



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
**Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**  
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**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)**  
**MEETING RECORD**

Regular Meeting  
February 1, 1:30 p.m.  
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications  
(in accordance with Assembly Bill No. 361, and HCAOG Board Resolution 21-24)

**Members Present:**

Keenan Hilton (Chair)	Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
Isa Pritting	Headstart
Suresh Ratnam	Caltrans
Tess Martin	Area 1 Agency on Aging
Catherine Sundquist	CAE Transport
Richard Johnson	Public Representative
Charlotte Merkel	County of Humboldt
Sharon Batini	Public Representative
Alissa Norman	Tri County Independent Living
Jerome Qiriazzi	Humboldt Transit Authority (CTSA)
Kathy Rexford	Fortuna Transit
Greg Pratt	Humboldt Transit Authority
Netra Khatri	A&MRTS
Shane Drummond	Blue Lake Rancheria Transit
Krista Paddock	Humboldt State University
Nicholas Vulich	Humboldt Senior Resource Center

**Staff:**

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Stevie Luther	Associate Regional Planner

**Absent:**

Gavin Smiley	Humboldt Council of the Blind
Melissa Miguelena	Yurok Tribe Transit
Jaison Chand	City Ambulance of Eureka

**Call to Order**

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

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Public Participation**

No public participation.

**3. Approval of Meeting Record – December 7, 2022**

**Motion was made** (Johnson/Drummond) to approve the meeting record of December 7, 2022, as presented.

**Motion passed** with Khatri, Paddock and Norman abstaining.

**4. Presentation**

No presentation.

**5. Action Items**

**a. FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Comments and Reasonable Need Determination**

The SSTAC reviewed and discussed unmet transit needs comments received in this year's cycle. The SSTAC directed staff to prepare a Report of Findings with further analysis on Sunday service on RTS and ETS, late-night Saturday service on RTS, service to Bayside and service to South G Street on A&MRTS.

**Motion was made** (Pratt/Johnson) directing staff to update the Unmet Transit Needs comment matrix and proceed in preparing the FY 23-24 Report of Findings based on which needs are reasonable and not reasonable to meet, as discussed.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Information Items**

**a. Matters Set for Time Certain**

**2:00 PM – Humboldt County Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2023-2028**

LSC Transportation Consultants presented the 2023-2028 TDP Technical Memo #1 to the Council and members of the public. The presentation slides and recording of the presentation are available on the TDP page of the HCAOG website. Comments and feedback received during the meeting will be captured in the Transit Development Plan. LSC will be working on the Technical Memo #2 which will analyze service alternatives. The second public meeting will also be held during an SSTAC meeting.

**Public Comment:** Kimberley White, Althea Christensen, Colin Fiske, Kenneth Ryan, Joe James, Wendy Ring, Morgan King, Cathy Chandler, Martha Walden, Nancy Ihara, Jim Haggerty, Deborah Dukes.

**b. Monthly Transit Reports**

Fortuna Transit and Blue Lake Rancheria Transit provided monthly ridership reports.

**c. Transit Operator Updates on Current or Upcoming Changes to Services (routes, schedules etc.)**

No operator updates.

**7. HCAOG Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Beth Burks reported that the Brown Act is back in effect and remote meetings are expiring. The next SSTAC meeting will be in-person as off-site voting will be difficult to accommodate.

**8. SSTAC Member Reports**

Greg Pratt requested a special meeting of the SSTAC to discuss regional branding.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner