



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

February 15, 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	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:**

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans
Steve Ladwig (Alternate)	Humboldt Transit Authority

**Absent:**

None

**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Amy Eberwein	Administrative Services Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of February 15, 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. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approval of Meeting Record – January 18, 2024

- b. Adoption of Resolution 24-02 approving the County of Humboldt FY 2023-24 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim in the amount of \$2,772,603.
- c. Adoption of Resolution 24-03 approving the FY 2024-25 Local Transportation Fund Apportionment.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**6. Action Items**

**a. FY 2024-25 Draft Overall Work Program & Budget**

**Motion was made** (Jorgensen/Madrone) to approve the draft FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget and forward to Caltrans for their review and comments.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Informational Items – None**

**8. Presentations – None**

**9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

- The new callboxes on Highways 36 and 96 are currently being installed and coming online.
- HCAOG's office had a break-in over the weekend. One laptop and at least one file were taken.
- Beth will be out of the country until March 4<sup>th</sup>. Senior Regional Planner Oona Smith will serve as Acting Director until she returns.

**b. Caltrans Report**

- Tatiana Ahlstrand provided updates on the following:
  - There was an information Draft Environmental Document public open house regarding Last Chance Grade on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Review of the document continues. The final draft and selection of preferred alternative will take place between April and June of this year.
  - There will be a full 40-hour closure of Fernbridge on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a stakeholder engagement meeting tentatively on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Caltrans met with community members of Orick to discuss community-led visions for improvements in the community.
  - New staff members in District 1 include Jerome Washington the District Native American Liaison and Megan Brunner, Public Engagement Coordinator. Upcoming positions to be filled include a hydrologist focused on sea level rise and a transit planner.
  - FY 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications have been received including one submission from HCAOG. Announcements will take place in June 2024.

**c. Board/PAC Member Reports**

- Councilmember Atkins-Salazar recently attended a CALCOG meeting and provided updates on the topics which included housing, housing trust funds, public education on the gas tax, and electrification and hydrogenation of rural areas.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Approved