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Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
September 21, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Frank Jäger (Vice-Chair)	City of Eureka
Supervisor Estelle Fennell (Alternate)	County of Humboldt
Mayor Susan Ornelas	City of Arcata
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Dwight Miller (Alternate)	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Doug Strehl	City of Fortuna
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Kevin Tucker	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Marcella Clem	Executive Director
Christie Smith	Executive Assistant

Absent:

Mayor Don Hindley	City of Ferndale
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1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Frank Jäger called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convenes to include representation from Caltrans and the Humboldt Transit Authority Board for items specific to transportation.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Approval of the Meeting Record – August 17, 2017

Motion was made (Jones/Johnson) to approve the August 17, 2017, meeting record as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Ornelas/Johnson) to approve the following consent items:

- a. FY 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund Claim
- b. FY 2017-18 Overall Work Program & Budget Amendment #1

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

7. Action Items

a. Contract Extension for HCAOG's Consultant Services Contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd., for Preparation of the Pavement Management Program (PMP) Update

Motion was made (Ornelas/Strehl) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve an Addendum to the HCAOG Consultant Services Contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers for the PMP Update, extending the contract through October 31, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. 101 Corridor Improvement Project Update

Marcella Clem provided the following report.

A working group composed of the County and the Cities of Arcata, Eureka, and Fortuna will be working with Caltrans environmental staff to provide input to be incorporated in the mitigation strategy. Updates of these working group meetings will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Marcella reported that Caltrans project manager Jeff Pimental informed HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee at their September meeting that Caltrans anticipates mitigation credits as a result of this project. If that does happen, staff will work with Caltrans to develop agreements to make sure that a fair share of the future credits is reserved for future STIP funded projects.

Councilmember Arroyo asked if the wetland mitigation portion of the project can be sent out to bid to help reduce costs associated with mitigation and create competitive bidding opportunities. Marcella will request the working group to look into this and report back at a future meeting.

Mayor Ornelas requested information on the half signal at Airport Road and asked how it ties in to closing other intersections. Marcella reported that the Technical Advisory Committee discussed this with Mr. Pimental who will look into this further and report back. Staff will update the Board at a future meeting.

Public Comment:

Doby Class, City of Arcata

c. Supplemental Patrols on 101 Safety Corridor Funded with Service Authority for Freeway Emergency (SAFE) Funds

The Board discussed the need for increased enforcement along the Safety Corridor and the guidelines for eligible uses of SAFE funds. Councilmember Gordon Johnson discussed the need for maximum enforcement and discussed using SAFE funds to fund an enforcement officer along the Safety Corridor. The Board also discussed purchasing a changeable message board to alert people to increased enforcement, to turn on their headlights, etc. Marcella will request Jeff Pimental, Caltrans Project Manager, to provide a cost estimate for the message Board at the November meeting.

Motion was made (Johnson/Fennell) to recommend the HCAOG Board, acting in the capacity of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies, direct staff to proceed in negotiating with the California Highway Patrol to fund one officer for 40 hours a week in the amount of \$200,000 a year for the first year from SAFE funds to provide traffic and speed enforcement along the 101 Safety Corridor. The Board further directed staff to fund \$50,000 from SAFE funds towards the purchase of changeable message signs.

Public Comment:

Mayor Frank Wilson, City of Rio Dell

Doby Class, City of Arcata

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Miller/Fennell) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. HCAOG Staff and PAC Members Reports

Mayor Jäger reported that the Sequoia Park Zoo is celebrating its 110th Anniversary on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from noon to 6 p.m.

Councilmember Arroyo reported that HTA will be making a determination on amending the Southern Humboldt transit service at HTA's next Board meeting on September 27, 2017.

Councilmember Strehl reported that the City of Fortuna will be hosting the Apple Harvest Festival from October 6-7, 2017.

Councilmember Arroyo reported that the City of Eureka is working on a North-South Multimodal Corridor Plan. The project area is located between J and E Streets from 6th Street to Harris Street with the focus on H and I Streets. There is a survey on the City of Eureka's website to gather public input. Workshops and public walking tours are anticipated to begin the first week of October 2017.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant