

Approved 10/15/25

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MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Primary Location

MCOG Office – 525 S. Main St., Ukiah (Upstairs Conference Room)

Teleconference Locations

*City of Fort Bragg – Engineering Office, 416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg
City of Willits – Community Development Dept., 111 E. Commercial St., Willits
Caltrans District 1 – 1656 Union Street, Eureka, California*

July 16, 2025

Members Present

Tim Eriksen, City of Ukiah
Liam Crowley, DPBS
Chantell O' Neal, City of Fort Bragg
Dusty Duley, City of Willits
Mike Lydon, Caltrans

Members Absent

AQMD Representative
Alicia Winokur, County DOT
Tom Varga, Pt. Arena

Staff & Others Present

Nephele Barrett, MCOG Administration
Lisa Davey-Bates, MCOG Planning
Alexis Pedrotti, MCOG Planning
Michael Villa, MCOG Administration
Jaclyn Christian, MCOG Planning
Hector Ortega, MCOG Planning
David Shpak, Gualala Community Advisory
Committee
Kirsten Thuresson, Caltrans
Jason Wise, County DOT
Andrea Trincado, City of Ukiah

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – Nephele called the meeting to order at approx. 10:00 a.m.
2. **Public Expression** – None.
3. **Input from Native American Tribal Governments' Representatives**- None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of 05/21/25**
Motion by Tim Eriksen, seconded by Dustin Duley, and carried on roll call vote (Sayes-O'Neal, Eriksen, Duley, Lydon, Crowley) to approve minutes of 05/21/2025
5. **Caltrans Presentation- 2025 SHOPP Ten-Year Plan Projects for Mendocino County (Kirsten Thuresson)**

Kirsten Thuresson from Caltrans presented the draft list of transportation projects proposed for Mendocino County as part of the last five years (2031–2035) of Caltrans District 1's 10-Year Plan. The projects focus on key infrastructure assets such as pavement, drainage, bridges, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, with possible additions like safety features and culvert improvements. Specific routes identified for pavement work include Highway 1, Highway 20, and U.S. 101. A major drainage project is planned along U.S. 101, and multiple seismic retrofits are proposed for bridges in the region. The 10-Year Plan is updated every two years through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) cycle, with projects currently in the nomination phase for the 2028 cycle. Projects are expected to be programmed

by July 2028 and begin construction around 2030. Due to environmental and right-of-way constraints, District 1 often requires additional lead time for delivery.

Project selection is driven by performance targets set by the State Highway System Management Plan, focusing on four core assets—pavement, culverts, bridges, and transportation management systems—with a supporting set of supplementary assets. For this 10-year planning cycle, District 1 was assigned 17 objectives and a \$1.5 billion five-year budget, a reduction from the previous cycle due to improved asset conditions and limited funding. The draft project list was developed using local and community plans, and Caltrans is actively seeking feedback to refine the list. A public survey, closing July 31, allows stakeholders to review project locations, see mapped details, and provide input on additional needs such as flooding issues. Caltrans emphasized the importance of early feedback, as it becomes more difficult to change project scope once the budgeting and environmental processes are underway.

During the discussion, participants asked about the level of detail provided in the survey and how additional feedback could be submitted. Caltrans confirmed that the survey shows which community plan each project came from and includes specific details such as sidewalks and bike lanes. Feedback can be submitted through the survey, by email, or in writing. A general comments section at the end of the survey provides space for broader input. Caltrans also clarified the distinction between SHOPP projects and minor or highway maintenance projects. Minor projects (under \$1.25 million) are locally managed and quickly delivered without strict performance requirements, while highway maintenance projects focus on preserving infrastructure. Other related programs include HM4 safety/TMS, reactive safety based on collision history, and permanent restoration following emergencies, some of which can be expedited within the SHOPP cycle.

Caltrans encouraged all local stakeholders to complete the survey by July 31 and noted that a summary of community input will be shared at the August Board meeting. Continued engagement will be supported through additional outreach, including a follow-up survey on desired engagement levels, an external project book updated quarterly, and regular milestone reporting as projects advance through planning and development stages.

6. Staff Reports (Verbal)

a. Noyo Harbor Multimodal Circulation Plan- Jaclyn stated that the consultants are currently coordinating meetings with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, the City of Fort Bragg and the Noyo Harbor District to present their draft reports.

b. Sea-Level Rise Roadway Impact Study- Jaclyn stated that the consultants have completed a draft literature review, which will be finalized soon. Work on existing conditions analysis and mapping is currently underway, with the first site visit scheduled for next week. A meeting with the consultants is set for tomorrow to review the mapping platform and continue discussions related to the site. Alexis added that public outreach is scheduled to begin in July and will continue throughout the summer.

c. Regional Transportation Plan & Active Transportation Plan (RTP/ATP) - Jaclyn stated that the administrative draft of the Mendocino County Regional Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan is scheduled for completion by **July 21**, with a three-week review period

ending August 8. The public draft is expected to be released around August 22, after which a second round of public outreach workshops will begin.

Nephele added that this outreach effort follows an earlier round of public engagement focused on needs assessment and general feedback, conducted through presence at community events like farmers markets and college events. While turnout in the first round was mixed, the second round will be more targeted, with in-person workshops that present the draft plan and invite public feedback. Approximately four in-person workshops are planned across different regions (including the North Coast and South Coast) along with one virtual session to maximize accessibility. The project team is currently identifying appropriate venues; Point Arena City Hall was suggested as a good venue and David Shpak offered to help with coordination

Workshops will be standalone events, rather than add-ons to existing community events, to better facilitate review of the plan and meaningful discussion. Liam suggested that on behalf of MCOG the county could do a press release to promote the planned workshops. Updates will be shared through TAC and Board meetings

d. FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program (OWP) - Alexis emphasized the need to close out the 2024–25 fiscal year. She highlighted the VMT Mitigation Caltrans grant that was recently awarded and stated that efforts are underway to incorporate its specific conditions into the current work program. Alexis stressed the importance of submitting all outstanding invoices and close-out documentation promptly to allow for carryover funding and the timely processing of amendments. Alexis stated that Janet Orth is currently working with agencies to finalize the necessary subrecipient agreements, which are required to receive reimbursement. The City of Ukiah is not expected to have any carryover this year, while the County's final invoice is still pending. Subrecipient agreements for 2025–26 will be released soon, and agencies were asked to watch for those and sign them upon receipt.

7. **Miscellaneous-** Mike Lydon congratulated MCOG, the City of Ukiah, and Mendocino County for securing over \$1 million in Sustainable Transportation Planning grant funds. Updates to the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) within the Street Saver software were discussed. It was noted that the City of Ukiah has made recent updates, which will be forwarded to Hector. No updates have been made by the cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Willits, or by the County at this time.

Next Meeting – 8/20/2025, if needed

8. **Adjournment** – approx. 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hector Ortega
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