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Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
August 2, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
HCAOG Conference Room
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501

Members Present:

Keenan Hilton (Chair)
Suresh Ratnam (Vice Chair)
Tess Martin
Richard Johnson
Juliannah Harris
Sherry Dunlap
Consuelo Espinosa
Vance Law
Nicholas Vulich
Isa Pritting
Catherine Sundquist
Charlotte Merkel

Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
Caltrans
Area 1 Agency on Aging
Public Representative
Tri County Independent Living
Humboldt Transit Authority (CTSA)
Humboldt Transit Authority
A&MRTS
Humboldt Senior Resource Center
Headstart
CAE Transport
County of Humboldt

Non-Voting Members Present:

Samuel Martinez Yurok Tribe

Staff:

Beth Burks Executive Director
Amy Eberwein Administrative Services Officer
Stevie Luther Associate Regional Planner

Absent:

Jaison Chand City Ambulance
Gavin Smiley Humboldt Council of the Blind
Shane Drummond Blue Lake Rancheria Transit
Cameron Mull Fortuna Transit
Krista Paddock Cal Poly Humboldt
Sharon Batini Public Representative

Call to Order

Chair Keenan Hilton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation

There was no public participation on non-agenda items at this meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Record – April 5, 2023

Motion was made (Johnson/Martin) to approve the meeting record of April 5, 2023.

Motion passed with Law, Pritting, Espinosa, and Dunlap abstaining.

4. Presentations

None

5. Discussion Items

a. Triennial Performance Audit Recommendations

Associate Planner Stevie Luther presented an informational report on the recommendations received from the Triennial Performance Audits. The SSTAC directed staff to research previous UTN cycles to determine alternate performance criteria and definitions of reasonable to meet. The SSTAC discussed membership composition and schedules and the potential for dividing the SSTAC back into three smaller committees – the SSTAC for the Unmet Transit Needs process, the Service Coordination Committee/Transit Service Operators group for service coordination, and the Citizens Advisory Committee for transit and/or mobility matters. Staff will bring this topic back to the SSTAC with recommendations as an action item.

6. Action Items

a. Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Schedule

Associate Planner Stevie Luther presented the proposed FY 24-25 UTN Cycle and Timeline.

Motion was made (Johnson/Sundquist) to approve the FY 24-25 UTN Timeline as modified and direct staff to make changes to this year’s process.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Beth Burks presented information on the following:

- The draft Transit Development Plan is available online. Staff are reviewing the document and discussing plans for the public comment period.
- The 5310 process has started and Stevie will be in touch regarding scoring.
- HCAOG is working closely with HTA to focus on transit ridership through their TIRCP grant.

8. SSTAC Member Reports

Suresh Ratnam informed members of a second cycle of the Climate Adaptation Planning Grant for FY 23-24. It is open and agencies are encouraged to apply.

Keenan Hilton requested an update on the county road tax. Charlotte Merkel explained that the process will take about two years and there will be a lot of research prior to bringing it to the ballot.

Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Eberwein
Administrative Service Officer