis, and Financial Elements**

STAFF REPORT

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- Staff Summary
- *Introduction* Administrative Draft
- *Global Climate Crisis Element* Administrative Draft
- *Financial Element* Administrative Draft

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 recommend the HCAOG Board release the subject draft elements for public review and comment."

Staff Summary:

The enclosed three administrative drafts of the draft Regional Transportation (RTP) Update for 2017 are the final outstanding elements for the Board to review.

I have updated the "Introduction" chapter to recap the changes in State planning documents and changes that resulted from the passage of the federal FAST Act (Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act of 2015). I also added the text of HCAOG's mission statement. There are no substantive changes to the content.

The “Introduction” chapter in the current 2014 RTP discusses “Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change.” In this administrative draft update, I have moved that text to a new element, entitled “Global Climate Crisis.” This new draft element summarizes the climate and sea-level rise impacts that are happening now in Humboldt County, as well as projections to 2050 and 2100. This Element lists the transportation infrastructure that is most at risk to sea-level rise (from climate change and tectonic subsidence), from recent local studies and planning documents. New draft RTP objectives and policies are proposed.

The most substantive updates to the Financial Element are from the passage of the federal Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015, and the recent California Senate Bill 1 (SB1), Road Repair and Accountability Act, passed this March. More information on SB 1’s implementation will be solidified in the coming months as the California Transportation Commission adopts guidelines and even allocates ATP Augmentation funds. Therefore, some of the dollar amounts estimated and projected in this administrative draft are likely to change circa October. Moreover, the total estimated costs for RTP projects will change if, at this time, we are missing any project(s) from local jurisdictions.

These are the last three administrative draft elements of the RTP Update to approve for public review and comment (the Board has already approved the other Elements for public release). However, updated figures/maps are still outstanding. HCAOG has contracted GHD for mapping services for the RTP Update (as well as the *Regional Bike Plan Update*). As most of the draft RTP Update is ready for public review and comment, I recommend that the Board consider approving releasing the public draft of the RTP Update separately from maps, allowing for three to four more weeks for the public to review the bulk (narrative) of the plan.