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Regional Transportation Planning Agency
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Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
April 6, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Conducted via Zoom Video Communications
(in accordance with Assembly Bill No. 361, and HCAOG Board Resolution 21-24)

Members Present:

Consuelo Espinosa (Chair)	Humboldt Transit Authority (CTSA)
Keenan Hilton (Vice-Chair)	Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
LeAnn Schuetzle	A&MRTS
John Hunt (Alternate)	Blue Lake Rancheria Transit
Catherine Sundquist	CAE Transport
Suresh Ratnam	Caltrans
Charlotte Merkel	County of Humboldt
Rachel Sovereign	Humboldt Senior Resource Center
Greg Pratt	Humboldt Transit Authority
Sharon Batini	Public Representative
Krista Paddock	Humboldt State University
Melissa Miguelena	Yurok Tribe Transit

Staff:

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

Absent:

Gavin Smiley	Humboldt Council of the Blind
Juliannah Harris	Tri County Independent Living
Meghan Gallagher	Area 1 Agency on Aging
Jason Chand	City Ambulance of Eureka
Cameron Mull	Fortuna Transit
Isa Pritting	Headstart
Richard Johnson	Public Representative
Vacant	College of the Redwoods

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Keenan Hilton called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Meeting Record – February 2, 2022

Motion was made (Pratt/Merkel) to approve the meeting record of February 2, 2022, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation:

Executive Director Beth Burks shared a video produced by the Karuk Tribe titled *Talking Roads* which discussed transportation and climate change adaptation in Karuk Country.

5. Action Items

a. Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Transit Assistance (STA) and State of Good Repair (SGR) Allocation Requests

Associate Planner Stevie Luther presented an overview of STA and SGR funding estimates. Executive Director Burks presented a spreadsheet of project requests and recommended allocation. Greg Pratt and Netra Khatri provided comments.

Motion was made (Pratt/Sundquist) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the FY 2022-23 STA and SGR project allocation requests.

Motion carried unanimously.

a. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report of Findings

Associate Planner Luther presented the Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings.

Motion was made (Pratt/Schuetzle) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the FY 2022-23 Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings determining that there are no unmet transit needs reasonable to meet

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Fund Allocation Requests and Information on the 5311(f) Program

Associate Planner Luther presented the 5311 FTA Allocation requests from HTA and A&MRTS. Melissa Miguelena stated the Yurok Tribe Transit Service had not sent in an allocation request but is seeking FTA funding for Orleans / Hoopa / Willow Creek service. Director Burks requested that this item be tabled until further discussion could occur.

d. Public Participation Plan 2022 Update

Stevie Luther presented the Public Participation Plan update.

Motion was made (Batini/Espinosa) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 22-11 approving the Public Participation Plan 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. 2022 Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plan

Stevie Luther presented the Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

Motion was made (Espinosa/Merkel) to recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 22-12 approving the 2022 Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Information Items

a. Monthly Transit Reports

Arcata and Mad River Transit reported that Cal Poly Humboldt ridership is trending up. LeAnn reported that two new housing projects in Arcata (Sorrel Place on 7th Street and Yurok Housing on 27th Street) are providing tenants with regional transit passes in partnership with HTA.

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

Steve Abernathy of Greyhound Inc provided an email update on schedules and ridership. Greyhound is applying for 5311 (f) funds for intercity routes.

7. HCAOG Executive Director Report

Director Burks provided an update on virtual meetings. The SSTAC concurred they would like to continue meeting virtually.

Director Burks requested a 20 minute recess in order for HTA, A&MRTS, and the Yurok Tribe to discuss the 5311 allocation needs and requests.

The SSTAC reconvened at 2:25 and continued action on item 5c.

5c. Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Fund Allocation Requests and Information on the 5311(f) Program

Director Burks reported the staff recommendation remained to allocate 5311 funds to HTA. The Yurok Tribe plans to apply for 5311(f) grant funds.

Motion was made (Merkel/Pratt) to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve the FTA Section 5311 allocation requests.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. SSTAC Member Reports

Beth advertised the Zero Emission Bus Symposium scheduled for June 2 and 3 in Ukiah.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner