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To develop, operate, and maintain a well-coordinated, balanced, countywide multimodal transportation system that is safe, efficient, and provides good access to all cities, communities, and recreational facilities, and into adjoining regions. A balanced multimodal transportation system includes but is not limited to highway, public transit, aviation, marine, railroads, recreation, bicycle, pedestrian, and utility systems.

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INTRODUCTION

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Humboldt County is responsible for coordinated transportation planning, and programming transportation funding ~~for the~~within the County of Humboldt. Our member agencies include the County of Humboldt, Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake,

Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad. The RTPA boundaries include the whole of Humboldt County (see Figure 1).

Land Acknowledgement:

HCAOG conducts our work for the benefit of the entire Humboldt County region. The region now known as Humboldt County includes the unceded traditional territories and current homelands of several indigenous nations including the Karuk, Hupa, Wiyot, Yurok, Tsugwe, Chilula, Chimariko, Lassik, Mattole, Nongatl, Sinkyone, Wailaki, and Whilkut people. Today we work and reside on these lands with respect for the tribes who have been here for millennia, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations.

The RTPA performs transportation needs and related studies; prioritizes specific infrastructure improvements; and pursues prospective funding sources.

Specific mandated RTPA duties include preparing and adopting the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), and the Overall Work Program & Budget to allocate federal and state funds, including Transportation Development Act funds to local governments and transit operators.

Regional Overview

What is now known as Humboldt County is the unceded traditional territories and current homelands of several indigenous nations including the Karuk, Hupa, Wiyot, Yurok, Tsugwe, Chilula, Chimariko, Lassik, Mattole, Nongatl, Sinkyone, Wailaki, and Whilkut people. There are eight federally recognized tribes in Humboldt County: Bear

River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, Big Lagoon Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, Wiyot Tribe, and the Yurok Tribe.

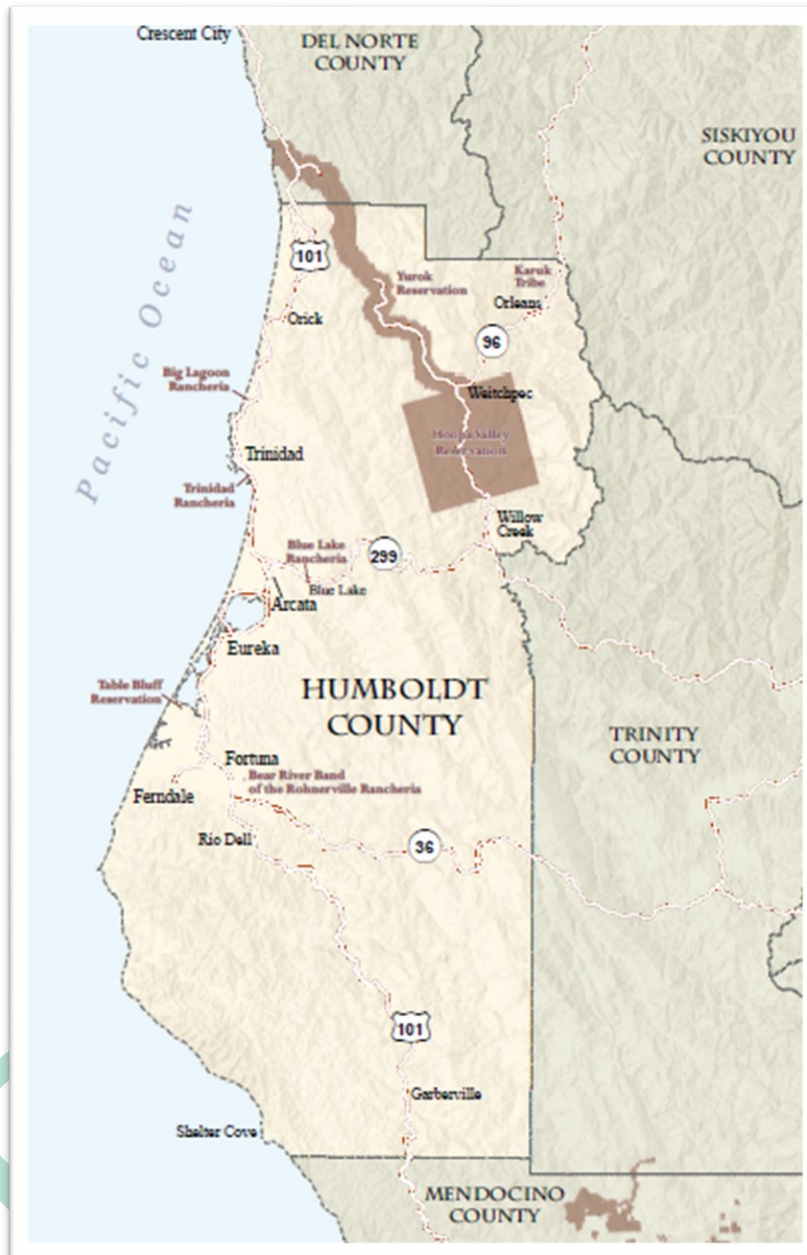


Figure 1.

Humboldt County is a geographically diverse region located in northwestern California. The County encompasses 3,500 square miles of forested mountains, river valleys, coastal terraces, agricultural lands and coastline. The Pacific Ocean forms the western border of Humboldt County and Del Norte County borders the north. The eastern border meets mountainous Trinity and Siskiyou Counties, and Mendocino County's coastal mountains and valleys border the south.

Humboldt County is located approximately 225 miles - or roughly five hours by car - north of San Francisco, the closest major city. US 101, which runs north/south, is the county's major transportation corridor. State Route 299, which runs east/west, links the county to Interstate 5 to

the east. There are approximately 1,800 miles of maintained highways, county and tribal roads, and city streets within HCAOG's boundary.

Federal and state agencies are responsible for managing over 630,000 acres, or nearly 28 percent of the total area of the County. Federal Land Managers within the County include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), United States Forest Service (USFS) and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The most significant public land holdings in the County include Redwood National and State Parks, the Kings Range Conservation Area, the Headwaters Forest, the Six Rivers National Forest, and the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The political structures of the region include seven incorporated cities, the County of Humboldt, eight federally recognized Native American Tribal governments, numerous Community Service Districts, and several joint powers authorities.

Humboldt County's population is approximately 135,000. In addition to several unincorporated communities, Humboldt County is home to seven incorporated cities: Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Blue Lake, Rio Dell, Ferndale, and Trinidad. Their populations range in size from Trinidad's 310 residents to Eureka's nearly 27,000 residents. No community within the County has a population large enough to meet the urbanized metropolitan criteria as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Population-wise Humboldt has experienced slow to negative growth over the last few years.

Humboldt County has a population density of approximately 38 people per square mile. For comparison, the population density for the state of California is 239 people per square mile. Most of the population in the county is in the low-lying coastal areas surrounding Humboldt Bay, as well as along the Eel and Mad River basins. The highest population and employment densities are in Eureka and Arcata, McKinleyville and Fortuna. The smaller communities of Blue Lake, Fields Landing, Ferndale, Rio Dell, and Redway have smaller pockets of moderate population and employment density.

The number of households has remained relatively stable at approximately 54,500 households. The median income is \$57,881, well below the statewide median of \$92,000. As a result of this low median income, 18% of our community lives in poverty. Most households own at least one vehicle, reflected by commute types as over 70% of households drive alone for their commute. For unmet needs in the county, there are relatively high percentages of people with disabilities, people living in poverty, and people over 65. There are lower percentages of people without access to a vehicle. The average commute time is approximately 19 minutes.

The Humboldt County economy has undergone significant diversification and restructuring over the years. Resource production has declined but timber, dairy farming, cattle ranching, and fishing continue to contribute substantially to the economy and serve as its export base, while new local industries have emerged that generate more knowledge based, specialty, and technology-driven products and services. Habitat restoration, sustainable forest management, organic milk production, and computer network services are all examples of innovative local products and services. (Humboldt County General Plan, 2017)

Although population growth has been slow or declining for decades there are many factors on the horizon that could drive faster growth in Humboldt County. Humboldt State University became California's third polytechnic university, now Cal Poly Humboldt. Cal Poly Humboldt expects to double enrollment from current numbers in the next seven years, although it has been

off to a slow start. Additionally, the off-shore wind industry will be drastically changing Humboldt Bay Harbor with the development of a heavy lift marine terminal that could service all of the west coast off-shore wind lease areas. In January 2024 the Humboldt Bay Harbor and Recreation District received a federal grant of more than \$400 million to develop the terminal. Humboldt's temperate climate and low fire hazards in our coastal areas, coupled with advancements in our internet service is making Humboldt an ideal home for climate refugees and remote workers. HCAOG, our member jurisdictions, and community partners are planning and preparing for this growth.

HCAOG History and Roles

HCAOG was established on May 7, 1968, through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) signed by the eight local governments in the region (the seven incorporated cities and the unincorporated County). On July 20, 1972, HCAOG was designated by the State of California as the RTPA for the County of Humboldt.

Effective January 1, 1986, the California State Legislature authorized counties to form or designate a Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE). In 1993, pursuant to Section 2550 of the Streets and Highway Code, the County and cities designated HCAOG as the SAFE agency in Humboldt County. The operation of the SAFE program is funded by a \$1.00 yearly fee on vehicle registrations in Humboldt County assessed through the Department of Motor Vehicles. SAFE's responsibilities are primarily to plan, implement, and maintain an emergency call box system. In 2014, the HCAOG Board contracted with the CHP for dispatch services and supplemental patrols on State Highways 36 and 96. The SAFE program also supplements patrols on the Arcata - Eureka Safety Corridor, however due to staffing levels at the Eureka Police Department they have not been able to provide supplemental support in over a year. In 2021, HCAOG SAFE adopted the SAFE Strategic Plan. Implementation of the strategic plan includes removing underutilized call boxes and adding satellite call boxes along Highways 36 and 96. There are approximately 55 call boxes on Highways 101 and 299. ADA upgrades were completed on these call boxes in 2022 and 22 additional satellite call boxes, primarily on Highways 36 and 96, are in the process of being installed.

On July 5, 2016, HCAOG was designated by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 67910 and 67911 as the Local Transportation Authority (Authority). The designation of being the Authority allows for the adoption of a Transportation Improvement Plan and Retail Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance to be placed before the voters for their approval. HCAOG placed Measure U, requesting a half-cent sales tax for transportation purposes, on the November 2016 ballot. The measure failed to meet the two-third majority vote requirement.

RTPA duties are also prescribed by other legislation, including the federal transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32, 2006), the California Sustainable Communities Strategy (SB 375, 2008), and the California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358, 2008).

Transportation Needs, Priorities, Goals, and Issues

Complete transportation networks are fundamental to achieving HCAOG's mission and the goals of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A complete transportation network involves operating and maintaining a comprehensive transportation system that upholds safety,

connectivity, equity, sustainability, and resiliency. HCAOG's aim is to facilitate and further develop convenient transportation options, including connectivity to complete streets, trails, transit, transit-oriented development, bicycling, walking, on-demand services such as ridesharing and bike-sharing, as well as freight transport and emergency transportation.

HCAOG's overarching objectives are found in the RTP and include:

- **Active Transportation Mode Share/Complete Streets** - Increase multi-modal mobility, balanced mode shares, and/or access. Mobility means having travel choices (for people and goods) with predictable trip times. A balanced mode share means all transportation modes are available in proportion to their efficiency and short-term and long-term costs and benefits. Increased access means more options for people to reach the goods, services, and activities they need.
- **Economic Vitality** - Support the local or regional economy by improving goods movement and transportation access, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness; by enhancing economic attractors (e.g., via walkable streets, multiuse trails, transit service, freight access, shared mobility services); and by indirectly cutting health care costs due to more active transportation or less transportation-related pollution, and by reducing consumption of foreign oil.
- **Efficient & Viable Transportation System** - Make the transportation system operate more efficiently, such as by increasing multimodal connectivity, increasing opportunities for short trips made via walking or biking, and using Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) management (e.g., Humboldt County Travel Demand Model, Street Saver, GPS tracking on transit buses, other management programs). Make the system more financially and operationally viable such as by prioritizing cost-effective investments, including climate-change and sea-level-rise adaptation and resiliency in planning and design, pursuing stable funding, and preserving transportation assets to maximize resources and future use.
- **Environmental Stewardship & Climate Protection** - Enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Strive to achieve goals of California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375), protect and improve air, water, and land quality, help reduce transportation-related fuel and energy use, help reduce single-occupancy-vehicle (SOV) trips and motorized vehicle miles traveled (VMT), etc.
- **Equitable & Sustainable Use of Resources** - Advocate for costs and benefits (financial, environmental, health, and social) to be shared fairly. Prioritize projects based on cost effectiveness as well as need and equity for underserved populations. Coordinate transportation systems with land use for efficient, sustainable use of resources and minimize the consumption and use of finite resources such as fossil fuels.
- **Safety and Health** - Increase safety especially for the most vulnerable users (elderly, youth, pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities). Advocate the health benefits of active transportation. Advocates for Vision Zero resolutions to reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries to zero.

Equity

HCAOG's fundamental goal is to enhance safe and convenient travel for all people throughout Humboldt County by connecting individuals to jobs, healthcare, education, recreation, social events, and other opportunities. To accomplish this goal, we must make a concerted effort to focus on improving these opportunities particularly for people of color and disadvantaged communities.

To that end, HCAOG firmly embraces racial equity, inclusion, and diversity. These values are foundational to achieving our vision of a cleaner, safer, more accessible, and more connected future. We will be part of the solution. We will promote policies and programs that reflect principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and will work with stakeholders to identify areas of improvement.

Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets

Addressing the climate crisis and developing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector is a major focus of HCAOG activities. Major efforts include promoting active transportation, increasing transit ridership, encouraging the switch to electric vehicles, and supporting land use policies that achieve GHG reduction goals.

Safety

Safety is a major concern. Unfortunately, in 2020, the most recent year data is available from the California Office of Traffic Safety), Humboldt County ranks as the second most dangerous out of the 58 counties in the state for pedestrians. That year alone there were 48 pedestrians that were killed or injured. If we want to promote active transportation, we need to make the streets safer for pedestrians. HCAOG will continue to assist member agencies and community partners with safety campaigns and promote vision zero work.

Road Conditions and Maintenance (Fix-it First)

Transportation by road is perhaps the single largest issue to address when it comes to the long-term health and economic resilience of the North Coast region (Humboldt County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2018). Fires and slides affect travel on Highway 299. Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade, in Del Norte County, has an ongoing slide that often limits travel to a single lane and at times is closed completely. Alternate routes can add 5-8 hours of travel time.

Local roads suffer from deferred maintenance. Based on the 2022 Pavement Management Program the average County wide pavement condition index (PCI) on local roads was found to be 53 where the statewide average PCI is 66. The Humboldt County region's road network (including county, cities, and tribal roads) has an asset value of \$1.55 billion. To keep this investment in good condition over the next 10 years \$852.7 million would be required. Current municipal budgets provide for only approximately \$82 million over the next 10 years.

Transit Services

Humboldt County is a large county with a geographically dispersed population. While the communities around the Humboldt Bay area have various transportation options available to them, many of the outlying communities in the county do not. Though some rural communities such as Bridgeville and Fieldbrook lack the population density to support public transportation, other rural communities such as Orleans, Weitchpec, and Hoopa have had public transportation

restored allowing the population to access basic needs such as shopping, critical social services, and medical facilities. The proportion of the county's population that is transit-dependent is higher than both state and national averages. In Humboldt County key demographic groups that tend to be transit dependent include seniors, individuals with disabilities, and individuals earning lower incomes.

Local public transit services are provided through the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) operating the Redwood Transit System, Eureka Transit Service, Southern Humboldt Intercity, and Willow Creek Intercity (WCT). In 2023 the City of Arcata began contracting with HTA to operate the Arcata & Mad River Transit Service along with the maintenance and dispatching that has traditionally been contracted to HTA. The City of Fortuna operates Fortuna Transit for people 50 years of age or older or people with a disability. CAE operates the Dial-A-Ride paratransit system. A pilot is currently underway allowing intermingled on-demand microtransit trips requested from the general public. This microtransit service provides a connection to Eureka for residents of Manila. Additional microtransit pilot programs are planned in McKinleyville. In October 2023, the Blue Lake Rancheria ceased operating their Transit System. HTA added two stops in Blue Lake to the WCT route as a temporary measure, however there is an unmet need for transit service from Blue Lake to Glendale.

Interregional Transportation service is provided by Greyhound (connects to Bay Area), Redwood Coast Transit (connects to Del Norte County), and Amtrack (throughway bus from California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport McKinleyville to Martinez Train Station). In January 2024 HTA began operating the Redwood Coast Express route, connecting Eureka to Ukiah (Mendocino County) and enabling public transit connecting from Crescent City to Santa Rosa.

HCAOG works closely with transit operators to assess transit needs and to obtain funding necessary for operational and capital needs. HCAOG solicits public input on transit needs through the annual Unmet Transit Needs process and the preparation of various short and long-range transit plans including the Coordinated Plan (2021) and the Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2023-2028. The TDP lays out service improvements to grow ridership, such as a new express route from Cal Poly Humboldt to Eureka. Unmet needs include restoring RTS service to an earlier morning and later evening run, adding later night Saturday service, Sunday fixed route transit services, and increased frequency.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused ridership to plummet by approximately 70%. Ridership has somewhat recovered in the years since, but not to pre-pandemic levels. Increasing ridership to baseline levels and beyond will be a focus over the next few years.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Every odd numbered year HCAOG prepares a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which puts forward important regional projects for inclusion in the STIP. These often focus on safety and active transportation. The most recent RTIP was prepared in 2023. Work to monitor and create the RTIP is included in WE 4: Planning and Programming State Funds.

Major Safety Projects

The Caltrans, Eureka- Arcata Corridor Improvement Project has been in the making for two decades. This high priority safety project has been funded through Caltrans and HCAOG's shares of the STIP. Construction began on this project in June 2023. Construction is expected to take 3-4

years. HCAOG works closely with the Caltrans team on this project and monitors whether additional contributions of HCAOG's STIP shares are anticipated.

In March of 2021, the HCAOG Board adopted the Eureka Broadway Multimodal Corridor Plan. This plan represents a comprehensive strategy for redesigning Broadway in a way that provides safe, multimodal accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, allows for better transit service and creates a positive sense of place. HCAOG staff will continue to work closely with the City of Eureka and Caltrans to move components of this plan forward.

Purpose of the Overall Work Program

Each year HCAOG prepares an Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget describing all comprehensive planning activities for specific transportation planning and project activities to be accomplished between July 1 and June 30 (the State fiscal year). The OWP is prepared in accordance with the California Department of Transportation Regional Planning Handbook. The objectives and tasks are developed in accordance with the goals and policies of HCAOG's Regional Transportation Plan, *Variety in Rural Options of Mobility (VROOM)*.

The OWP serves the following functions:

1. It satisfies state requirements for an RTPA to develop and adopt an annual OWP for the receipt of federal and state transportation dollars;
2. It serves as the reference document for the public, agencies, and elected officials who desire to understand HCAOG's objectives and how these are being met through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process; and
3. It serves as a management tool to ensure that all transportation planning activities are being accomplished on schedule and within budget; and
4. It prioritizes HCAOG's function and goals as stated in HCAOG's Mission Statement.

The OWP is a working document that is amended during the year to reflect changes in legislation, policies, priorities, funding, or staffing. Regional transportation planning activities that are carried out by other agencies are listed in the Information Element of the OWP. Work Elements 1 through 16 are annual HCAOG activities and tasks scheduled to be performed during the fiscal year.

Although most OWP work elements (WE) are annual, the following are in addition to the ongoing duties:

WE 17: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)

This work element provides support to the TIRCP grant awarded to the Humboldt Transit Authority for expanding transit services and introducing zero-emission fleets on California's North Coast project. HCAOG tasks include grant management and community outreach. HCAOG will be managing a marketing consultant to market transit as part of the effort to increase ridership.

WE 18: SB 125 Formula Based TIRCP and ZETCP (Zero Emission Transit Capital Program)

SB 125 guides statewide distribution of \$4 billion in General Funds through TIRCP on a population-based formula to regional transportation planning agencies, which have the flexibility to use the money to fund transit operations or capital improvements. The budget also establishes the \$1.1 billion Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program, also administered by California State

Transportation Agency (CalSTA), to be allocated to regional transportation planning agencies on a population-based formula and another formula based on revenues to fund zero-emission transit equipment and operations. Over a 4-year period approximately \$16.9 million will come to the region. HCAOG's role is to administer these funds including preparing and submitting an allocation package to CalSTA and complete the required reporting.

WE 19: Regional Housing Planning (AB 101- SB 102)

California requires that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. Recent approvals of Senate Bill (SB) 113 and Assembly Bill (AB) 101 have made funding available to Councils of Governments through a new Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program. This program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The primary goal of the program is to accelerate housing production in California by cities and counties (local agencies) and facilitate compliance with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment administered by HCD and HCAOG. This program has been going on for the last three years and will be ending early in FY 2024-25. Final program reports are due to HCD in August 2024.

WE 20: Humboldt Multimodal & Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning

HCAOG was awarded a Sustainable Communities Grant. This project furthers two Safe & Sustainable Transportation (SST) Targets from the RTP "Variety in Rural Options of Mobility" 2022-2042. The project will pilot a methodology to assess Low Traffic Stress (LTS) in city, county, and tribal lands and use LTS results to highlight opportune areas where low-stress, active-travel routes and infill and job/housing development can create connected, walkable communities that boost economic activity as well as a sense of place.

WE 21: REAP (Regional Early Action Planning) 2.0

HCAOG was successful in receiving approximately \$2.3 million for two projects in our region: Predevelopment funds for the We Are Up housing project and a zero-emission vehicle micro transit system, both in McKinleyville. Most of the funds are pass through funds, with HCAOG receiving a small amount for administration.

WE 22: Safe Streets and Roads for All

HCAOG was awarded a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning grant for the purpose of preparing a Regional Vision Zero Action Plan and completing demonstration projects. The award will be used to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, and to pilot 12 temporary pop-up demonstrations. The success of demonstration activities will be measured using traffic cameras and other technologies to inform the development of the Action Plan. Grant funds will be used to purchase the traffic cameras.

HCAOG BOARD AND COMMITTEES

HCAOG Board and Policy Advisory Committee

The HCAOG Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials from the eight governing bodies in the region. The Board annually appoints an Executive Committee to carry out administrative and executive functions between regular monthly meetings. This three-member committee consists of the HCAOG Chair, Vice-Chair, and an additional Board member selected by the Board. The Executive Committee meets on an as-needed basis.

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) consists of all members of the Board in addition to a Caltrans representative and the Chair of the Humboldt Transit Authority. The PAC recommends, to the Board, formal action on all transportation-related matters.

Technical Advisory Committee

HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) advises the HCAOG Board on technical matters, funding allocations, and transportation programs. This nineteen-member committee consists of representatives of public works or transportation staff of each of the Joint Power entities, Native American tribes and Rancherias, transit managers, Caltrans, and the California Highway Patrol. The TAC gives staff direction in developing the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and the annual OWP.

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was established to advise HCAOG on the public transportation needs of the region. The SSTAC is required to have a minimum of nine members representing the transit community, including disabled and senior transit users, social service provider representatives, low-income representatives, and representatives of the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA). The HCAOG Board has appointed additional members to the SSTAC in accordance with Public Utilities Code 99238(b). The former Service Coordination Committee was consolidated with the SSTAC in May of 2020. Representatives from local public and private transit operators, local colleges, and Caltrans were added to SSTAC membership.

The SSTAC was established in compliance with Senate Bill 498 (1987) and, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99238(c), has the following responsibilities:

1. Annually participate in identifying transit needs in the jurisdiction.
2. Annually review and recommend to the RTPA that (A) there are no unmet transit needs, (B) there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, or (C) there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.
3. Advise the RTPA on any other major transit issues, including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

A subcommittee of the SSTAC serves as HCAOG's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Evaluation Committee. The subcommittee ranks applications directed to fund the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Complete Streets Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose of the Complete Streets Ad-hoc Committee (Complete Streets Committee) is to support Caltrans District 1 to develop effective project delivery strategies for implementing integrated multi-modal projects in balance with the community goals, plans, and values of Humboldt County, the State Highway System Management Plan, and the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Decision Making Process

HCAOG seeks to make transportation planning a cooperative process and fosters involvement from local, regional, state, federal and Native American tribal governments, as well as the general public (See Consultation with Tribal Governments and Public Participation Sections below). Decision making authority lies with the HCAOG Board of Directors, with coordination and recommendations from the TAC and SSTAC. HCAOG's work is broadly directed by the goals, objectives and policies of the Regional Transportation Plan, and annually directed by the Overall Work Program. HCAOG Board, TAC and SSTAC meetings are open to the public and noticed in compliance with the Brown Act.

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CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

The “Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines” (CTC 2017) require consultation with and consideration of Native American Tribal Governments’ interests in developing regional transportation plans and programs. This includes state and local transportation program funding for transportation projects that access tribal lands. Other State policies relating to transportation planning with tribal governments includes the California State Transportation Agency’s (CalSTA’s) Tribal Consultation Policy, “which obligates respect for tribal sovereignty and pursuit of good-faith relations with tribes.” The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) policy “Working with Native American Communities” requires Caltrans to consult with tribal Governments before deciding on or implementing projects/programs that may impact their communities. Caltrans’ intent is to “recognize and respect important California Native American rights, sites, traditions and practices” (Director’s Policy 19). HCAOG’s intent is to uphold the same objectives to recognize, respect, and collaborate with Native American tribal governments and communities.

Six of Humboldt County’s federally recognized tribes currently have a voting representative on the HCAOG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The six tribes are: Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Hoopa Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, and the Yurok Tribe.

By including the tribal representatives as the voting members of the TAC, the TAC is able to work together to make recommendations to distribute funds equally and fairly based on need. HCAOG supports Caltrans’ policy that requires the Department to “recognize and respect important California Native American rights, sites, traditions and practices” as well as to “[consult] with tribal Governments prior to making decisions, taking actions, or implementing programs that may impact their communities (Director’s Policy 19, “Working with Native American Communities” 2001). HCAOG also commits to following this edict, within its authority, to the best of its ability.

The North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission (NCTTC) is an intertribal association formed for the purpose of fostering collaborative dialog on transportation issues of mutual concern. The NCTTC is open to all federally recognized tribes in Northern California and currently is comprised of representatives from the Bear River Rancheria, Big Lagoon Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, the Wiyot Tribe, the Yurok Tribe, and the Elk Valley Rancheria and Tolowa Dee-ni Nation in Del Norte County. HCAOG staff participate in monthly NCTTC meetings to gain a better understanding of Tribal needs and projects, share resources and updates, and support the collaborative effort of the NCTTC.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

HCAOG is a member of the following:

California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG)

CALCOG works for and on behalf of regional governments in California. CALCOG's ultimate goal is "to serve its regional members so that they can better serve their local cities and counties. CALCOG's work program is summarize as follows:

- A consensus-based advocacy program that targets high priority Legislation in which our members have a common interest.
- Facilitate member meetings and conferences designed to share information and encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Coordinate government-to-government communications between state, regional, and local governments as it relates to implementing policy, including transportation, housing, and climate change.
- Provide general educational information to interested stakeholders, governmental partners, and the public about the structure, role, constraints, and opportunities for effective regional governance.
- Coordinate transportation policy implementation with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and California State Transportation Agency. California is a leader in devolving authority to make decisions at the regional level. But with that duty comes a responsibility to work with the state to assure that state goals are met.

