



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING RECORD**

May 16, 2024, 4:30 p.m.  
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers  
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

**Present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Adelene Jones (Vice Chair)	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel (Via Zoom)	City of Eureka
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgensen	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

**Policy Advisory Committee Members:**

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans

**Absent:**

None

**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of May 16, 2024, to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The PAC convened to include representatives from Caltrans and Humboldt Transit Authority.

**3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**4. Presentations**

**a. Caltrans Public Engagement Portal**

Megan Brunner, Caltrans District 1 Public Engagement Coordinator introduced the new Public Engagement Portal.

## 5. PAC Consent Calendar

**Motion was made** (West/Jones) to approve the following consent items:

- a. Approval of Meeting Record – April 18, 2024
- b. Adopt Resolution 24-07 approving the FY 24-25 State Transit Assistance allocations and Resolution 24-08 approving the FY 24-25 State of Good Repair allocations.
- c. Adopt Resolution 24-09 approving the programming of FFY 2024 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program funds to the Humboldt Transit Authority for Operating Assistance and adopt Resolution 24-10 authorizing the Executive Director to sign and execute a certification and assurance form for all FFY 2024 5311(f) applications that meet the program requirements.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

## 7. PAC Action Items

- a. **Authorization of Executive Director to Submit Carbon Reduction Program Strategy and Program Request for Regional Zero Emission Fleet Transition and Infrastructure Plan (encl)**

**Motion was made** (Arroyo/Jorgensen) to approve a local Carbon Reduction Strategy and authorize the Executive Director to complete all documentation necessary to request local Carbon Reduction Program funds for the Humboldt County Regional Zero-Emission Fleet Transition and Infrastructure Plan in an amount up to \$300,000.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **FY 2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report of Findings (encl)**

**Motion was made** (Madrone/Bergel) to adopt the FY 24-25 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings determining that increasing weekday headway to every half hour during peak hours between McKinleyville and Arcata is an unmet need that is reasonable to meet.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. **Consultant Selection for Humboldt Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Consultant Procurement (encl)**

**Motion was made** (Jones/Arroyo) to direct the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations with Bluezones and Redwood Community Action Agency for the Humboldt Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning project.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 8. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

**Motion was made** (Jones/Madrone) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Board Consent Items

Motion was made (Jorgensen/West) to approve the following consent items:

- a. Approve the application for two credit cards at Coast Central Credit Union, one in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Elizabeth Burks, and one in the amount of \$1,000 for Amy Eberwein.
- b. Adopt Resolution 24-11, authorizing the execution of a Standard Agreement with California Highway Patrol for supplemental patrols on State Routes 36, 96, and 169 during the fiscal year 2024-25.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports**

### **a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report**

- There have been delays with launching the new HCAOG website, but progress is being made to complete it.
- The site visit with transit marketing firm Studio Six was successful.
- Associate Planner Stevie Luther recently presented at a Caltrans statewide panelist webinar regarding applying for federal grants.
- May is Bike Month. There are several activities taking place throughout the month, including the Bike Celebration on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center.

### **b. Caltrans Report**

- Jeff Pimentel discussed the progress and upcoming work happening for the Indianola Undercrossing Project.
- Tatiana Ahlstrand provided updates on work happening along Hwy 299.

### **c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

- Natalie Arroyo encouraged everyone to provide input for the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan.
- Mayor Jones discussed an upcoming Bike Rodeo on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 4 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.