



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD**

July 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Johnson (Chair)	City of Fortuna
Mayor Adelene Jones (Vice Chair)	City of Blue Lake
Supervisor Steve Madrone	County of Humboldt
Mayor Kim Bergel	City of Eureka
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar	City of Arcata
Councilmember Skip Jorgenson	City of Ferndale
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Robert Orr	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority
Tatiana Ahlstrand	Caltrans

Staff:

Beth Burks	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Mike Johnson called the meeting of May 18, 2023, to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convened to include representatives from Caltrans and Humboldt Transit Authority.

3. Presentation

a. Triennial Performance Audits

Genevieve Evans of LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc, presented the findings from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Performance Audits for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2021-22.

Public Comment: Latanya Jacobs, Julie Christie

b. Broadway Pop-up Demonstration Report

Alexis Kelso, Caltrans Complete Streets Advisor, reported on the recent pop-up infrastructure demonstration along a section of Broadway and discussed the number of responses received from the community. A full report will be available in future months when Caltrans has analyzed all input received.

Public Comment: Kent Sawatzky, Latanya Jacob, Julie Christie

c. “Creating the Grove” - Videos

This item was continued to the next meeting.

4. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Kent Sawatzky – Proposed tax measure options for roads.

Latanya Jacobs – Requested further information regarding the previous public comment.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Jones/Madrone) to approve the following consent items:

a. Approval of Meeting Record – May 18, 2023

b. Approval of FY 2022-23 RSTP Policy and Allocations

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

7. Action Items

a. Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal project Notice of Preparation (NOP) Comment Letter

Public Comment: Kent Sawatzky, Latanya Jacob, Julie Christie

Motion was made (Madrone/Jorgensen) to approve the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project Notice of Preparation (NOP) Comment Letter as amended to include new language regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and encouraging that the benefits of an offshore wind industry include improved local electrical capacity and reliability.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Informational Items

None

9. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Madrone/West) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. HCAOG Staff and Board/PAC Member Reports

a. HCAOG Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Burks provided the following information:

- HCAOG has been hosting quarterly RHNA meetings.
- Dan Burden will be in our area for walk audits and presentations.
- STIP draft allocations will be presented to the TAC.
- A proposal for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant was submitted.
- It was determined that the bylaws indicate that the time of meetings is to be determined by the board so there was no need to change the bylaws to move these meetings to 4:30 p.m.
- Caltrans encroachment permits were received so work will begin soon for the call boxes on routes 96 and 36.
- Indianola Undercrossing groundbreaking and construction is underway. Caltrans will present updates to the Board as construction continues over the next three years.
- HCOAG staff attended the HTA Transit Symposium.

Public Comment: Julie Christie

b. Caltrans Report

Caltrans representative Tatiana Ahlstrand presented information on the following:

- The Hwy 299/200 grade separation project is nearing completion.
- The Arcata 101 merge project to improve the on ramp from Hwy 299 to Hwy 101 will begin soon.
- Construction for the Indianola Undercrossing project is underway.
- There is a second cycle of Climate Adaptation Planning grant.
- Awards for FY 23-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant will be announced in mid-August. The call for applications for the next fiscal year will be in early October with applications due in January.
- Clean CA local grant program project award notifications will go out in August and September.
- A Fernbridge stakeholder engagement will take place August 30th.
- The draft environmental document for Last Chance Grade will be available in December for review and public comment.
- The Eureka Slough project is in the environmental review phase.

Public Comment: Julie Christie

c. Board/PAC Member Reports

Pac Member Arroyo provided the following updates from Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA):

- HTA held a Transit Symposium which had presenters from all over the state.
- HTA continues to struggle with driver recruitment and retention.
- Dial a Ride service will be expanded to service more riders. Updates will be provided.
- Reduced fares and contactless payments are in place.

Supervisor Madrone requested another update on the gas tax analysis from Caltrans.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Eberwein
Administrative Services Officer