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**AGENDA ITEM NO 5a**  
**HCAOG Board Meeting**  
**October 19, 2017**

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**DATE:** October 10, 2017  
**TO:** HCAOG Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Debra Dees, Associate Planner  
**SUBJECT:** **Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Unmet Transit Needs (UTN)**

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**Staff Summary:**

California's Transportation Development Act (TDA) legislates funding for transit purposes and for non-transit purposes under certain conditions. TDA funds are distributed through HCAOG as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Humboldt County. HCAOG, as the RTPA must assess its jurisdiction's unmet transit needs prior to allocating any TDA funds for purposes not directly related to public transit or facilities used exclusively by pedestrian and bicyclists.

Each year, HCAOG conducts a citizen participation process to receive public comment concerning transit needs within the region. HCAOG and member jurisdictions conduct public hearings to receive comments. With today's public hearing, 9 hearings will have been held to receive comments on unmet transit needs. The HCAOG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) leads the process to solicit input from the public, and after review of unmet transit needs, provides a recommendation to the HCAOG Board.

Based on testimony received and HCAOG's adopted criteria and definitions, the HCAOG Board shall make a finding that:

- (a) there are no unmet transit needs; or
- (b) there are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet; or
- (c) there are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

All comments received will be included in the 2018-19 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings, scheduled for HCAOG Board consideration in March 2018. Comments may also be submitted to HCAOG anytime during the year via email, Facebook, in person, or by telephone. The deadline for comments to be included in this year's Report of Findings is October 31, 2017. Comments received after October 31 will be included in next year's report.

A synopsis of the Unmet Transit Needs process and a timeline are attached for information.