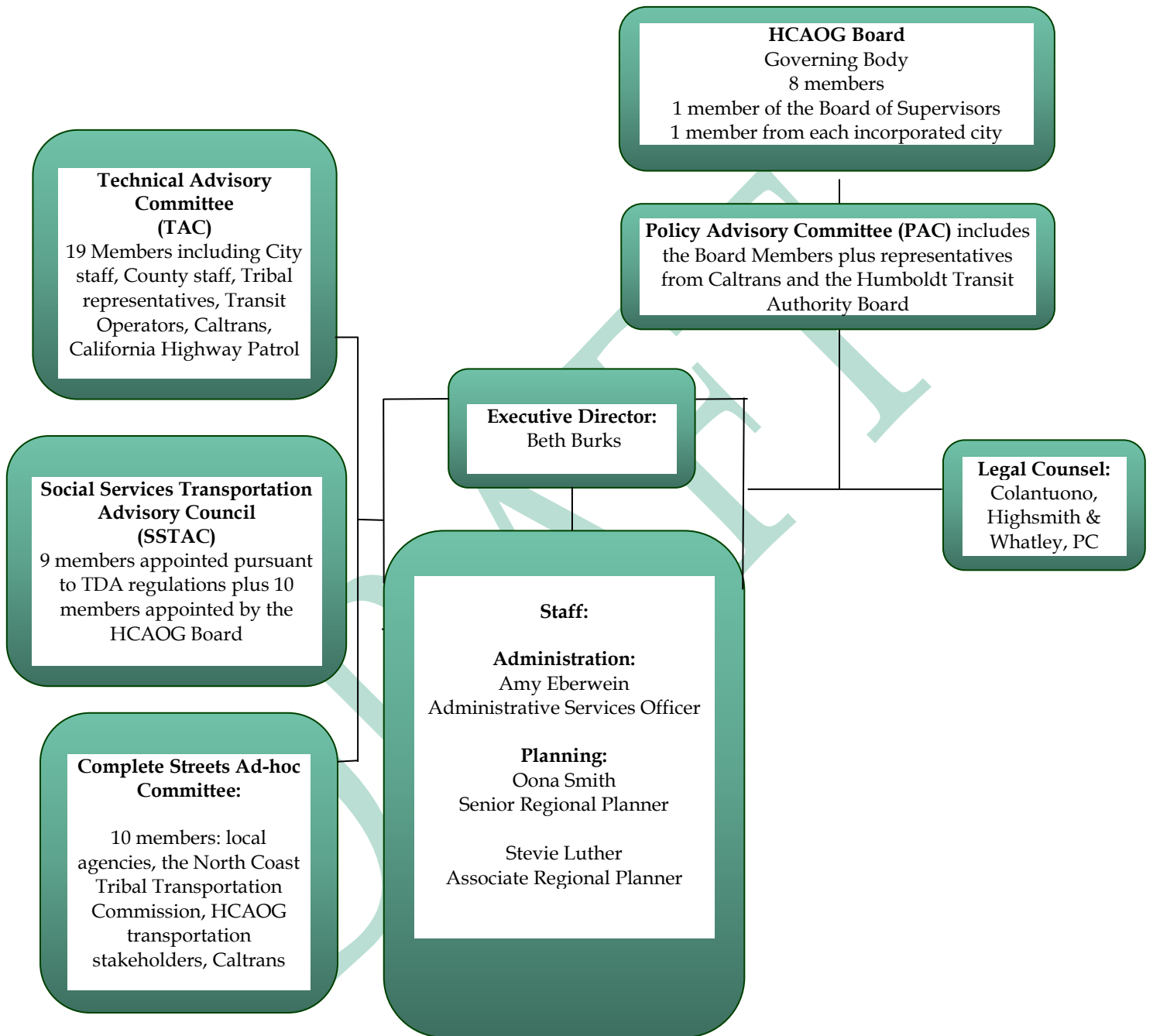
Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)

The State of California contains 26 rural counties, which generally have populations of less than 250,000 and do not have a single urbanized area greater than 50,000. Rural counties provide food, fiber, timber, and mineral products for California industry and residents, as well as recreation for urban residents and tourists. To provide a direct opportunity for the small counties to remain informed, have a voice, and become involved with changing statewide transportation policies and programs, a task force was formed in 1988 as a joint effort between the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the rural counties. There are 26 rural county Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) or Local Transportation Commissions represented on the Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF). The RCTF is an informal organization with no budget or staff that generally meets every other month. A member of the CTC usually acts as liaison to the RCTF, and CTC and Caltrans staff typically attend these meetings to explain and discuss changing statewide transportation issues that may be of concern to the rural counties.

North State Super Region (NSSR)

Regional transportation planning agencies from 16 counties in Northern California came together on October 20, 2010, to sign a memorandum of agreement. This agreement created an alliance between the agencies to work together and support each other on issues related to transportation and to have a unified voice representing the North State.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public participation and inter-governmental consultation are integral to the development of transportation plans, programs, and projects. An open and accessible consultation and public participation process is critical for discussing and resolving regional transportation issues.

HCAOG updated the Public Participation Plan (PPP) in April 2022. The PPP was updated to ensure that HCAOG's methods and practices are consistent with current best practices. HCAOG is interested in making sure that there are adequate procedures in place to engage low-income and disadvantaged groups. Public meeting formats changed substantially in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hybrid formats for formal meetings maximize the opportunities for participation. For outreach efforts HCAOG continues to employ a broad range of strategies to ensure maximum engagement with our community.

General strategies include but are not limited to:

- Provide timely public notice
- Hold accessible public meetings and workshops
- Produce user-friendly plans and documents
- Develop and apply visualization techniques
- Use Facebook for announcements
- Use the HCAOG website for distribution of plans, documents and announcements
- Maintain and use contact lists of interested parties
- Work with local media to encourage public awareness
- Conduct surveys
- Provide presentations to service groups and others on the role of HCAOG and current projects

The HCAOG Board conducts hybrid meetings where the public can participate in person or via zoom, or watch televised on Access Humboldt

HCAOG uses a number of committees, public hearings, workshops, surveys, and publications to inform, gauge, and respond to public concerns regarding regional issues. HCAOG's SSTAC will ensure that there is an adequate effort made to include the traditionally under-served and under-represented in the planning unmet transit needs process.

HCAOG staff works closely with a number of the Native American tribal governments in the region. In 2013, the HCAOG Board adopted criteria for membership on the Board. Interested parties, including a Joint Powers Agency formed by tribes, have an opportunity to obtain a seat on the HCAOG Board through adherence to the adopted criteria. HCAOG endeavors to enlist tribal involvement through outreach efforts by encouraging membership and participation with HCAOG committees, projects, and activities, in addition to attending meetings, workshops and activities sponsored by the Tribes.

FEDERAL PLANNING FACTORS

The U.S. Congress issues federal planning factors (Title 23 United States Code, Section 134(f)), which they revise when they reauthorize the federal transportation bill which should also be incorporated in the OWPs of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs). The ten planning factors (for both metropolitan and statewide planning) are listed in the matrix below. Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) for transportation planning are developed at the national level (jointly by FHWA and FTA). However, while MPOs must incorporate the PEAs into their OWPs, RTPAs are not required to do so.

Federal Planning Factor		OWP Work Elements																					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
a.	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X		
b.	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X
c.	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X		X
d.	Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
e.	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
f.	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
g.	Promote efficient system management and operation.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
h.	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
i.	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.			X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X							
j.	Enhance travel and tourism.	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X

SUMMARY OF FUNDING NEEDS

The draft FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program requires total funding of **\$3,992,552** which will be funded from a combination of Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds, Local Transportation Funds (LTF), State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds, Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds, Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Grant, REAP 2.0 Grant, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) competitive grant, SB 125 Formula TIRCP and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP), Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant.

Along with the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the Master Transfer Fund Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the state and the RTPA and is the annual application for RPA funds. The RPA funds are available after the passage of the State Budget and on a reimbursement basis. Work elements listed throughout the OWP funded with RPA funds are required to be associated with regional transportation planning and must be considered eligible activities as listed (below) in Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook (Appendix A):

Appendix A: Regional Planning Handbook

SECTION I. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

1. REGIONAL COORDINATION & CONSULTATION

- I. Participate in Federal and State Clean Air Act transportation related air quality planning activities.
- II. Involve federal and state permit and approval agencies early and continuously in the regional transportation planning process to identify and examine issues to develop necessary consensus and agreement; collaborate with Army Corps of Engineers, National fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies responsible for permits and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approvals and with state resources agencies for compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- III. Establish and maintain formal consultation with Native American Tribal Governments enabling their participation in local and state transportation planning and programming activities.
- IV. Create, strengthen, and use partnerships to facilitate and conduct regional transportation planning activities among California Department of Transportation (Department), MPO's RTPA's Native American Tribal Governments, transit districts, cities, counties, the private sector and other stakeholders.
- V. Coordinate with partners to identify policies, strategies, programs, and actions that enhance the movement of people, goods, services and information on the regional, inter-regional, and state highway system.
- VI. Coordinate with partners to implement the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based approach in the scope of the transportation planning process.
- VII. Develop joint work programs with transportation and air quality agencies, including transit operators, to enhance coordination efforts, partnerships, and consultation processes; eliminate or reduce redundancies, inefficient or ineffective resource use and overlapping review and approvals.

- VIII. Holding conferences and other technical meetings provided that the cost: (1) must be incurred for an activity that is eligible for the category of funds being used (e.g., PL funds can only be used for eligible metropolitan planning related activities); and must be allowable under the Office of Management and Budget's (2 CFR 200) cost principles for the agency that incurs the cost. Additionally, the basic guideline for allowability of a cost is that the cost be necessary and reasonable "for proper and efficient performance and administration" of the Federal awards" (i.e., Federal grant, project, etc.). The cost principles indicate that the cost of conferences or other meetings may be allowable for reimbursement when the primary purpose is the dissemination of "technical information."
- IX. Preparing for and attending board meetings – staff time for these meetings is eligible as an indirect cost and included in an ICAP because these meetings usually discuss matters beyond regional transportation planning (e.g., project development or delivery activities). However, there may be some exceptions. If the Board meeting is solely for the purpose of an MPO/RTPA, the OWP Work Element needs to justify how it is a direct cost.
- X. Association membership dues and staff time attending CALCOG meetings are eligible as an indirect cost and should be included in the ICAP because these meetings usually discuss matters beyond regional transportation planning (all lobbying activities associated with the organization are ineligible and should be segregated).
- XI. MPO/RTPA Executive Director – the MPO/RTPA Executive Director's time should mostly be recorded as an indirect cost activity. For example, when an Executive Director is meeting with staff or attending meetings on behalf of the agency, it is likely in an executive management capacity and therefore should be recorded as an indirect activity. There are instances when an Executive Director of a small MPO or RTPA can charge their time directly. In this instance, the Executive Director's time needs to be tracked by how they are functioning, that is whether they are working in a technical capacity (direct activity) or an executive management capacity (indirect activity).
- XII. OWP Development – only the development of the OWP document as it pertains to transportation planning and the CPG/RPA Work Elements should be in an OWP Development and Administrative-type Work Element. Other administrative and financial activities are also eligible and can be presented in one of the following options:
- As indirect costs and should be included in an ICAP;
 - As direct costs in a separate work element but paid for with other funds, if an agency does not have an ICAP; OR
 - The activities can remain in a single work element if the accounting system is able to segregate direct and indirect activities to support the non-CPG/RPA funds are used for indirect activities.

2. PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- I. Involve the public in regional transportation planning process.
- II. Participate with regional, local and state agencies, the general public and the private sector in planning efforts to identify and plan policies, strategies, programs and actions that maximize and implement the regional transportation infrastructure.
- III. Conduct collaborative public participation efforts to further extend transportation planning to communities previously not engaged in discussion.

- IV. Utilize techniques that assist in community-based development of innovative regional transportation and land use alternatives to improve community livability, long-term economic stability, and sustainable development.
- V. Develop marketing/public outreach materials for planning requirements, the planning process, public education, or a specific transportation planning study (2 CFE 200.421).

3. INTEGRATED PLANNING

- I. Identify and analyze issues relating to integration of regional transportation and community goals and objectives in land use, housing, economic development, social welfare, and environmental preservation.
- II. Define solutions in terms of the regional multimodal transportation system, land use and economic impacts, financial constraints, air quality and environmental concerns (including wetlands, endangered species, and cultural resources).
- III. Document environmental and cultural resources and develop and improve coordination between agencies using Geographic Information Services (GIS) and other computer-based tools.
- IV. Develop partnerships with local agencies responsible for land use decisions to facilitate coordination of regional transportation planning and land use, open space, job-housing balance, environmental constraints, and growth management.
- V. Identify the right of way for future transportation projects, including unused right of way needed for future transportation corridors and facilities.
- VI. Investigate methods to reduce vehicle travel and to expand and enhance travel services.
- VII. Incorporate transit and intermodal facilities, bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways in regional transportation plans and programs where appropriate.
- VIII. Consider airport ground access transportation and transportation ports, recreational areas and other major trip-generating sites in planning studies as appropriate.
- IX. Identify and address regional transportation issues relating to international border crossings, and access to seaports, airports, intermodal transportation facilities, major freight distribution routes, national parks, recreation areas, monuments and historic sites, military installations; and military base closures.
- X. Develop programmatic mitigation plans (23 CFR 450.320) in coordination with FHWA and FTA.

4. TRANSPORTATION MODELING/VISUALIZATION TOOLS

- I. Develop and/or modify tools that allow for better assessment of regional transportation impacts on community livability.
- II. Consider alternative growth scenarios that provide information on compact development and related infrastructure needs and costs as it relates to regional transportation planning.

5. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PRESERVATION

- I. Preserve existing transportation facilities, planning ways to meet transportation needs by using existing transportation facilities more efficiently, with owners and operators of transportation facilities/systems working together to develop operational objectives and plans which maximize utilization of existing facilities.

- II. Develop life cycle cost analyses for all proposed transportation projects and services, and for transportation rehabilitation, operational and maintenance activities.
- III. Study of a regional traffic impact fee program and appropriate fee levels.

6. TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- I. Identify and document transportation facilities, projects and services required to meet regional and interregional mobility and access needs.
- II. Assess the operational and physical continuity of the regional transportation system components within and between metropolitan and rural areas, and interconnections to and through regions.
- III. Conduct regional transit needs assessments and prepare transit development plans and transit marketing plans as appropriate (non-planning activities related to TDA administration are ineligible; See Section IV).

7. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

- I. Review the regional project ranking process and programming guidelines ensuring comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of all project types are considered.
- II. Conduct planning activities (including corridor studies, and other transportation planning studies) to identify and develop candidate projects for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- III. Ensure that projects developed at the regional level (not project specific) are compatible with statewide and interregional transportation needs.

SECTION II. RURAL RTPA ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

In general, RTPA activities are eligible for State RPA funds if they have a direct nexus to core regional transportation planning functions. A well-defined link to regional transportation planning should be described in OWP Work Element activities. For example, using State RPA to fund a pavement management plan would be eligible if (1) the plan would feed into a regional pavement management plan or the RTP *and* (2) a clear connection to regional transportation planning is apparent in the appropriate OWP Work Element activity. The Caltrans OWP approval process is facilitated when the OWP consistently draws a strong link to regional transportation planning throughout the document.

SECTION III. REGIONAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) and accompanying environmental document
2. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
3. RTP and TIP environmental compliance
4. Overall Work Programs (OWP) and Amendments
5. Overall Work Program Agreements (OWPA) and Amendments
6. Master Fund Agreements (MFTA)
7. Corridor studies

HCAOG does not have an indirect cost plan but uses an accounting system that is able to segregate the activities to support each activity being charged to RPA eligible tasks.

BUDGET SUMMARY REVIEW

The commitment from local [and regionally administered](#) funding sources for the FY 2024-25 OWP totals \$~~898,317~~ 940,463 (24%)

Local and Regional	LTF	464,300	<p>The Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are derived from a 1/4-cent general sales tax for the development and support of public transportation needs that exist in California and are allocated to areas of each county based on population, taxable sales, and transit performance.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$464,300</p>
	STA	70,000	<p>The TDA established two funding sources, the LTF and the State Transit Assistance (STA). The STA funds are appropriated through the State Controller’s Office and allocated by formula to planning agencies for public transit purposes.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$70,000</p>
	SAFE	367,517	<p>Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE): The call box program allows for administration, management, and implementation of various studies and services including the countywide system of call boxes. This funding source is a \$1.00 yearly fee on vehicle registrations in Humboldt County.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$367,517</p>
	Local Match Regional Entities (STPG WE 20)	38,646	<p>Regional entities will be providing a local match for WE 20: STPG Humboldt Multimodal & Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$38,646</p>

The commitment from State funding sources for the FY 2024-25 OWP totals \$437,000 (11%)

State	PPM	100,000	<p>Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM): In accordance with SB 45 provisions (as revised under AB 608, effective 1/1/02 up to 5% of Humboldt County's Regional Choice (SB 45) funds are utilized for eligible PPM activities.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$100,000</p>
	RPA	337,000	<p>Rural Planning Assistance (RPA): State RPA funding is made available to rural agencies to assist with transportation planning duties.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$337,000</p>

The commitment from Grant funding sources for the FY 2024-25 OWP totals \$2,615,089 (65%)

Grants	Sustainable Communities (STP) Grant	241,932	<p>HCAOG was awarded a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (a competitive grant program administered by Caltrans) to complete the Humboldt Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning project. The project will occur over 3 years.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$241,932</p>
	TIRCP/HTA Grant	193,999	<p>Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP): The Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) was awarded grant funds to expand transit service, introduce zero-emission fleet, build a hydrogen transit station and housing center in downtown Eureka. HCAOG will be assisting with the coordination and outreach for the project.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$193,999</p>
	SB 125 Formula TIRCP/ ZETCP	10,323	<p>SB 125, approved with the Budget Act of 2023, is a new program that provides formula funding to be administered by RTPA's for transit operations and capital projects that will help to increase ridership and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Approximately \$16.9 million will come to the region over a 4-year period, with a maximum of 5% set aside for HCAOG to use for administration.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$10,323</p>
	REAP 1.0	200,000	<p>Regional Early Action Plan (REAP): The REAP grant program, available through Senate Bill (SB) 113 and Assembly Bill (AB) 101, have made funds available to accelerate housing production in California for local agencies to facilitate compliance with for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan.</p> <p>FY 2023-24 Carryover: \$200,000</p>
	REAP 2.0	1,731,835	<p>REAP 2.0 was a competitive grant program focused on funding transformative projects that created infill housing, incorporated transit and reduced vehicle miles traveled. HCAOG was successful in receiving approximately \$2.7 million for two projects in our region: Predevelopment funds for the We Are Up housing project and a zero-emission vehicle micro transit system, both in McKinleyville. Most of the funds are pass through funds, with HCAOG receiving a small amount for administration.</p> <p>FY 2024-25: \$1,731,835</p>

	Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant	237,000	HCAOG was awarded a US Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration grant to complete a Regional Vision Zero Action Plan informed by roadway safety demonstration projects. The project will occur over 3 years with an award amount of \$480,000 available for the region. FY 2024-25: \$237,000
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FY 2024-25 OWP Work Elements		Budget Summary by Work Element and Funding Source													
		LTF	STA	PPM	FY 24-25 RPA	(Carryover) FY 23-24 RPA	Sustainable Communities STP Grant	Local Match Regional Entities (STPG)	TIRCP Grant (HTA)	TIRCP SB 125	REAP 1.0 Grant (carryover)	REAP 2.0 Grant	Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant	SAFE	Total DRAFT Budget
1	SAFE Program													357,017	357,017
2	Regional Planning & Intergovernmental Coordination	1,000			117,400										118,400
3	OWP Programming	500			34,400									500	35,400
4	Planning Programming State Funds	1,500			48,100										49,600
5	Project Delivery and Oversight	5,100		36,900											42,000
6	Overhead Costs	341,400		31,000										10,000	382,400
7	Research, Collaboration/Transp Planning Grant Dev				32,500										32,500
8	Public Outreach				20,000										20,000
9	Training	18,000			1,800										19,800
10	TDA Fund Management	86,100	70,000												156,100
11	Regional Transportation Plan				12,400										12,400
12	Unmet Transit Needs				10,500										10,500
13	Active Transportation and Safety				34,500										34,500
14	Global Climate Change - Sea Level Rise				12,000										12,000
15	Vibrant Neighborhoods/Land Use Connections				13,400										13,400
16	RTP Equity and Relationship Building	10,700		2,100.00											12,800
17	TIRCP/HTA Grant							193,999							193,999
18	SB 125: Formula Based TIRCP and ZETCP								10,323						10,323
19	Regional Housing Planning (AB 101 - SB 102)									200,000					200,000
20	Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhood Planning						241,932	38,646							280,578
21	REAP 2.0: McKinleyville Microtransit and We Are UP										1,731,835				1,731,835
22	Safe Streets and Roads for All			30,000								237,000			267,000
Total		464,300	70,000	100,000	337,000	-	241,932	38,646	193,999	10,323	200,000	1,731,835	237,000	367,517	\$ 3,992,552

WORK ELEMENT 1: SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES (SAFE) PROGRAM

Purpose Statement:

As the SAFE coordinator for Humboldt County, HCAOG is responsible for operation and maintenance of a countywide system of freeway and rural highway call boxes. The call box network helps travelers-in-need contact the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for roadway emergencies. There are currently 55 call boxes on Highways 101 and 299. HCAOG is in the process of installing new call boxes on Highway 36 and 96. This emergency program is funded by a \$1.00 yearly fee on vehicle registrations in Humboldt County, assessed through the Department of Motor Vehicles. No RPA funds will be used on this work element.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Adopted a SAFE Strategic Plan
- ✓ Fiscal and consultant management
- ✓ Attended CAL SAFE meetings, monitored legislation
- ✓ Updated SAFE call box inventory list
- ✓ Worked with entities to evaluate new call box locations
- ✓ Research on solar call boxes
- ✓ ADA and 4G improvements

Task Products:

1. Contracts, CHP, Eureka Police
2. Agenda, meeting records/materials
3. Inventory list
4. Invoices, bank records
5. Quarterly and annual usage reports
6. Agendas and meeting records
7. New call boxes installed

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Oversee project, manage consultant, Fiscal Duties	SAFE	Staff; Monthly FY 24-25
2	Attend CAL SAFE meetings, monitor legislation, and coordinate with statewide call box efforts.	SAFE	Staff; Annual conference, monthly coordination and legislation FY 24-25
3	Research for and prepare work element, accounts payable/receivable.	SAFE	Staff; Annual research and preparation of WE during OWP development. Monthly accounts payable and receivable FY 24-25
4	Call Box Program Operations & Maintenance.	SAFE	Contractor; Monthly FY 24-25
5	Contractor installation of new call boxes	SAFE	Contractor; Summer 2024
6	Prepare staff reports.	SAFE	Staff; As needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

All tasks in this work element are funded through SAFE.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	SAFE	
HCAOG Staff	7,000	7,000
Consultant - Maintenance Contract	30,000	70,000
Call Box Implementation (4G improvements and new call box installation)	120,000	120,000
CHP/City of Eureka Supplemental Patrols	200,000	200,000
Total	\$357,000	\$357,000

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WORK ELEMENT 2: PLANNING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Purpose Statement:

Regional Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination provides ongoing coordination with local and state agencies, Tribal governments, the general public, and the private sector in planning efforts to identify and plan policies, strategies, and long-range transportation duties to achieve HCAOG’s mission and goals. Policy and technical recommendations are made to the HCAOG Board. HCAOG anticipates continuing with holding virtual and hybrid meetings while also conducting in-person meetings when feasible.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Prepared for and attended HCAOG Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- ✓ Monitored tribal, state and federal legislation
- ✓ Attended North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission meetings and Tribal Summit
- ✓ Attended local agency meetings for transportation and transit planning
- ✓ Assisted local Transit Agencies coordinating Transit Asset Management Planning

Task Products:

1. Correspondence letters, emails
2. Develop and maintain contacts
3. HCAOG Board and TAC agendas, meeting records, staff reports, and resolutions

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Day-to-day transportation planning duties, including monitoring state and federal legislative activities, and transportation correspondence;	RPA	Staff; Daily FY 24-25
2	Develop and maintain local, regional, and statewide contacts.;	RPA	Staff; As needed FY 24-25
3	Outreach to local, state, and federal agencies on transportation, Attend meetings with Caltrans, other local government agencies, JPA’s, Humboldt Transit Authority, the North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission (NCTTC); Transit agencies, and other tribal agencies in relationship to transportation planning;	RPA	Staff; Daily to monthly FY 24-25
4	Prepare for, plan, and attend HCAOG Board, and Committee meetings.	LTF/RPA	Staff; Multiple times per month FY 24-25
5		RPA	Staff; Daily to weekly preparation, monthly meetings FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 5 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections:
Sections: 1. Regional Coordination and Consultation; 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement; and 3. Integrated Planning.

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	RPA	
HCAOG Staff		117,400	117,400
Regional Meeting Travel	1,000		1,000
Total	\$1000	\$117,400	\$118,400

WORK ELEMENT 3: OVERALL WORK PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Purpose Statement:

Overall Work Program (OWP) Development covers the development and management of the OWP & Budget. The OWP is a comprehensive document that includes a wide variety of funding sources and provides an overview of the region, with a focus on its transportation goals and objectives, and the actions required to achieve them. The OWP is a scope of work for transportation planning activities, including estimated funding sources, and completion schedules which fulfill the responsibilities in carrying out the state requirements in concert with Caltrans Headquarters Office of Regional Planning (ORP).

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Adopted the FY 2023-24 OWP and Budget
- ✓ Sign Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) formalizing the RPA Contract between HCAOG and Caltrans
- ✓ Processed amendments to the OWP and OWPA as needed
- ✓ Consultation and coordination with Caltrans Regional Planning and HQ in preparation for the future years OWP
- ✓ Prepared and submitted quarterly progress reports for requests for reimbursement of RPA funds
- ✓ Submitted formal and administrative OWP amendments as needed
- ✓ Completed timesheets for quarterly reporting

Task Products:

1. Drafts and Final OWP's, signed OWPA
2. Amended OWP's and OWPA's, Resolutions
3. Quarterly Reports, invoices, summary of activities performed
4. Timesheets
5. Invoices, Year-end close out package
6. Agendas and meeting records
7. OWP Updates to SAFE and TDA work elements

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Prepare Draft and Final 2025-26 OWP & Budget; and sign OWPA contract	RPA	Staff; Dec 2024 through June 2025
2	Monitor the 2024-25 OWP budget, prepare/process amendments, quarterly reports/invoices and FY 2023-24 year end close out package	RPA	Staff; July 2024 through June 2025, daily monitoring, amendments as needed, quarterly reports and invoices (October 2024, January 2025, April 2025 and August 2025). FY 2023-24 end of year close out package - July 2024.

3	Track staff hours on work tasks and review budget expenses	RPA	Staff; Daily FY 24-25
4	Prepare staff reports to Board and HCAOG committees	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as needed July to June FY 24-25
5	Updates to SAFE and any TDA work elements not considered RPA eligible	SAFE/ LTF	Staff; On-going- as needed July to June FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans’ Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 5 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections: Sections: 1. Regional Coordination and Consultation: xii. OWP Development.

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Task 5 will be funded using LTF and SAFE funds.

Agency	Funding Source			Total Costs
	SAFE	LTF	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	500	500	34,400	35,400
Total	\$500	\$500	\$34,400	\$35,400

WORK ELEMENT 4: PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING STATE FUNDS

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of this work element is to plan and administer state transportation planning funds and improvement programs associated with statewide transportation planning. This includes participating with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission funding programs and opportunities.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Attended Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF), California Regional Transportation Planning Agency meetings, California Transportation Commission (CTC) meetings and workshops
- ✓ Reviewed policies and regulations to update procurement procedures (revised 2018)
- ✓ Reviewed and entered into an Agreement with Caltrans for the FY 21-22 Rural Surface Transportation Planning (RSTP) funds
- ✓ Adopted the FY 22-23 RSTP Policy and Allocation
- ✓ Allocated RSTP funds to regional entities
- ✓ Adopted Resolution allocating funds for the FY 23-24 SB1 State of Good Repair;
- ✓ Adopted Resolution allocating funds for the Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP)
- ✓ Renewed annual StreetSaver Licenses
- ✓ Adopted Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)
- ✓ Assisted with programming funding sources such as CRRSAA and upcoming programs from infrastructure bill

Task Products:

1. Agenda's, Meeting records, Resolutions, and invoices
2. Updates to Guidelines, Procurement Policies and Procedures
3. Adopted RTIP/STIP
4. Adopted RSTP Policies and Allocation
5. Correspondence
6. StreetSaver Licenses (Provides a set of powerful analysis tools, including budget needs, budget scenarios, target driven scenarios, and project selection that contribute to HCAOG's Regional Transportation Plan's region priority list and financial element. It generates updated Pavement Condition Index metrics for local jurisdictions and the Humboldt region. The licenses also provide updated information for the biennial California Statewide Local Streets and Road Needs Assessment. HCAOG, along with RTPA's statewide, support this effort through a biennial contribution of RSTP funding)
7. Staff reports

FY 2024-25 Tasks		Funding	Schedule
1	Attend CalRTPA, RCTF, Caltrans, CTC, and Statewide Active Transportation/ Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings and workshops.	LTF/RPA	Staff; Monthly July to June FY 24-25
2	Research/Update program guidelines, not limited to the STIP, RSTP, LCTOP, SGR, and SB 1. Update policies and regulations consistent with RCTF and Caltrans training and guidance.	RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25
3	Amend the RTIP, STIP and FSTIP.	RPA	Staff; As needed FY 24-25
4	Enter into RSTP Agreement; Allocate funds	RPA	Staff; Apr to June 2025
5	Work with local agencies in carrying out SB1 SGR duties.	RPA	Staff; Jan to Jun FY 2025
6	Renew annual StreetSaver Licenses.	RPA	Staff; Annually FY 24-25
7	Assist with programming state funding sources such as Carbon Reduction Program and others as needed	RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25
8	Prepare staff reports.	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25
9	Participate as grant evaluators for State grants such as Active Transportation and Highways to Boulevards.	RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans’ Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to, and II. Rural RTPA Eligible Activities.*

Tasks 1 through 9 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections: Sections: 1. Regional Coordination and Consultation 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

LTF funds will be used for additional travel costs for Task 1.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	RPA	
HCAOG Staff		18,600	18,600
Statewide meetings/ Assist with Grants and applications	1,500	17,500	19,000
StreetSaver License Renewal		12,000	12,000
Total	\$1,500	\$48,100	\$49,600

WORK ELEMENT 5: PROJECT DELIVERY AND OVERSIGHT

Purpose Statement:

One of HCAOG’s key obligations as the RTPA is oversight to ensure effective project development and delivery. This work element includes managing, reporting, and monitoring projects for effective delivery of projects funded with current resources and to capitalize on future resources.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Entered into Agreement with Caltrans for the FY 2023-24 Planning, Program and Monitoring (PPM) funds
- ✓ Prepared and submit invoicing to Caltrans
- ✓ Submitted close out expenditure report for FY 2022-23
- ✓ Monitored project delivery to prevent loss of STIP funds to region
- ✓ Attended meetings and coordination with Caltrans on the 101 Eureka Arcata Safety Corridor
- ✓ Provided administrative services for the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee

Task Products:

1. Signed Agreement, PSRs, investment studies
2. Allocation requests, Progress reports, Obligation Plan
3. Agenda’s, meeting records, webinars
4. Invoices. Progress reports, Close out expenditure report
5. Staff reports, meeting records, Resolutions

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Develop project study reports (PSRs), feasibility studies, capital improvement plans or major investment studies.	PPM	Local and tribal governments As-needed FY 24-25
2	Agreements and invoicing to CT. Monitor and review project delivery, implementation schedules, costs, and deadlines. Take necessary actions to prevent loss of funds to the region. Develop correspondence, allocation requests, time extension requests, and reports. Submit annual obligation plan to local assistance. Meetings with Caltrans and reports on the 101 Safety Corridor. PPM year end expense reports.	PPM	Staff; Annually FY 24-25
3	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committee meetings	PPM	Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25
4	Invoicing and administrative support for the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee	PPM	Staff; Monthly, as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:
 This work element is fully funded with PPM.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	PPM	
HCAOG Staff		6,900	6,900
Local Match Contingency	5,100	30,000	35,100 30,000
Total	\$5,100	\$36,900 6,900	\$42,000 6,900

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WORK ELEMENT 6: OVERHEAD ADMINISTRATION

Purpose Statement:

Overhead and administrative costs covering the day-to-day expenses associated with HCAOG.

- ✓ Previous Work Completed
- ✓ Daily Administrative duties, payroll, employee benefits, Personnel Policies and Procedures, Performance Evaluations
- ✓ Computer and IT maintenance, office equipment, lease/upgrades, security system;
- ✓ Legal Services
- ✓ Accounts Payables and Receivables
- ✓ Paid membership dues and attended CALCOG; CalACT; Civic Well Membership; and Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Prepared staff reports and or resolutions

Task Products:

1. Payroll records, Personnel Policies, performance evaluations, invoices, bank statements
2. Office equipment, invoices, security system
3. Contract for legal services
4. CALCOG, NSSR, CalAct participation and membership in Civic Wells and Chamber of Commerce fees/ dues
5. Invoices for membership/travel, agendas meeting records
6. Staff reports and resolutions

FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1 Day-to-day administrative duties. Payroll, maintain employee compensation and benefits. Personnel duties such as performance evaluations. Accounts Payables and Receivables, bank reconciliations	LTF/SAFE	Staff; On-going, daily FY 24-25
2 Printing, postage, publications, communication, office equipment, equipment lease. Maintain and upgrade computers as necessary, computer systems, network, website (such as maintaining the URL and domain name), and equipment, Security system	SAFE/ PPM/LTF	Staff; On-going, daily FY 23-24, IT Consultant; As- needed FY 24-25
3 Legal Services	PPM/LTF	Legal Counsel; As needed FY 24-25
4 Participate in transportation membership organizations and committees, such as the NSSR, the CALCOG, and the CalACT	PPM/LTF	Staff; Monthly July/June FY 24-25
5 Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committee meetings.	PPM/LTF	Staff; Monthly, as- needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

Tasks completed in this work element are funded by SAFE, PPM, and LTF.

Agency	Funding Source			Total Costs
	SAFE	PPM	LTF	
HCAOG Staff			115,800	115,800
HCAOG overhead/Legal Counsel/Direct Costs, PERS UAL CALCOG/NSSR/CalACT, mtg attendance and membership dues	10,000	31,000	225,400	266,400
Total	\$10,000	\$31,000	\$341,000	\$382,400

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WORK ELEMENT 7: RESEARCH, COLLABORATION AND TRANSIT PLANNING GRANT DEVELOPMENT

Purpose Statement:

Grant development includes researching and providing technical assistance to local agencies [and Tribal Governments](#) for transportation planning grant opportunities and applications, as well as applying for planning grants with HCAOG as lead sponsor/agency.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Provided transit and transportation planning grant information to local agencies
- ✓ Assisted agencies with planning grant applications, researched Zero Emissions Vehicle Grants
- ✓ Partnered with the Humboldt Transit Authority for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
- ✓ Provide support letters to local agencies
- ✓ Attended workshops for 5310 and scored grant applications
- ✓ Disseminated project solicitations and allocation of 5311 and 5311(f) funds;
- ✓ Prepare staff reports and resolutions

Task Products:

1. Informational notices, support letters, grant applications
2. Program of projects
3. Agendas, meeting records
4. Staff reports, resolutions

	FY 2023-24 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Research and disseminate information on transit grants and transportation planning grants available to the region. Assist with and or lead planning grant applications, including letters of support.	RPA	Staff; Daily research, application assistance as-needed FY 24-25
2	Attend workshops, meetings, and facilitate programming funds for FTA 5310 and regional allocation of 5311 funds. Review and rank grant applications.	RPA	Staff; Most 5311 work will be completed January- April 2025. 5310 work is expected July-December 2024. Workshops and meetings could occur at anytime
3	Attend federal, state, or local training, workshops on other transportation planning grant programs.	RPA	Staff; Monthly as-needed FY 24-25
4	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committee meetings.	RPA	Staff; Monthly as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to, and II. Rural RTPA Eligible Activities.* Tasks 1 through 4 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections:

Sections: 1. Regional Coordination and Consultation 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	31,500	31,500
Workshops and meetings	1,000	1,000
Total	\$32,500	\$32,500

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WORK ELEMENT 8: PUBLIC OUTREACH

Purpose Statement:

This work element aims to increase public awareness and understanding of HCAOG's regional transportation issues, goals, policies, programs and plans. All HCAOG Board meetings are televised and HCAOG's website is continually updated.

Previous Work Completed:

During the 2023-24 fiscal year all HCAOG Board meetings were hybrid and were televised for the public review and participation. HCAOG continued building awareness of goals and programs by networking and communicating through social media and other means.

- ✓ Update HCAOG Website and Facebook with planning updates/materials such as HCAOG Board and Committee meeting agenda's, meeting records, and staff reports.
- ✓ Attend transportation related working groups, forums, ceremonies, (e.g., ground breaking and ribbon cutting)

Task Products:

1. HCAOG Website, Facebook, Public Notice materials
2. Correspondence, news media, attendance at events
3. Record of televised meetings, invoices
4. Agenda's, meeting records, staff reports, resolutions [posted to website](#)

	FY 2023-24 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Prepare and publish public outreach materials, keep HCAOG Website current, Facebook posts. Respond to information for Public Records Act request. Interviews with media	RPA	Staff; Monthly-HCAOG website updates, PRA requests and interviews as-needed FY 24-25
2	Attend transportation-related working groups, forums, ceremonies (e.g., groundbreaking and ribbon cutting).	RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25
3	Access Humboldt- Televised Board meetings	RPA	Monthly FY 24-25
4	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committees.	RPA	Staff; Monthly as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

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Section: 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	8,000	8,000
Public noticing, materials, printing, website, and outreach events, Access Humboldt	12,000	12,000
Total	\$20,000	\$20,000

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WORK ELEMENT 9: TRAINING

Purpose Statement:

The Training work element helps fund registration fees and travel costs for HCAOG Board members and staff to attend transportation-related trainings and conferences for technical, planning, or management expertise.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Attended Active Transportation trainings, read and attended Strong Towns and New Mobilities educational materials and webinars
- ✓ Attended CARB Clean Workshops and the FHWA Safe Roads Countermeasures webinar
- ✓ Administrative trainings through the Rural Counties Task Force ~~and~~, Caltrans, and other professional training agencies
- ✓ Attended Public Agency training on the Robert’s Rules of Order Brown Act Law

Task Products:

1. Invoices, agendas, training materials
2. Updates to Procedures, invoices, agendas, training materials

	FY 2023-24 Task	Funding	Schedule
1	Attend transportation-related trainings offered through Caltrans or other transportation agencies.	LTF/RPA	HCAOG Board/Staff; As-needed FY 24-25
2	Attend administrative workshops and trainings to improve office efficiency and management.	LTF/RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans’ Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to, and II. Rural RTPA Eligible Activities.* Tasks 1 through 2 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections:

Sections: 1. Regional Coordination and Consultation

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	RPA	
HCAOG Staff, Board, TAC members	11,000	1,800	12,800
Program costs, travel, etc.	7,000		7,000
Total	\$18,000	\$1,800	\$16,721

WORK ELEMENT 10: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUND MANAGEMENT

Purpose Statement:

TDA Fund Management is included to allocate and administer Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Administer allocation of FY 23-24 TDA fund and adopt Program of Projects for STA funds
- ✓ Prepare and sent out Solicitation notice
- ✓ Provided information to auditors to complete Fiscal and Compliance for FY ending 2023
- ✓ Provided information to auditors to complete the Triennial Performance Audits FY ending 2023
- ✓ Coordinated and attend SSTAC meetings
- ✓ Updated the HCAOG TDA Rules

Task Products:

1. Solicitation notices, correspondence, Program of Projects
2. Agendas and meeting records
3. Draft and final Fiscal and Compliance Audits (Yearly audits)
4. Dial a Ride System Analysis
5. Agendas, meeting records, resolutions

	FY 2023-24 Task	Funding	Schedule
1	Administer TDA Funds (LTF and STAF), administer a program of projects, process claims and assist claimants.	LTF	Staff; Ongoing FY 24-25
2	Prepare for and attend SSTAC meetings.	LTF	Staff; Bi-monthly FY 24-25
3	Perform TDA Fiscal and Compliance audits	LTF	Consultant/Staff; FY 24-25
4	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committees.	LTF	Staff; Monthly, as-needed FY 24-25
5	Consultant selection and Dial a Ride System Analysis	STA	Consultant/Staff, FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

Tasks in this work element are fully funded using LTF and STA.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	STA	
HCAOG Staff	28,600		28,600
Fiscal and Compliance Audits	57,500		57,500
Dial a Ride Study		70,000	70,000
Total	\$86,100	\$70,000	\$156,100

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WORK ELEMENT 11: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) IMPLEMENTATION

Purpose Statement:

The RTP (*VROOM: Variety in Rural Options of Mobility*) is HCAOG’s principal long-range planning document. It is the core plan for policies to integrate land use and transportation planning. The RTP policies are the primary basis for regional priorities for transportation funding across the jurisdictions. Implementing the RTP should affect a more sustainable transportation sector, including programming for adapting to sea-level rise and for making the region more resilient to impacts from the global climate crisis.

With the adoption of *VROOM 2022-2042* in January 2022, implementing the policies and action items becomes a priority. This is an annual work element.

The purpose of this work element is to capture RTP implementation tasks that are not found in other work elements so that comprehensive RTP implementation can be achieved.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Adopted *VROOM 2022-2042*
- ✓ Implemented policies in the RTP such as Land Acknowledgement and progress on Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets

Task Products:

1. Advertisements, correspondence, public comments
2. Data collection
3. Agendas and meeting records

FY 23-24 Task	Funding	Schedule
1 Implementation by carrying out policies and projects of <i>VROOM</i> , the current Regional Transportation Plan. Continue pursuing RTP objectives to reach transportation equity goals.	RPA	Staff; Weekly FY 24-25
2 Assist local jurisdictions in collecting data for proposed projects in adopted regional plans. Develop methodology for collecting local/regional transportation data	RPA	Staff; Ongoing, as requested by jurisdictions FY 24-25
3 Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and committee meetings.	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 3 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following section:
III. Regional Planning Documents: RTP and accompanying environmental document.

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	12,400	12,400
Total	\$12,400	\$12,400

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WORK ELEMENT 12: UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

Purpose Statement:

Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) work element covers legislative mandates to ensure public transportation is community-responsive in a dynamic and changing service environment and to continually improve transit performance.

Previous Work Completed:

This work element represents an ongoing process of ensuring the legislative mandates for public transit are met. Examples of previous years work include the coordination with local and tribal entities, holding public hearings, receiving public comments throughout the year, finalizing a report of finding and submitting to Caltrans.

- ✓ Review prior UTN assessment, collect census data and reports
- ✓ Coordination with local and tribal governments regarding unmet transit needs
- ✓ Coordinate and or attend UTN hearings throughout the region
- ✓ Hold annual Public Hearing
- ✓ Draft and final UTN Report of Findings

Task Products:

1. Prior Reports and data
2. Correspondence
3. Draft and UTN Final Reports of Findings
4. Agenda, meeting records, resolutions

	FY 2023-24 Task	Funding	Schedule
1	Review prior year transit needs assessment; collect census data and reports.	RPA	Staff; July to Dec 2024
2	Coordinate with local and tribal governments, gather public information and comments.	RPA	Staff; On-going FY 24-25
3	Provide draft and final Report of Findings to transit operators and SSTAC for review.	RPA	Staff; Jan to Feb FY 2025
4	Prepare staff report; present to HCAOG Board	RPA	Staff; April to May 2025

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 4 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections:

1. Regional Coordination and Consultation; 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement; 3. Integrated Planning; 4. Transportation Modeling/Visualization Tools; 5. Transportation System Preservation; and 6. Transportation Needs Assessment

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	9,500	9,500
Newspaper publications, public outreach, survey	1,000	1,000
Total	\$10,500	\$10,500

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WORK ELEMENT 13: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of the Active transportation and safety work element is to promote, encourage, and educate the community on active transportation and safety. HCAOG will put significant work in collaboration on planning and programs that promote active transportation and improve safety for all users, but especially those most vulnerable including cyclists and pedestrians.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Promotion and education regarding Active Transportation
- ✓ Participate in SR2S Task Force
- ✓ Assist local jurisdictions in collecting ATP related data
- ✓ Promote Bike Month and adopt proclamation
- ✓ Attend Active Transportation Planning (ATP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Task Products:

1. Research, review, and assist with ATP Grants
2. Promote and education regarding active transportation
3. Walk audits
4. Vision Zero: Support safety and vision zero programs
5. Safe Routes to School Agenda's meeting records
6. Bike Month activities and proclamation
7. Agendas and meeting records

	FY 2023-24 Task	Funding	Schedule
1	Promote, support, and educate on Vision Zero programs.	RPA	Staff; On-going, monthly FY 24-25
2	Promote, support, and educate on active transportation, complete streets, and promoting first-last mile connectivity to public transit.	RPA	Staff; On-going, monthly FY 24-25
3	Support City of Arcata South Arcata Multimodal and Safety Improvement Project (SAMSIP) STPG Grant	RPA	Staff; On-going, as needed FY 24-25
4	Participate with SR2S Task Force, attend meetings, SR2S Toolkit, assist with walk audits	RPA	Staff; Monthly meetings, as needed walk audits. FY 24-25
5	Promote Bike Month, meetings	RPA	Staff; on going, primarily January through May 2025.
6	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and TAC	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans' Regional Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 6 are eligible activities as they are associated with Section 1 Regional Coordination and Consultation, and 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source RPA	Total Costs
HCAOG Staff	30,500	30,500
Public education, outreach, media ads, bike/walk audit	4,000	4,000
Total	\$34,500	\$34,500

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WORK ELEMENT 14: GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE - SEA LEVEL RISE

Purpose Statement:

The transportation sector is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state of California, with a contribution of 38%. Assembly Bill 32, *California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006* designated the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. Senate Bill 32 of 2016 required the state board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions were reduced to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. More recently, Executive Order N-79-20 acknowledged that we must “move more quickly toward our low carbon, sustainable and resilient future” and that “California’s long-term economic resilience requires bold action to eliminate emissions from transportation.” N-79-20 sets a goal that 100 percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks will be zero-emission by 2035. Additionally, the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) was adopted by the California State Transportation Agency in March 2021. The plan details how the state recommends investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety and equity.

Climate change adaptation and resiliency will be key to maintaining the region’s transportation infrastructure. With an estimated 3 feet of sea level rise by 2070, transportation infrastructure along our region’s coastal areas will experience increased flooding (Humboldt Bay Area Plan Sea Level Rise Assessment, 2018). The Highway 101 corridor between Eureka and Arcata is particularly vulnerable. A Coastal Development Permit issued by the California Coastal Commission in 2019 for a five-component improvement project along the 101 Corridor (includes the Indianola undercrossing project that HCAOG has contributed over \$20 million in Regional Improvement Funds) requires Caltrans to prepare a Long-Term Sea-Level Rise Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan As part of the Conditions of Approval. Caltrans is actively working on this plan.

This work element includes HCAOG efforts to stay current and provide expertise to our regional partners, promote greenhouse gas reduction from the transportation sector, and the data collection needed to track progress. This work element will allow HCAOG to deliver on some of the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Target initiatives, which work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to the transportation sector. It also allows HCAOG to participate in regional efforts to deliver adaptation projects such as the Long-Term Sea-Level Rise Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan. In 2023 HCAOG joined the North Coast Off-Shore Wind Community Benefits Network. This venue allows HCAOG to bring a transportation perspective to the network and how off-shore wind can be developed in a way helps to achieve the goals in the Regional Transportation Plan including the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Attended meetings and or workshops regarding news/updates on greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Participated monthly in the Transportation Roundtable focused on reducing GHG from the transportation sector
- ✓ Gathered baseline data regarding zero emissions vehicles related to the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets
- ✓ Participated in working groups for the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan

Task Products:

1. Reports and studies
2. Correspondence, comment letters, meeting attendance
3. Agendas, meeting records, public outreach
4. Staff reports

	FY 2023-24 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Research climate mitigation and adaptation practices and policies. Gather scientific knowledge on the state and local level.	RPA	Staff; On-going FY 24-25
2	Follow California Air Resources Board actions, reports, and meetings.	RPA	Staff; On-going FY 24-25
3	Participate with local, regional, and state agencies in preparing Climate Action Plans and related planning, including public engagement, education and discourse.	RPA	Staff; As needed FY 24-25
4	Attend meetings and workshops.	RPA	Staff; As-needed FY 24-25
5	Collect baseline data for Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets.	RPA	Staff; Weekly to monthly FY 24-25
6	Participate in the Long-Term Sea Level Rise Comprehensive Adaptation and Implementation Plan (CAIP) for the 101 Corridor	RPA	Staff; as-needed FY 24-25
7	Manage zero emission vehicle initiatives found in the RTP Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets and Executive Order N-79-20.	RPA	Staff; Monthly FY 24-25
8	Prepare, review, and assist with Climate and adaptation Grants/applications	RPA	Staff; as needed FY 24-25
9	Participate in the North Coast Offshore Wind Community Benefits Network	RPA	Staff; as needed FY 24-25
10	Prepare staff reports.	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

According to Caltrans’ Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 10 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections: 5. Regional Coordination and Consultation; 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement; and 3. Integrated Planning.

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	11,000	11,000
Travel for meetings	1,000	1,000
Total	\$12,000	\$12,000

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WORK ELEMENT 15: VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS AND LAND USE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION

Purpose Statement:

The Vibrant Neighborhoods and Land Use Transportation Connection Work Element provides education and support to projects that include transit-oriented development and that support the Safe and Sustainable Transportation (SSTT) outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan. Integrating transit planning with land use can facilitate climate goals of compact development, reduced vehicle trips and travel demand and lower GHG emissions in Humboldt County.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Promoted RTP policies by tracking and participating in local efforts such as the McKinleyville Town Center, and Arcata Gateway Plan

Task Products:

1. Letters, correspondence
2. Educational materials
3. Implement adopted RTP policies
4. Agendas and meeting records

FY 2024-25 Tasks		Funding	Schedule
1	Review reports, General Plans, studies and EIRs, letters supporting SSTT and RTP policies.	RPA	Staff; As needed FY Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25
2	Promote, support, and educate on the integration of transit planning/active transportation planning with land use and housing.	RPA	Staff; Monthly FY Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25
3	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and TAC	RPA	Staff; Monthly, as needed FY Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25
4	Convene agencies and stakeholders for Regional Housing Needs Allocation discussions and other planning topics related to the integration of land use and transportation planning.	RPA	Staff; quarterly and as needed FY Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

This work element qualifies for RPA funding because it supports the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan.

According to Caltrans' Regional Planning Handbook, this work element meets the eligibility requirements for the use of RPA funds listed in Appendix A: *Eligible Activities include but are not limited to.*

Tasks 1 through 4 are eligible activities as they are associated with the following sections:

1. Regional Coordination and Consultation; 2. Public and Stakeholder Engagement; and 3. Integrated Planning.

For reference, Appendix A has been included in this document on pages 16-19.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	RPA	
HCAOG Staff	9,400	9,400
Outreach	4,000	4,000
Total	\$13,400	\$ 13,400

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WORK ELEMENT 16: RTP EQUITY AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of this work element is to complete equity projects from RTP. We seek to avoid being transactional with our outreach but rather foster relationships that allow us to be more inclusive in the way we collaborate with our community and receive feedback on transportation issues. HCAOG will attend and at times conduct meetings and or workshops to reach diverse populations countywide; collaborate with social service agencies, advocacy groups, business, and other entities; and coordinate with HCAOG member agencies and Native American tribes. Other methods may include surveys and polls, interviews, and on-line options for interactive participation. Information may be shared through PSA's website content, social media, and through posters, flyers, and pamphlets.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Regular participation in groups such as Promoters to maintain relationships with underserved communities
- ✓ Presentations to local groups on role of HCAOG and our regional planning efforts such as the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission and Cal Poly Humboldt

Task Products:

1. Public outreach and Correspondence, PSA's, workshops
2. Agendas and meeting records
3. Gather data on underserved communities
4. Presentations to service groups and others
5. New and ongoing regional coordination

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Public outreach; Community collaboration and feedback on equity transportation issues. Gather baseline data on underserved communities.	LTF/PPM	Staff; Monthly FY 24-25
2	Coordinate and conduct meetings/workshops to reach diverse populations countywide; collaborate with and provide presentations to social service agencies, advocacy groups, business and other entities, coordinate with HCAOG member agencies and Native American tribal staff.	LTF/PPM	Staff; Monthly FY 24-25
3	Implement equity projects outlined in the RTP	LTF/PPM	Staff; Monthly FY 24-25
4	Prepare staff reports for HCAOG Board and TAC	LTF/PPM	Staff; Monthly, as-needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:
 Tasks in this work element are fully funded using LTF and PPM.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	LTF	PPM	
HCAOG Staff	6,700	2,100	8,800
Travel, advertising, outreach	4,000		4,000
Total	\$10,700	\$2,100	\$12,800

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WORK ELEMENT 17: TIRCP/HTA GRANT (TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITOL PROGRAM)

Purpose Statement:

This work element will provide support for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program Grant awarded to Humboldt Transit Authority for the Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California’s North Coast project. HCAOG tasks will include grant management, community outreach and private fleet outreach. HCAOG will take the lead in supporting HTA in their reporting and grant management tasks. HCAOG will prepare quarterly reports and assist with the public bid process. For community outreach HCAOG will develop and implement a public participation plan that employs a range of engagement options. HCAOG will also assist HTA in rider education and promotion of the new Redwood Coast Express route, multimodal services offered, new ticketing systems, updated schedules, and other features that impact ridership.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Published Request for Proposals (RFP) and selected consulting firm for transit marketing.

Task Products:

1. Meeting notes, agendas, and updates to HTA
2. Project and fiscal management
3. Quarterly Reports
4. Public Participation Plan
5. Documentation of public engagement activities
6. Requests for Proposals (RFP) for various project related services
7. Staff Reports
8. Grant Applications

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Assist with RFP’s, Project Fiscal Management/Quarterly reports	TIRCP	Staff; Weekly fiscal management, quarterly reporting FY 24-25
2	Prepare and implement Public Participation Plan and implement marketing efforts, including writing grants for projects that will help increase transit ridership.	TIRCP	Staff/Consultant; Weekly and as needed FY 24-25
3	Prepare staff reports	TIRCP	Staff; Monthly, as needed FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

This work element is being fully funded with the TIRCP Grant funds.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	TIRCP	
HCAOG Staff	43,999 44,000	43,399 44,000
Advertising/Mtgs/Outreach/Consultant	150,000	150,000
Total	\$193,999 194,000	\$ 193,999 194,000

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WORK ELEMENT 18: SB 125 - TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) & ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM (ZETCP)

Purpose Statement:

This work element will provide administrative support for SB 125 implementation. SB 125 guides the statewide distribution of \$4 billion in General Fund through TIRCP on a population-based formula to regional transportation planning agencies, which will have the flexibility to use the money to fund transit operations or capital improvements. The budget also establishes the \$1.1 billion Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program, also administered by CalSTA, to be allocated to regional transportation planning agencies on a population-based formula and another formula based on revenues to fund zero-emission transit equipment and operations. Over a 4-year period approximately \$16.9 million will come to the region. HCAOG’s role is to administer these funds including preparing and submitting an allocation package to CalSTA and complete the required reporting.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Allocation package submitted to to CalSTA December 31, 2023

Task Products:

1. Opening of a separate bank account to hold funds
2. Meeting notes
3. Program Annual Reporting Documents
4. Revisions to allocation plan and long-term financial plan
5. Staff reports
6. Collecting and posting monthly ridership reports

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Guideline, review, coordinate with operators/consult with CalSTA	SB 125	FY 24-25
2	Revisions to allocation plan, and Long-Term Financial plan	SB 125	Revisions as needed, Long Term Plan June 2025
3	Program Annual Reporting	SB 125	December 2024
4	Prepare staff reports	SB 125	As-needed
5	Collect and post monthly ridership data	SB 125	Monthly FY 24-25
6	Fund administration	SB 125	FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

All tasks in this work element are funded through SB125.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	SB 125		
HCAOG Staff		10,300	10,300
Total		\$10,300	\$10,300

WORK ELEMENT 19: REGIONAL HOUSING PLANNING STUDY (AB 101/SB102)

Purpose Statement:

California requires that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. Recent approvals of Senate Bill (SB) 113 and Assembly Bill (AB) 101 have made funding available to Councils of Governments through a new Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program. This program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The primary goal of the program is to accelerate housing production in California by cities and counties (local agencies) and facilitate compliance with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment administered by HCD and HCAOG.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Outreach and coordination with County and cities
- ✓ Meetings/Workshops for stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Compile and review existing housing strategies, General Plan Housing Elements and Local Coastal Plans
- ✓ Develop project scope of work
- ✓ REAP Grant application submitted and contract signed
- ✓ Multi-media catalogue advancing the communities understanding of housing needs

Task Products:

1. Meeting notes, updates to County and cities on status
2. Draft Regional Climate Action Plan
3. Printed materials, meetings, workshops and/or trainings
4. Brochure/factsheets; interview recordings, presentations; press releases, PSAs
5. Contracts, meeting recordings, progress reports, grant recipients' deliverables, fiscal duties
6. Agendas and meeting records

Note number order in the table below intentionally omits the task numbers that have already been completed in previous fiscal years.

FY 2024-25 Tasks		Funding	Schedule
3	Review General Plans and Housing Strategies	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
9	Disseminate resources on best practices	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
10	Education opportunities locally	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
11	Local input survey on housing barriers	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
12	Stakeholder engagement regionwide	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25

13	Multimedia catalog	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
14	Develop information on early action benefits	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
15	Technical Assistance for under resourced communities	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
16	Climate Action Plan	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
17	Regional Climate Action Plan Implementation Coordinator	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
18	Suballocations to individual jurisdictions	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25
19	Admin costs (max 5%)	REAP Grant	Staff; July-August FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

This work element is being fully funded with REAP Grant funds administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	REAP Grant	
HCAOG Staff	18,800	18,800
Regional entities/consultant	181,200	181,200
Total	\$200,000	\$200,000

WORK ELEMENT 20: STPG HUMBOLDT MULTIMODAL & VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING

Purpose Statement:

This project furthers two Safe & Sustainable Transportation (SST) Targets from the RTP, "Variety in Rural Options of Mobility (VROOM) 2022-2042":

- (1) "Complete a Low-Traffic-Stress (LTS) and connectivity analysis of the bike and pedestrian network in the Greater Humboldt Bay Area" and
- (2) "Encourage planning for 20-Minute Neighborhoods (where people can get to essential destinations within 20 minutes without using a single-occupancy-vehicle trip) in more urbanized areas and 35-Minute Neighborhoods in non-urbanized communities in Humboldt County."

The project will pilot a methodology to assess LTS in city, county, and tribal lands, and use LTS results to highlight opportune areas where low-stress, active-travel routes and infill and job/housing development can create connected, walkable communities that boost economic activity as well as a sense of place. The project also includes tasks to increase local knowledge, and advance strategies, on smart growth and smart mobility principles, including Safe Routes to School programming.

For this work, HCAOG was awarded a Sustainable Communities Grant from Caltrans' FY 2023-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants program. The grant amount is \$285,267; local matches total \$47,235 (16.5%), for an estimated total project cost of \$332,502.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Coordination, collaboration, and engagement with community stakeholders in developing the scope of work for the grant application.
- ✓ Prepare a draft Level of Traffic Stress Analysis for review by the consultant.
- ✓ Task 01. Kick-off meeting, agenda and notes; quarterly invoices/progress reports.
- ✓ Task 02. Request for proposal; consultant contract; project kickoff meeting, agenda and notes.

Current Work Task Products:

The following work task products summarize the work that is expected to be delivered in FY 24-25 and milestones that will be achieved.

Task 01. ~~Kick-off meeting~~, Project Administration: agenda and notes; quarterly invoices/progress reports.

~~Task 02. Request for proposal; consultant contract; project kickoff meeting, agenda and notes.~~

Task 1

- Historical data compiled and indexed
- ~~Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) methodology~~

Task 5

- Consultant RFP
- Report of Humboldt SRTS program history
- Interview write-ups (summaries or memos).

Task 6

- Training workshop(s) and course almanac
- Community workshop announcements, flyers, agendas, presentation materials, maps/illustrations/drawings, record of comments or meeting summary
- Posters, flyers, announcements, PSAs

Task 7

- Meeting announcements, notices, and advertisements
- Meeting minutes, public comments, sign-in sheets

Task 8

- Staff reports

Future Work Task Products:

Future Work Task Products listed below are either work products initiated in FY 24-25 that will be completed over multiple years, or new tasks and work products that will be initiated in future fiscal years according to the grant schedule.

Task 01. Quarterly invoices and progress reports

Task 1

- LTS database template; database repository
- Technical memos/findings reports for LTS bicycle and pedestrian networks
- Public meetings, announcements, displays, record of comments
- LTS methodology guide

Task 2

- Technical memo on LTS methodology recommendations
- Mapping database
- Visual displays/maps of LTS findings (admin. draft, public draft, final)

Task 3

- Public engagement approach (write-up for applicable jurisdictions)
- Meeting minutes, workshop summaries, action plan (as applicable)

Task 4

- Meeting minutes, sign-in sheets
- Self-assessment checklists
- Community meetings, announcements, sign-in sheets, record of comments, surveys
- Conceptual drawings, record of comments, draft and final 30% design plans
- SRTS self-assessment (how-to guide for schools and partners)

Task 5

- Consultant contract
- Interview write-ups (summaries or memos)
- Feasibility study report

- Presentation to stakeholders, agendas, meeting record

Task 7

- Meeting announcements, PSA/press releases, flyers, and advertisements
- Meeting minutes, public comments, drawings, sign-in sheets
- Community meetings and/or workshops, announcements, displays, sign-in sheets, record of comments. Participant evaluations

Task 8

- Staff reports

Matching Funds

	Total Contrib.	Cash	In Kind
City of Fortuna	6,000	4,500	1500
City of Arcata	7,500	7,500	
City of Blue Lake	1,500	1,500	
RCEA	10,000	10,000	
County of Humboldt DHHS	2,646	2,646	
BikesThere	364	–	364
C RTP	1,125	–	1,125
Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)	100	–	100
County Dept. of Public Works	5,000	5,000	
City of Eureka	7,500	7,500	
HCAOG	5,500	5,500	
	\$47,235	\$44,146	\$3,089

FY 2024-25 Tasks		Funding	Schedule
01	Project administration	STPG	Staff; Ongoing FY 24-25
02	Consultant procurement <u>(if not completed in FY 23-24 this will be completed the first month of FY 24-25)</u>	STPG	Staff; July 2025
1	Study Level-of-Traffic-Stress (LTS) for pedestrians & bicyclists – <i>Develop, refine, and apply a standardized method for rating walkability, bikeability, and transit access.</i>	STPG, in-kind matches	Ongoing FY 24-25
2	Prepare spatial analysis/visual information of LTS and land uses.	STPG	Ongoing FY 24-25
3	Planning for sustainable communities: integrated housing, land use, and transportation – <i>Sharing LTS finding in community meetings; dialogue and community-driven next steps.</i>	STPG, in-kind and cash matches	Ongoing FY 24-25
4	Safe-Routes-To-School self-assessment pilot & pop-up – <i>Test ped/walk audits for schools, apply a temporary pop-up traffic-calming solution, pre- and post surveys.</i>	STPG, in-kind and cash matches	Ongoing FY 24-25

5	Feasibility assessment for regional SRTS director – <i>Study local opportunities for funding a permanent FTE position.</i>	STPG, in-kind matches	Ongoing FY 24-25
6	Training series on building high-performing streets & vibrant communities – <i>Hands-on community workshops with internationally recognized subject experts.</i>	STPG, in-kind and cash matches	Fall 2024
7	Community/stakeholder engagement, outreach, and input	STPG, in-kind and cash matches	Ongoing FY 24-25
8	Prepare staff reports for Board, TAC, and/or SSTAC	STPG	Staff; monthly as needed

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

All tasks in this work element are funded by the [Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant](#) [State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account \(RMRA\)](#) and [LTF Local Match](#).

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	Local Match	RMRA	
HCAOG Staff		49,200	49,200
Regional Entities, Consultants	38,646	193,000	231,646
Total	\$38,646	\$241,900	\$280,846

WORK ELEMENT 21: REAP (REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING) 2.0

Purpose Statement:

This work element will provide administrative support for the REAP 2.0 grant. REAP 2.0 was a competitive grant program focused on funding transformative projects that created infill housing, incorporated transit and reduced vehicle miles traveled. HCAOG was successful in receiving approximately \$2.7 million for two projects in our region: Predevelopment funds for the We Are Up housing project and a zero-emission vehicle micro transit system, both in McKinleyville. Most of the funds are pass through funds, with HCAOG receiving a small amount for administration.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Grant writing was completed in December 2022

Task Products:

1. Transit Marketing and outreach materials
2. Micro-transit operating in McKinleyville and to Arcata
3. We Are Up Schematic Design Concepts
4. We Are Up Construction Documents
5. Pedestrian off-site improvements
6. Meeting notes and staff reports

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	Transit Program Marketing and Outreach	REAP 2.0	Staff; Ongoing FY 24-25
2	Grant Administration Information Sharing	REAP 2.0	Staff; Ongoing FY 24-25
3	Prepare staff reports	REAP 2.0	Staff; Ongoing FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

This work element will be funded by the REAP 2.0 Grant.

Agency	Funding Source	Total Costs
	REAP 2.0	
HCAOG Staff	7,800	7,800
We Are Up, McKinleyville Microtransit	1,724,000	1,724,000
Total	\$1,731,800	\$1,731,800

WORK ELEMENT 22: SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL

Purpose Statement:

This project will advance the Vision Zero commitment adopted in the Safe and Sustainable Targets of the RTP:

- 1) *Maintain zero traffic fatalities per year or decrease the number of traffic fatalities in the cities and unincorporated county by 50% each year until achieved.*
- 2) *Maintain zero bicyclist fatalities per year or decrease the number of bicyclist fatalities in the cities and unincorporated county by 50% each year until achieved.*
- 3) *Decrease by 25% each year the number of people seriously injured in traffic collisions in the cities and unincorporated county.*

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) work element will be focused on completing the Humboldt County Regional Vision Zero Action Plan and Demonstration Projects. The award will be used to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, and to pilot 12 temporary pop-up demonstrations that will educate the public and generate data on traffic safety interventions that will inform the Action Plan. The success of demonstration activities will be measured using traffic cameras and other technologies to inform the development of the Action Plan. HCAOG staff will have a lead role in organizing the project steering committee, managing the selected consultant team, and assisting in the planning and implementation of demonstration projects.

For this work, HCAOG was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning and Demonstration Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant amount is \$480,000; local matches total \$120,000 (20%), for an estimated total project cost of \$600,000.

Previous Work Completed:

- ✓ Coordination, collaboration, and engagement with community stakeholders in developing the scope of work for the grant application.
- ✓ Grant writing was completed in June 2023

This work element will provide administrative support for the grant. Most of the funds will be used to pay consultants to complete the planning work, with HCAOG receiving a small amount for administration.

Task Products:

1. RFP with detailed scope of work for consultant
2. Public engagement materials and results (surveys, photos) from pop-up demonstration events
3. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan document
4. Vision Zero data dashboard
5. Meeting notes and staff reports

	FY 2024-25 Tasks	Funding	Schedule
1	RFP, hiring consultant, project administration	SS4A/PPM	June - Sep FY 2024-25
2	Coordinate steering committee meetings	SS4A	Oct - June FY 24-25
3	Plan and participate in pop-up demos	SS4A	December - June FY 24-25

Notes: Agency responsibility, funding, and schedule:

This work element will be funded by the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and PPM.

Agency	Funding Source		Total Costs
	PPM	SS4A Grant	
HCAOG Staff		17,000	17,000
Consultants	30,000	220,000	250,000
Total	\$30,000	\$237,000	\$267,000

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INFORMATION ELEMENT

Per Overall Work Program Guidelines, this Final Work Program includes an Information Element. The purpose of the Information Element is to list transportation planning activities that are being done by other agencies in the region.

<u>Title/Product(s)</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>	<u>Lead Agency</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
RTPA Outreach and Coordination	Ongoing and consistent project-related communication with RTPAs and local stakeholders.	Caltrans	Ongoing
Regional Planning Handbook	Update of the Regional Planning Handbook that describes the respective regional planning roles and responsibilities of the Caltrans Transportation Planners and RTPAs.	Caltrans HQ	Spring 2025
Multimodal Corridor Plan for SR 255	State Route 255 Multimodal Corridor Management Plan in electronic form. Corridor Planning is a multimodal transportation planning approach that recognizes that transportation needs are based on the complex geographic, demographic, economic, and social characteristics of communities.	Caltrans	August 2024
Multimodal Corridor Plan for SR 36	State Route 36 Multimodal Corridor Management Plan in electronic form. Corridor Planning is a multimodal transportation planning approach that recognizes that transportation needs are based on the complex geographic, demographic, economic, and social characteristics of communities.	Caltrans	Dec 2024
Non-Motorized Data Collection	Regular count schedule in District 1 to collect non-motorized data on a rotating, three-year basis.	Caltrans	Ongoing

Active Transportation Census Design	A plan establishing guidelines, policies, and procedures for implementation of permanent non-motorized count stations for the District.	Caltrans (D1, D12, UC Berkeley)	June 2025
District System Management Plan (DSMP) update	Strategic and policy planning document describing the District's vision for the state highway system, including development, maintenance, and management for a 20-year horizon.	Caltrans	Dec 2024
District System Management Plan (DSMP) Guidelines	Update of the District System Management Plan Guidelines.	Caltrans HQ	Spring 2024
D1 Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee	A districtwide committee to discuss pedestrian and bicycle activities and needs on the state highway system.	Caltrans	Ongoing
Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessments	Updating the District 1 Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments.	Caltrans HQ	2025
Eureka/Arcata Corridor: Comprehensive Adaption and Implementation Plan (CAIP)	The CAIP is a climate action plan and roadmap to address the impacts of sea level rise on the Eureka/Arcata US 101 corridor, local infrastructure, and communities. It will inform and prioritize project planning and actions based on technical research, scientific analysis, policy review, and community outreach regarding landscape exposure/sensitivity to SLR.	Caltrans	Dec 2025
Eureka/Arcata Corridor CAIP Supplemental	Non-SHOPP Project Initiation Document through the PROTECT Program.	Caltrans	Spring 2024

Native American Tribal Government Coordination (PID) Outreach	Engage with Native American Tribal Governments during Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) on projects.	Caltrans	Ongoing
Grant Opportunity Collaboration	Partnering with RTPAs and local agencies on grant application development.	Caltrans	Ongoing
Strategic Investment Planning	Further strategies to advance state goals and equitably improve the multi-modal transportation.	Caltrans	Ongoing
Eureka/Arcata US 101 Sea Level Rise	Non-SHOPP Project Initiation Document (0M280)	Caltrans	Spring 2024
Annie & Mary Phase II	Non-SHOPP Project Initiation Document (0M270)	Caltrans	Spring 2024
Non-SHOPP PID Nominations FY 25/26	Work with partners to identify non-SHOPP Project Initiation Document (PIDP nominations for FY 25/26.	Caltrans	Winter 2025
Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS)	Caltrans, with partnership collaboration, to finalize the CSIS which establishes Caltrans investment framework with standard methodologies and processes to guide transportation investments decisions through a transparent and collaborative process.	Caltrans HQ	April 2024
Caltrans Public Engagement System (CPES)	CPES will use the <i>PublicInput</i> platform as an online application for receiving comments and interpreting data regarding Caltrans projects and plans. The external site will allow the public to view project details, attend meetings, provide comments, and track project status. The internal site allows Caltrans Districts and HQ staff to collect, store, categorize, track, measure, retrieve, and respond to public comments for Caltrans projects and plans.	Caltrans	Starts May 2024, then ongoing

Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable and Comprehensive Long-Range Transportation Plan	FY 2020/21 Sustainable Transportation Planning grant for an updated, sustainable Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Trinidad Rancheria that integrates their Comprehensive Plan, development standards, multi modal transportation, and links with local and regional planning efforts.	Trinidad Rancheria	Feb 2023. Revised timeframe per Trinidad Rancheria /FHWA
Humboldt Bay Trail Study: Eureka to College of the Redwoods	FY 2021/22 Sustainable Transportation Planning grant for a study of a 3-mile extension of the Humboldt Bay Trail between Eureka and the College of the Redwoods by converting former NCRA railroad along US 101 to a Class 1 bike path with Complete Streets design. Grant time extension expected.	Humboldt County	March 2024. Grant time extension approved to Nov 30, 2024
City of Eureka Bike Plan 2022	FY 2022/23 Sustainable Transportation Planning grant to develop a citywide bike plan for the city of Eureka. The Plan aims to develop a cohesive and connected multimodal network throughout the city to encourage mode shift, improve safe access to bikeways and walkways, and connects bicyclists to transit services.	City of Eureka	April 2025
South Arcata Multi-Modal Safety Improvement Plan (SAMSIP)	FY 2023/24 Sustainable Transportation Planning grant to create a plan for a safe, multimodal pathway and route along the SR 255/US Highway 101 interchange between south/downtown Arcata and the Sunnybrae neighborhood.	City of Arcata	April 2026

APPENDIX A - LIST OF ACRONYMS

A&MRTS	Arcata and Mad River Transit System	PMS	Pavement Management System
ATP	Active Transportation Program	PPM	Project, Planning, and Monitoring
CALCOG	California Association of Councils of Governments	PSA	Public Service Announcement
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation	PSR	Project Study Report
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant	RCTF	Rural County Task Force
CTC	California Transportation Commission	RFP	Request for Proposal
CRRSAA	Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental App Act	RIP	Regional Improvement Program
DOT	Department of Transportation	RMRA	Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program
ETS	Eureka Transit Service	RPA	Rural Planning Assistance
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act	RSTP	Regional Surface Transportation Program
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
FY	Fiscal Year	RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
HCAOG	Humboldt County Association of Governments	RTS	Redwood Transit System
HSU	Humboldt State University	SAFE	Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	SB	Senate Bill
HTA	Humboldt Transit Authority	SCC	Service Coordination Committee
HVTC	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council	SHA	State Highway Account
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System	SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
LCTOP	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	SPR	State Planning and Research
LTF	Local Transportation Fund	SR	State Route
MFTA	Master Fund Transfer Agreement	SSTAC	Social Service Transportation Advisory Council
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	STA	State Transit Assistance
NCRA	North Coast Railroad Authority	STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
NSSR	North State Super Region	STPG	Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant
ORIP	Office of Regional Interagency Planning	TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
OWP	Overall Work Program	TAM	Transit Asset Management
PAC	Policy Advisory Committee	TDA	Transportation Development Act

TABLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET

Expenditures	Prior Year FY 23-24	Draft FY 24-25
Salary/Benefits	726,023	610,701
Direct Costs (Table 2)	1,383,086	3,381,838
Total	2,109,109	3,992,539
Revenues	Prior Year FY 23-24	Draft FY 24-25
LTF Administration	500,000	464,300
LTF <i>Carryover</i>	13,648	-
STA Funds	-	70,000
STA Funds <i>Carryover</i> (FY 23-24)	14,982	-
STIP Planning Funds (PPM)	100,000	100,000
PPM FY 2022-23 <i>Carryover</i>	23,186	-
CRRSAA (PPM)	16,721	-
Rural Planning Assistance (RPA)	337,000	337,000
RPA FY 2023-24 <i>Carryover</i>	10,376.61	-
Sustainable Community (STP) Grant	43,335	241,932
Local Match Regional Entities (STPG)	-	38,646
TIRCP/HTA Grant	51,600	193,999
TIRCP SB 125	11,162	10,323
REAP 1.0 Grant <i>Carryover</i>	428,098	200,000
REAP 2.0 Grant	3,002	1,731,835
Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant	-	237,000
SAFE	289,954	357,517
SAFE Administration	10,000	10,000
SAFE <i>Carryover</i> (FY 23-24)	256,046	-
Total	2,109,111	3,992,552

TABLE 2: DIRECT COSTS

		Prior Year FY 23-24	Draft FY 24-25
1	SAFE Program	525,242.00	350,000
2	Regional Planning & Intergovernmental Coordination	-	1,000
3	OWP Programming	-	-
4	Planning Programming State Funds	30,585.00	31,039
5	Project Delivery and Oversight	-	35,100
6	Overhead Costs	298,714.00	266,400
7	Research, Collaboration/Transp Planning Grant Dev	1,000.00	1,000
8	Public Outreach	10,500.00	12,000
9	Training	4,000.00	7,000
10	TDA Fund Management	63,000.00	127,500
11	Regional Transportation Plan	-	-
12	Unmet Transit Needs	1,000.00	1,000
13	Active Transportation and Safety	4,000.00	4,000
14	Global Climate Change - Sea Level Rise	1,000.00	1,000
15	Vibrant Neighborhoods/Land Use Connections	4,000.00	4,000
16	RTP Equity and Relationship Building	6,000.00	4,000
17	TIRCP/HTA Grant	4,000.00	150,000
18	SB 125: Formula Based TIRCP and ZETCP	-	-
19	Regional Housing Planning (AB 101 - SB 102)	390,319.00	181,203
20	Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhood Planning	10,000.00	231,646
21	REAP 2.0: McKinleyville Microtransit and We Are UP	-	1,723,950
22	Safe Streets and Roads for All	-	250,000
	Local Match Contingency	29,726.00	-
	Total	\$ 1,383,086	\$ 3,381,838

TABLE 3: ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD AND DIRECT COSTS

	Prior Year	Draft
	FY 23-24	FY 2024-25
County Auditor	4,000	4,000
Building Lease	37,000	40,000
Office equipment	4,614	12,700
Insurance	2,000	2,000
Phones/Internet	8,000	8,000
Publications/Legal Notices	5,000	5,000
Supplies	2,500	2,500
Printing/Lease	7,000	7,000
Computer Maintenance	3,000	2,200
Computer Upgrades	5,000	5,000
Postage/Equipment	2,100	1,500
Legal Counsel/LSC Consortium	15,000	15,000
Janitorial	1,500	1,500
GASB 75 reports	5,000	3,000
Membership Dues/CALCOG mtgs	40,000	50,000
Travel/Training/Meeting supplies	22,000	22,000
Retiree Health Insurance	82,000	82,000
Payroll Services	3,000	3,000
Retiree PTO payout	50,000	-
Total	298,714	266,400

TABLE 4: BUDGET SUMMARY TABLE

Draft Budget FY 2024-25																	
	LTF	STA	PPM	FY 24-25 RPA	FY 23-24 RPA Carryover	Sustainable Communities (STP) Grant	Local Match Regional Entities (STPG)	TIRCP Grant (HTA)	TIRCP SB 125	REAP 1.0 Grant (carryover)	REAP 2.0 Grant	Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant	SAFE	Total	Burden Rate Costs	Direct Costs	Total Costs
SAFE Program													357,017.00	357,017	7,017	350,000	357,017
Regional Planning & Intergovernmental Coordination	1,000			117,400										118,400	117,432	1,000	118,432
OWP Programming	500			34,400									500	35,400	35,394	-	35,394
Planning Programming State Funds	1,500			48,100										49,600	18,632	31,039	49,671
Project Delivery and Oversight	5,100		36,900											42,000	6,901	35,100	42,001
Overhead Costs	341,400		31,000										10,000	382,400	115,829	266,400	382,229
Research, Collaboration/Transp Planning Grant Dev				32,500										32,500	31,472	1,000	32,472
Public Outreach				20,000										20,000	7,912	12,000	19,912
Training	18,000			1,800										19,800	12,835	7,000	19,835
TDA Fund Management	86,100	70,000												156,100	28,619	127,500	156,119
Regional Transportation Plan				12,400										12,400	12,380	-	12,380
Unmet Transit Needs				10,500										10,500	9,458	1,000	10,458
Active Transportation and Safety				34,500										34,500	30,587	4,000	34,587
Global Climate Change - Sea Level Rise				12,000										12,000	10,961	1,000	11,961
Vibrant Neighborhoods/Land Use Connections				13,400										13,400	9,396	4,000	13,396
RTP Equity and Relationship Building	10,700		2,100.00											12,800	8,816	4,000	12,816
TIRCP/HTA Grant								193,999						193,999	43,999	150,000	193,999
SB 125: Formula Based TIRCP and ZETCP									10,323					10,323	10,323	-	10,323
Regional Housing Planning (AB 101 - SB 102)										200,000				200,000	18,797	181,203	200,000
Multimodal and Vibrant Neighborhood Planning						241,932	38,646							280,578	49,217	231,646	280,863
REAP 2.0: McKinleyville Microtransit and We Are UP											1,731,835			1,731,835	7,885	1,723,950	1,731,835
Safe Streets and Roads for All			30,000									237,000		267,000	16,838	250,000	266,838
Sub-Total	464,300	70,000	100,000	337,000	-	241,932	38,646	193,999	10,323	200,000	1,731,835	237,000	367,517	3,992,552	610,701	3,381,838	3,992,539
FY 24-25 Funds	464,300	70,000	100,000	337,000	-	241,932	38,646	193,999	10,323	200,000	1,731,835	237,000	367,517	3,992,552			
FY 23-24 Carryover																	