



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
**Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**  
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**MEETING RECORD**

**Regular Meeting**

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

**Alternate Meeting Sites:**

Contact: Samuel Martinez  
Yurok Tribal Office – Community Room  
190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA

Contact: Misty Rickwalt  
Karuk Tribal Office Council Chambers  
37960 Highway 96, Orleans, CA

**Present:**

Brendan Byrd  
Katie Collender  
Catharine Crayne  
Jay Wortelboer (Alternate)  
Jordan Ludtke  
Michelle Nielsen  
Misty Rickwalt (Via Zoom)  
Netra Khatri  
Noah Rodriguez (Alternate)  
Samuel Martinez (Alternate, Via Zoom)  
Steven Pearl  
Tom Mattson  
Kaylyn Stainbrook (Advisory)

City of Fortuna  
Humboldt Transit Authority  
Caltrans  
City of Eureka  
City of Blue Lake  
City of Ferndale  
Karuk Tribe  
City of Arcata  
Trinidad Rancheria  
Yurok Tribe  
City of Rio Dell  
County of Humboldt  
City of Fortuna – Transit

**Absent:**

John McGinnis (Advisory)  
Anita Huff (Advisory)  
Captain Larry Depee (Advisory)  
Jeff Hodge  
Josh Wolf

Bear River Band Rancheria  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
California Highway Patrol  
Hoopa Tribe  
City of Trinidad

**Staff:**

Debbie Egger  
Amy Eberwein  
Oona Smith  
Noah Sary

Interim Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Senior Regional Planner  
CivicSpark Intern

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Katie Collender called the meeting of March 6, 2025, to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**3. Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made** (Pearl/Mattson) to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

**a. Approval of Meeting Record – February 6, 2025**

**Motion was approved unanimously**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None**

**5. Action Items**

**a. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Consultant Recommendation**

**Motion was made** (Mattson/Byrd) to forward a recommendation for the HCAOG Board's consideration to select Project Consultants SmithGroup to complete the Humboldt County Regional Vision Zero Action Plan.

**Motion passed with Steven Pearl abstaining.**

**b. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Prioritization Ad Hoc Committee**

**Motion was made** (Byrd/Khatri) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee that will explore opportunities to establish a policy for prioritizing transportation projects listed in the RTP and assist in leveraging outside funding. Ad Hoc Committee Members would include Tom Mattson, Catharine Crayne, Netra Khatri, Katie Collender, Noah Rodriguez, and Jesse Willor.

**Motion was unanimous.**

**c. Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Carbon Reduction Program Call for Projects**

**Motion was made** (Byrd/Pearl) to bring this agenda item back to the May TAC meeting. Submissions from agencies are due to HCAOG by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion was unanimous.**

**6. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Interim Executive Director Debbie Egger discussed the following:

- Recap of the Measure O discussion that took place at the March SSTAC meeting.
- Provided an update selection of the new HCAOG Executive Director.

Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith discussed the status of the Level of Traffic Stress Analysis. TAC members will be receiving GIS data ahead of the TAC packet for the next meeting in order to provide more time for review.

**7. TAC Member Reports**

- Brendan Byrd provided updates on trail planning and the 12<sup>th</sup> street interchange project in the City of Fortuna.
- Katie Collender provided updates on the upcoming arrival of HTA's first hydrogen bus and temporary hydrogen fueler.
- Catharine Crayne provided the following Caltrans updates:
  - Highway 36 is closed near Swimmer's Delight due to a landslide.
  - The FY 25-26 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget is currently under review.
  - A survey has been sent out to RTPA Executive Directors on SHOPP projects.

**Adjournment 3:16 p.m.**