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AGENDA ITEM 5d
HCAOG Board Meeting
December 21, 2017

DATE: December 11, 2017
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Debbie Egger, Fiscal Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Revised HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules and Regulations**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board approve revisions to the HCAOG TDA Rules and Regulations.”

Staff Summary:

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), acting in its official capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), has updated the HCAOG TDA Rules (Rules). The Rules clarify roles and responsibilities in administering the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transportation Assistance (STA) fund, pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (TDA). These Rules are intended to help HCAOG committees and staff, TDA claimants, transit operators, the County Auditor, and consulting auditors understand and adhere to the TDA. These Rules augment and do not supersede the Guidelines prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The authority for an RTPA to publish rules and regulations is set forth in the Act, under the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Public Utilities Code (PUC). Specific authorizing language includes: “The transportation-planning agency shall adopt rules and regulations delineating procedures for the submission of claims under Section 99234 and subdivision (a) of Section 99400 and stating criteria by which they will be analyzed and evaluated” (PUC §99401[a]). Other authorizing sections of the Act are under California Government Code §29532 (b), and PUC sections §99241, §99241.5, and §99261.

A few revisions have been proposed to the Rules. The first is a recommendation from the Triennial Performance Audit to update the Rules to include changes in effect due to the passage of Senate Bill 508. The changes simplified fare box recovery requirement at 10% for all operators, expands the definition of local funding, authorized funding of bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs and modified STA qualifying criteria for operators.

The TAC is also recommending adding language on page 6 to set parameters on the claims process for the 2% Bike and Pedestrian fund.

Lastly, adoption of the Transit Development Plan last month necessitates updates of the definitions used in the annual Transit Unmet Needs process. These changes are shown in Appendix B.

All amendments to the Rules have been marked as a strikeout or highlighted in color.