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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
September 7, 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
Tom Mattson	Humboldt County
Netra Khatri	City of Arcata
David Caisse (Alternate)	City of Trinidad
David Narum (Alternate)	Blue Lake Rancheria
Mary Nelson (Alternate)	Hoopla Tribe
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:

David Nicoletti	City of Ferndale
David Caisse	City of Rio Dell
Wendell Freeman	Bear River/Rohnerville Rancheria
Misty Rickwalt	Karuk Tribe of California
Jeff Hodge	Yurok Tribe
Vacant Seat	California Highway Patrol

Staff:

Marcella Clem	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Debra Dees	Associate 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 – August 3, 2017

Motion was made (Willor/Pratt) to approve the August 3, 2017, meeting record as submitted.

Motion carried.

Abstentions: Mattson

5. Presentation – Pavement Management Program (PMP) 2017 Update

Margot Yapp, Vice President of Nichols Consulting Engineers, provided an update on the 2017 PMP via conference call. The TAC also discussed how often to pavement management data should be updated. Ms. Yapp stated that local agencies typically update every five years; the Bay Area updates every two years. The County and the Cities of Arcata, Eureka, and Fortuna discussed a need to have more frequent updates, which would assist with collecting data on Pavement Condition Index. The smaller entities may opt for having data updated every four to five years. Staff will research what the law states and report back at a future meeting.

6. Consent Calendar

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

a. FY 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim (County of Humboldt)

b. FY 2017-18 Overall Work Program & Budget Amendment #1

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

8. Action Items

a. 101 Corridor Funding Shortfall Presentation and Timeline Discussion for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Projects Requests

Jeff Pimentel, Caltrans Project Manager, provided an update on the funding shortfall and the cost increases for the 101 Corridor Project. The TAC expressed concerns regarding the cost increases. The TAC requested the importance of being made part of the negotiation process between Caltrans and the Coastal Commission on mitigation ratios on sea level rise estimates.

The TAC discussed forming a working group composed of the County and the Cities of Arcata and Eureka to provide input to be incorporated in the mitigation strategy. Caltrans environmental staff will be part of these meetings to provide the working group with background and project status. Updates of these working group meetings will be presented at future regular TAC meetings.

Mr. Pimentel informed the TAC that they anticipate mitigation credits as a result of this project. If that does happen, staff will work with Caltrans to develop agreements to make sure that a fair share of the future credits is reserved for future STIP funded projects.

The TAC also discussed the possibility of Caltrans funding the half signal at Airport Road as a SHOPP funded safety project. Mr. Pimentel will look into this further and report back.

Public Participation:

Supervisor Mike Wilson

9. HCAOG Staff and TAC Member Reports

a. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update: Introduction and Global Climate Crisis Chapters (Public Drafts)

Marcella Clem reported that the Public Draft of the RTP, including the Global Climate Crisis Element, has been distributed for public comment through October 9. TAC members can provide individual comments during this period.

b. Caltrans Local Assistance Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Consultant Contract Policy Update

Alexis Kelso of Caltrans Local Assistance provided an overview of the policy changes for A&E Contracts and information about the upcoming workshop on September 21 in Eureka.

Tom Mattson reported that the next call for projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program cycle will be in April 2018 with \$160 million funding available and requested each agency identify their projects. The County will be submitting an application for a couple of set-aside projects for guardrail and pedestrian improvements. If agencies wish to be included with the County's application, provide your information to him by November. The County will submit one application and administer the application for the jurisdictions. Alternatively, if agencies only have a couple small projects, they may want to consider joining with another agency to submit an application.

Jesse Willor reported that the City of Eureka has received a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant for completion of a H & I multimodal plan. There will be a kick off workshop on October 2 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium to gather input.

Staff distributed a handout on the 2018 RTIP/STIP Project Sponsor Funding Targets and a handout on the RTIP/STIP Institutional Memory and History.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant