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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
March 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications
(in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20)

Members Present:

Richard Johnson (Chair)	Public Representative
Consuelo Espinosa (Vice-Chair)	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
LeAnn Schuetzle	A&MRTS
Catherine Sundquist	CAE Transport
Suresh Ratnam	Caltrans
Jaison Chand	City Ambulance of Eureka
Cameron Mull	Fortuna Transit
Charlotte Merkel	County of Humboldt
Keenan Hilton	Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
Isa Pritting	Headstart
Anita Huff	Blue Lake Rancheria Transit
Greg Pratt	Humboldt Transit Authority
Melissa Miguelena	Yurok Tribe Transit
Juliannah Harris	Tri County Independent Living

Staff:

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

Absent:

Meghan Gallagher	Area 1 Agency on Aging
Dusty Napier	KT/Net
Steven Rogers	Humboldt Senior Resource Center
Krista Paddock	Humboldt State University
Sharon Batini	Public Representative
Latanya Jacob	Public Representative
Gavin Smiley	Humboldt Council of the Blind
Vacant	College of the Redwoods

1. Call to Order

Chair Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation for items not on the agenda.

4. Approval of Meeting Record – December 2, 2020

The SSTAC approved the meeting record of December 2, 2020, as presented.

5. Action Items

a. FY 21-22 Local Transportation Fund Apportionment

Motion was made (Mull/Merkel) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Local Transportation Fund apportionment.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. FY 2021-22 State Transit Assistance (STA) and State of Good Repair (SGR) Program

Debbie Egger presented the item. The City of Arcata (A&MRTS) and Humboldt Transit Authority presented their project funding requests for both STA and SGR. Debbie noted the SGR shortfall of \$17,048, and agencies would need to discuss reducing the amount of funding requested. Greg Pratt revised his request to reduce the \$17,048 from Priority 4: HTA Repairs and Maintenance, which would go to Arcata for Priority 4: Solar Lighting for nine bus shelters.

Debbie noted the STA had an additional amount of \$61,984 available to be allocated. Greg recommended applying the \$61,984 to the City of Arcata's two electric bus purchases. Greg also noted that it may take 12-18 months for the bus, and recommended that Arcata work with HCAOG for a three-month extension to spend the funds.

Motion was made (Mull/Sundquist) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the FY 2021-22 STA and SGR program of projects, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. FY 2021-22 Determining Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Reasonable to Meet

Stevie Luther presented the item and noted the 10% farebox return ratio requirement needed to determine a need to be reasonable to meet. The SSTAC discussed the challenges in making determinations during Covid-19 and whether there are any unmet transit needs that could be implemented during this time and based on farebox ratio. Because of current conditions, the SSTAC requested staff to research and report back on how other agencies are handling UTN and if there are extensions for the UTN reporting.

Motion was made (Pratt/Sundquist) the SSTAC directs staff to update the UTN comments matrix as discussed, and determines the unmet needs comments discussed to be not reasonable to meet.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Regional Transportation Plan Update 2021: Objectives and Goals (encl)

The SSTAC provided feedback on the Objectives and Goals. Members provided the following comments:

Richard: Overall Goal - since there is an effort to reduce greenhouse gas and carbon footprint, overall goal should have more net zero, carbon environment or reducing greenhouse gases. The specific wording should be included.

Economic vitality – last phrase "...of foreign oil" revise to petroleum products.

Safety – not clear on metrics. What constitutes a reduction?

Keenan – Greater levels of coordination with member jurisdictions.

Balanced Mode Share – in light of climate change, have language less agnostic about what mode people are choosing, appropriate to try to promote transit/pedestrian, people on wheels transportation.

Climate Crisis – adding an acknowledgement that transportation accounts for a simple majority of emissions in Humboldt County.

e. Regional Transportation Plan Update 2021: Draft Greenhouse Gas Targets & Performance Metrics (encl)

Beth Burks presented the item and an overview of the Performance Measures and Metrics from the table, and gathered feedback.

Keenan – Include how much right of way is dedicated to the different modes. Also having a metric for tracking how complete networks are for people with disabilities getting around town, e.g., sidewalks, how safe it is to cross roads.

Richard – include a list of acronyms and definitions, networks, applications, etc.

f. FY 2020-21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Programming

The City of Arcata presented its project funding requests. Greg Pratt proposed that the Section 99313 in the amount of \$137,136 and HTA's portion of 99314 funds in the amount of \$22,010 go to the City of Arcata to fund the purchase of their electric bus. The City of Arcata has funds for infrastructure chargers that Humboldt Transit Authority can use. Arcata was in agreement with the proposal.

Motion was made (Pratt/Hilton) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the LCTOP allocation request to the City of Arcata in the amount of \$137,136 from Section 99313 and and also HTA's share of \$22,010 from Section 99314 for the purchase of the electric bus.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Information Items and Member Communication

Staff reserves this item for matters the Council members wish to report on.

a. Monthly Transit Reports

No comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant