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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
October 5, 2017, 2:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room

Present:

Merritt Perry (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Jesse Willor (Vice-Chair)	City of Eureka
Mike Foget	City of Blue Lake
Praj White	City of Ferndale
Tom Mattson	Humboldt County
David Caisse	City of Rio Dell
Josh Wolf	City of Trinidad
Wendell Freeman	Bear River/Rohnerville Rancheria
Tomas Vargas (Alternate)	Blue Lake Rancheria
Mike Hostler	Hoopa Tribe
Misty Rickwalt	Karuk Tribe of California
Leslie Sanders (Alternate)	Trinidad Rancheria
Doby Class	Arcata & Mad River Transit System
Scott Elsmore (Alternate)	City of Eureka (Transit)
Greg Pratt	Humboldt Transit Authority
Jesse Robertson	Caltrans District 1

Absent:

Netra Khatri	City of Arcata
Jeff Hodge	Yurok Tribe
Vacant Seat	California Highway Patrol

Staff:

Marcella Clem	Executive Director
Oona Smith	Senior Planner
Christie Smith	Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Merritt Perry called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Introductions

3. Public Participation

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

4. Approval of Meeting Record – September 7, 2017

Motion was made (Mattson/Foget) to approve the September 7, 2017, meeting record as submitted.

Motion carried.

Abstentions: White, Wolf, Hostler, Freeman

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Mattson/Class) to approve the following consent item:

a. FY 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim (Rio Dell)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

7. Action Items

a. Regional Transportation Plan 2017 Update - Draft Addendum to the EIR

Motion was made (Mattson/Wolf) that the TAC forward the draft Addendum to the EIR to the HCAOG Board to consider before adoption of the RTP 2017 update.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Repeal Initiatives

Marcella Clem provided a report on the two repeal initiatives and discussed options on developing a public outreach campaign to inform the public on how SB1 funds are allocated to the region and the type of projects that are funded. Marcella will prepare a draft public outreach plan and present it at a future TAC meeting.

c. Active Transportation Program Benefit/Cost Analysis Model

Oona Smith provided an overview and requested feedback from the TAC on the benefit/cost model. Comments are due to Caltrans by October 9, 2017. The TAC agreed that the current scoring system needs to include geographic equity to assist rural areas compete for funding.

Motion was made (Mattson/Class) to direct staff to vociferously oppose the model due to geographic equity, and appears it would disproportionately focus money to highly populated areas and reduce the region's ability to compete for funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. HCAOG Staff and TAC Member Reports

a. FY 2016-17 Local Transportation Fund Quarterly Report

Marcella Clem reported on the fourth quarter report noting that there was an increase in available funding.

b. Regional Transportation Plan Public Draft – Deferred Maintenance

Oona Smith requested the TAC provide updated costs for deferred maintenance by October 9, 2017.

c. 101 Corridor TAC Working Group Update

Doby Class provided an overview of the working group meeting recently attended with Hank Seemann of the County of Humboldt, Julie Neander of the City of Arcata, Jesse Willor of the City of Eureka, and Caltrans staff. Merritt Perry will be included in future working group meetings.

Marcella Clem reminded TAC members to submit their RTIP project applications.

Tom Mattson requested that members let him know if they have any pedestrian, bicycle, or safety improvements they would like to see as a set aside for intersections for the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Doby Class reported that on Saturday, October 7, the City of Arcata is hosting a Sea Level Rise meeting on the plaza. At the Arcata Marsh, there will be a “Next 100 Years” event. The City of Arcata postponed the opening of the trail until November 19. The City is also hosting “Pastels on the Plaza” on October 7. Doby also reported that Zagster bike share stations are anticipated to be installed and available by the end of October.

Jesse Robertson offered some application guides for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 SB 1 Planning Grants. Applications are due October 20, 2017.

Merritt Perry reported that the City of Fortuna is hosting the Apple Harvest Festival from October 6-7, 2017. The Redwood Community Action Agency is also hosting a Walk & Roll Fair on bicycling safety skills from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rohner Park.

Mike Foget reported that the Medieval Festival of Courage is from October 7-8, 2017 in the City of Blue Lake.

Jesse Willor reported that the grand opening for Phases B and C is planned for early 2018.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant