

MINUTES

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
9 Petticoat Lane, Broad Brook, CT

City of Willits – Community Development Dept., 111 E. Commercial St., Willits

February 19, 2025

Members Present

Tim Eriksen, City of Ukiah
Chantell O' Neal, City of Fort Bragg
Dusty Duley, City of Willits
Mike Lydon, Caltrans
Jacob King, MTA
Alicia Winokur, MDOT

Members Absent

AQMD Representative
Tom Varga, City of Point Arena
Liam Crowley, DPBS

Staff & Others Present

Nephele Barrett, MCOG Administration
Lisa Davey-Bates, MCOG Planning
James Sookne, MCOG Planning
Alexis Pedrotti, MCOG Planning
Michael Villa, MCOG Administration
Hector Ortega, MCOG Planning
Jaclyn Christian, MCOG Planning
David Shpak, Gualala Municipal Advisory Council
Jason Benson, City of Ukiah
Lousia Morris, SCC
Andrea Trincado, City of Ukiah
Walter Kolon, City of Willits

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – Nephele called the meeting to order at approx. 10:05am.
2. **Public Expression** – None.
3. **Input from Native American Tribal Governments' Representatives** – None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of 1/15/2025**
Motion by Tim Eriksen, seconded by Jacob King, and carried on roll call vote (6 ayes – Winokur, O'Neal, Eriksen, Duley, Lydon, King) to approve minutes of 1/15/2025.
5. **FY 2025/26 Draft Overall Work Program – Review & Recommendation**
Alexis directed attendees to the attached staff report and began discussing the FY 2025/26 Draft Overall Work Program. The MCOG staff received positive news regarding the revenues. The Local Transportation Fund (LTF) estimate from the Mendocino County Auditor's Office included a slight increase. The State of California has agreed to boost the Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) annual allocation to the RTPA's. This increase will add \$110,500 in RPA funding to the OWP. The FY 2025/26 OWP Draft now proposes full funding for both the County DOT and City of Fort Bragg project requests, as well as restoration of the original Pavement Management Program amount and \$43,134 of available funding in the Project

Reserve. The Final Work Program will be presented for TAC review and recommendation in April. MCOG approval will not be required until the Final Work Program in May. Approval for the 2025-2026 draft OWP was recommended, to be submitted to Caltrans by February 28, 2025.

Motion by Jacob King, seconded by Tim Eriksen, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (6 ayes – Winokur, O’Neal, Eriksen, Duley, Lydon, King) to approve the FY 2025-2026 Draft Overall Work Program for submittal to Caltrans for review and comment.

6. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding – Discussion & Recommendation

James provided an update on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). MCOG staff believe the best path forward is to support MTA and the City of Fort Bragg. MTA would utilize \$250,000 for their hydrogen feasibility study. The City of Fort Bragg would utilize the remaining \$75,646 for the environmental and design work required for installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the CV Starr Community Center. MCOG staff would like to ensure the first two years of CRP funding stay within the region. A third year of funding has been identified on the Caltrans website; however, it is not a part of the action required. Assuming they’ll still be available, these funds will be brought back before the TAC for action at a future meeting. In the meantime, a project alignment form will be submitted to Caltrans. Approval of the CRP funding plan as presented was recommended.

Motion by Alicia Winokur, seconded by Dusty Duley, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (6 ayes – Winokur, O’Neal, Eriksen, Duley, Lydon, King) to recommend approval of the CRP funding plan.

7. 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Active Transportation Plan (ATP) – Review of Goals, Objectives & Policies -

Nephele gave a brief update on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Active Transportation Plan with attendees. Jaclyn and Loretta have sent out project information requests via email, with a deadline of March 4th. Changes and additions have been made to the RTP since the last update, and the goal is to adopt it by December. The discussion focused on these updates, which include changes to policies and objectives related to climate change, land use, economy, government movement, local street roads, transit, rail transportation, and tribal transportation. Alicia suggested adding a verb to the Goods Movement (GM) section. Dave Shpak expressed his intention to discuss adjustments, suggesting he’d send them in writing. Louisa raised concerns about the compatibility of freight restoration with the Great Redwood Trail, and staff suggested discussing this with her separately.

8. Staff Reports

8a. Noyo Harbor Multimodal Circulation Plan

Nephele reported that the Noyo Harbor Multimodal Circulation Plan is progressing, with a charrette scheduled for April 14th and 15th. This event will include discussions on topics such as transit, water taxis, and roundabouts. Prior to the charrette, a monthly project meeting will be held on March 4th to prepare for the upcoming charrette.

8b. Sea Level Rise Roadway Impact Study – Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant

Alexis briefly reported that MCOG has received proposals and will be reviewing them with the selection committee. She was optimistic about selecting a consultant and moving forward by March.

9. Miscellaneous

Jacob provided an update from MTA, announcing the hiring of a project manager consultant from the Le Fleur Group. Alicia shared that the county received \$36 million for the Redemeyer Rd project. Louisa informed the group about the Coastal Conservancy Prop 4 funding, which focuses on areas such as climate risk, safe drinking water, and the protection of land and wildlife.

Next Meeting – 3/19/2025

10. Adjournment – approx. 10:54am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaclyn Christian
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