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**AGENDA ITEM 9a**  
TAC Meeting  
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DATE: August 24, 2017  
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
FROM: Oona Smith, Senior Planner  
SUBJECT: **Regional Transportation Plan Update: Introduction and Global Climate Crisis Chapters (Public Drafts)**

## **STAFF REPORT**

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### **Staff Summary:**

#### **Informational Item**

The HCAOG Board of Directors, at their meeting on August 17, 2017, approved releasing three last chapters of the draft *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2017 Update*. Of the three chapters, the TAC has already reviewed and recommended the “Financial Element” for public review. The TAC has not reviewed the other two chapters: the “Introduction,” and the “Global Climate Crisis Element,” which is a new, optional RTP chapter.

Briefly, these two updated chapters are:

**Introduction:** 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.

**Global Climate Crisis Element:** The “Introduction” chapter in the current 2014 RTP discusses “Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change.” The *RTP Update 2017* includes instead, a separate chapter titled “Global Climate Crisis,” which summarizes the climate and sea level rise impacts that are happening now in Humboldt County, and that are projections to 2050 and 2100. This chapter 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 draft RTP is now complete and approved for the formal public review and comment period. HCAOG staff intends to release RTP Public Draft by the time of this TAC meeting. TAC members may individually make comments on these and other chapters of the RTP Public Draft at any time during the public comment period, which will span 30 days. The TAC will have an opportunity to make a committee recommendation(s) at the October TAC meeting.

Revised figures will be presented to the TAC at their October and/or November meeting(s). The final draft of the RTP Update will include a chapter covering public input and comments on the draft.