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AGENDA ITEM 5d
HCAOG Board Meeting
February 16, 2023

DATE: February 8, 2023
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning Grant**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:
"I move that the PAC recommend that the Board adopt Resolution 23-02 approving HCAOG as a partner in the Humboldt Transit Authority's application for a U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant."

Staff Summary:

Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) is applying for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The project, titled Equitable and Sustainable Public Transit Planning for Rural America Project, would focus on an expansion of HTA services and explore how to decrease vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by increasing transit use in a rural setting. The project places a particular focus on expanding routes equitably, including in areas that are defined as areas of persistent poverty in the grant terms. The project will advance route planning for the Eureka Transit Service to provide more direct and frequent service.

HCAOG staff have been assisting with preparation of the grant application through Work Element 5: Project Delivery and Oversight which includes a task to assist local partners and transit agencies with grant applications.

Humboldt Transit Authority and HCAOG staff are requesting that HCAOG be a project partner in this application. As a project partner, if the grant is awarded, HCOAG tasks would include assistance with grant management and reporting, assisting with solicitations for consultant services, and public outreach and education. All HCAOG staff time would be funded by the grant.