



HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD

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

Present:

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Chair	County of Humboldt
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Don Hindley	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Susan Ornelas	City of Arcata
Councilmember Doug Strehl	City of Fortuna
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell
Councilmember Dwight Miller (Alternate)	City of Trinidad

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Kevin Tucker	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Marcella Clem	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Debra Dees	Associate Planner
Christie Smith	Executive Assistant

Absent:

Mayor Frank Jäger	City of Eureka
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1. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Sundberg 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 – November 16, 2017

Motion was made (Johnson/Miller) to approve the November 16, 2017, meeting record as presented.

Motion carried.

Abstentions: Sundberg, Jones

5. Consent Calendar

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

- a. State of Good Repair (SGR) FY 2017-18 Program of Projects
- b. Revised FY 2017-18 State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Allocation Request
- c. Letter of Support for the North State Connect – Redding to Sacramento Application
- d. Revised HCAOG TDA Rules and Regulations
- e. Revised Transportation Act (TDA) Article 3, Pedestrian & Bicycle 2% Policies

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

7. Action Items

a. Supplemental Patrols on the Eureka-Arcata Highway 101 Safety Corridor Funded with Service Authority for Freeway Emergency (SAFE) Funds [Resolution 17-23]

Capt. Brett Fabbri of the California Highway Patrol provided a report on the increased enforcement that will occur during peak-hour morning and afternoon periods.

Motion was made (Johnson/Ornelas) to recommend the HCAOG Board, acting in the capacity of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies, adopt Resolution 17-23, authorizing the execution of a Standard Agreement with the California Highway Patrol to increase patrols on the Eureka-Arcata Highway 101 Safety Corridor.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

(Chair Ryan Sundberg recused himself from this item)

Marcella Clem provided a report on this item and the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee related to the prioritization of projects.

Motion was made (Johnson/Jones) to recommend the HCAOG Board direct staff to make no changes to the original RTIP submitted to the California Transportation Commission.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky
Doby Class, City of Arcata

Motion carried.

c. 2018 Draft State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)

Marcella Clem provided a report on the Draft 2018 SHOPP and the SHOPP projects accelerated by SB1.

Motion was made (Ornelas/Johnson) to provide the following comments to Caltrans before the January 2, 2018 deadline (1) request Caltrans to reprogram the Main Street Northbound 101 improvements project in the City of Fortuna (2) request Caltrans to engage local governments, which includes HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee, during the advanced planning process (3) and review the Highway 255 overcrossing project in the City of Arcata.

Public Comment:

Doby Class, City of Arcata

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2017 Update [Resolution 17-24]

Motion was made (Jones/Miller) to recommend the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 17-24 approving the Humboldt Regional Transportation Plan 2017 Update-Variety in Rural Options of Mobility (VROOM).

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

9. HCAOG Staff and PAC Members Reports

Councilmember Ornelas provided a report of the last Road Charge Program Technical Advisory Committee meeting. There has been concern from the public that the Road Charge Program will add taxes on top of the Senate Bill 1 and the gas tax by making recommendations to the State, which is not the case. At this time, the role of the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee is to conduct studies and research only.

Councilmember Johnson reported that \$5 million was approved for geotechnical studies, boring and environmental for Last Chance Grade. Before any work can begin, environmental documents need to be prepared for the drilling. Kevin Tucker reported that permits are moving forward for geotechnical work for drilling only and work is anticipated to be completed during this summer and next summer.

Councilmember Arroyo reported that one of HTA's bus drivers was recently involved in an accident with an 18-wheeler truck on Highway 299. There were no passengers aboard the bus and the bus driver was not injured. However, the driver of the truck was unconscious and the truck was on fire. The bus driver rescued the driver of the truck. HTA's Board will be recognizing their driver for his heroism at their January HTA Board meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant