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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
September 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications
(in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20)

Present:

Councilmember Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Supervisor Virginia Bass	County of Humboldt
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Mayor Susan Seaman	City of Eureka
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robin Smith (Alternate)	City of Ferndale

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Oona Smith	Senior Regional Planner
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner
Linda Reynolds	Executive Assistant

Absent:

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
   Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., Fiscal Administrative Officer Debbie Egger called roll for attendance.

2. **Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)**
   The PAC convened to include representation from Caltrans and the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) Board for items specific to transportation.

3. **Presentations**
   a. **Caltrans Report on the 101 Eureka-Arcata Corridor**
   Caltrans Project Manager Jeff Pimentel provided an update on the Eureka Arcata 101 Corridor. Mr. Pimentel noted that the timeline goal was to begin construction in early 2022.
   Public Comments:
   Latanya Jacob

4. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**
   There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

5. **Approval of the Meeting Record**
   Motion was made (Bass/Jones) to approve the August 19, 2021, meeting record as presented.
   Motion carried unanimously

6. **Consent Calendar**
   Motion was made (Jones/G.Johnson) to approve the following consent item:
   a. City of Arcata's FY 2021-22 Local Transportation Fund allocation for $1,192,534. [Resolution 21-23]
   Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**
   No items were removed from the consent calendar.

8. **PAC Action Items**
   a. **Highway 101 Mitigation Project Request for Additional Regional Improvement Program (RIP) Shares**
   Motion was made (Jones/Bass) to approve additional Regional Improvement Program shares not to exceed $300,000 for the spartina removal mitigation associated with the 101 Eureka Arcata Corridor project and apply it to the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program cycle.
   Motion carried unanimously.

   b. **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update 2021: Administrative Draft of Introduction Chapter**
   Motion was made (G.Johnson/Seaman) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the Introduction chapter for release as public draft.
   Motion carried unanimously

9. **Reconvening of the HCAOG Board**
   Motion was made (Seaman/Bass) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve PAC recommendations.
   Motion carried unanimously.

10. **HCAOG Staff and PAC Member Reports**
    This agenda item is reserved for matters that member of the PAC and staff may wish to present.

    a. HCAOG Executive Director's Report
    Executive Director Burks provided a report on the following:
    - Informational report on stats provided by the Eureka Police Department for the supplemental patrols on the 101 Safety Corridor between Eureka and Arcata between May and August 2021.
    - The RTP project team held a (virtual) community meeting with approximately 30 attendees participating in the interactive meeting which included polling and

breakout rooms. Overall comments included a focus on safety, increased multi modal transportation, and HCAOG being (more) involved in educational efforts.

- The Caltrans' Milestone Report for Humboldt County included in the Board packet is a list of every project that Caltrans District 1 is working on in Humboldt County. Caltrans will continue to provide these reports every quarter. Board members should reach out to Director Burks if there is a project they are interested in learning more about and she will connect them to the right person at Caltrans or arrange for a presentation before the Board by the Caltrans project manager.

b. Caltrans Reports
Caltrans PAC member Tatiana Ahlstrand provided a report on the following:

- The Milestone Report that the Board received has been updated and a link to the new project list will be provided to staff.

- The Broadway Complete Streets project, which includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements and located between the Papa and Barkley intersection and Truesdale Street has just become the first stand alone complete streets project programmed by Caltrans. The project manager will provide a presentation on this project at the Board's request.

- Update was provided on the Broadway middle couplet. Work has begun on the project initiation document from Truesdale to Del Norte Street. The southbound side would follow a new alignment with the northbound remaining on the current alignment which would include transit only lanes, Class IV bike ways and improved pedestrian crossings. Funding for this project has not been identified at this time.

c. PAC Member Reports
PAC Member Natalie Arroyo shared that the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) is running a promotion allowing passengers to ride all HTA transit systems as well as the Arcata & Mad River Transit System for 31 days with the purchase of a $50 pass.

HTA had the opportunity to try out a hydrogen electric powered bus and has applied for a grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program that has been made available to help fund innovative transit projects that will reduce greenhouse gases.

11. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Egger
Fiscal Administrative Officer