



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Regional Transportation Planning Agency**  
**Humboldt County Local Transportation Authority**  
**Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**  
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**MEETING RECORD**

Regular Meeting  
August 3, 2023, 2:30 p.m.  
HCAOG Conference Room  
611 I Street, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

**Present:**

Brendan Byrd (Chair)  
Greg Pratt  
Josh Wolf  
Jesse Willor  
Steven Pearl  
Jordan Ludtke  
Henry Baker (Alternate)  
Misty Rickwalt  
Tom Mattson  
David Caisse  
Saskia Rymer-Burnett  
Sammy Martinez (Alternate)

City of Fortuna  
Humboldt Transit Authority  
City of Trinidad  
City of Eureka  
City of Rio Dell  
City of Blue Lake  
Trinidad Rancheria  
Karuk Tribe  
County of Humboldt  
City of Arcata  
Caltrans District 1  
Yurok Tribe

**Attended as Non-voting Member:**

Jeff Hodge

Hoopa Tribe

**Absent:**

John McGinnis  
Shane Drummond  
Michelle Nielsen  
Captain Larry DePee  
Cameron Mull

Bear River Band Rancheria  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
City of Ferndale  
California Highway Patrol  
City of Fortuna

**Staff:**

Beth Burks  
Amy Eberwein  
Stevie Luther

Executive Director  
Administrative Services Officer  
Associate Regional Planner

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Brendan Byrd called the meeting of August 3, 2023, to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

**3. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None**

#### 4. Presentations

##### a. Corridor Adaptation Plan Update (Caltrans):

This presentation was continued to the next TAC meeting on September 7, 2023.

#### 5. Consent Calendar

**Motion was made** (Pratt/Willor) to approve the following items(s) on the consent calendar:

##### a. Approval of Meeting Records: June 1, 2023

**Motion carried with two abstentions** (Caisse, Mattson).

#### 6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar – None

#### 7. Action Items

##### a. Revised TAC Bylaws

**Motion was made** (Pratt/Mattson) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to adopt changes to the TAC bylaws that include virtual attendance and alternate meeting sites for TAC members from the Yurok, Karuk, and Hoopa Tribes as well as adopting advisory, non-voting role policies for members who miss more than three meetings per calendar year.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

##### b. Carbon Reduction Program

**No action taken.** The TAC discussed potential projects for the Carbon Reduction Program and directed staff to research matching and alternative funding sources that may be available for transitioning municipal fleets to zero emission vehicles. This item will be brought back to a future TAC meeting for further discussion.

##### c. Request for Transportation Development Act 2% Bike & Pedestrian Set-Aside funds

**Motion was made** (Mattson/Pratt) to forward a recommendation to the HCAOG Board to approve a request from the City of Blue Lake to use Transportation Development Act 2% Bike and Pedestrian Set-Aside funds for a complete street plan review of the truck route project.

**Motion carried with one abstention** (Ludtke)

#### 8. Discussion Items

##### a. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Draft Estimate

Executive Director Beth Burks presented information on the draft 2024 STIP fund estimate and received input from TAC members on the project selection process.

##### b. New State Funding for Transit

Associate Planner Stevie Luther provided information on new Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program formula funding. Full guidelines have not been released and HCAOG will be attending workshops to learn more and will provide more information once it is available.

#### 9. HCAOG Executive Director and Staff Reports

Executive Director Burks reported on the following:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All application was submitted.
- The Dan Burden events were successful and well attended.
- Encroachment permits for call boxes on Highways 96 and 36 have been received and construction is proceeding.
- Cal Recycle offered to do a presentation on a grant program for tire derived aggregates.

## 10. TAC Member Reports

Tom Mattson provided information on the following:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Summit on Rural Road Safety will take place in Oklahoma City in September. There will be Tribal components included in this year's event. The event can be attended virtually. He will be presenting at the event.
- The County is actively polling for a local transportation tax.

Saskia Rymer-Burnett provided the following updates from Caltrans District 1:

- There will be a second cycle of the Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant.
- The 23-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award announcements will happen later this month.
- There will be a call for applications for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for fiscal year 24-25 in early October. Applications will be due in January.
- The Clean California local grant program project award notifications will be in August or September.
- There is a large item dump day in Rio Dell on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until capacity is reached.
- The data from the Broadway pop up demonstration is still being analyzed.

Henry Baker: There is a public meeting for the Trinidad Rancheria's area access project on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Brendan Byrd: City of Fortuna recently submitted initial applications to apply for the Federal and Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Grant for the Kenmar interchange project.

**Adjournment 3:57 PM**

APPROVED