




COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: May 5, 2009

Date: April 1, 2009
 To: Board of Supervisors
 From:  Thomas K. Mattson, Director of Public Works
 Subject: **Unmet Transportation Needs Public Hearing**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

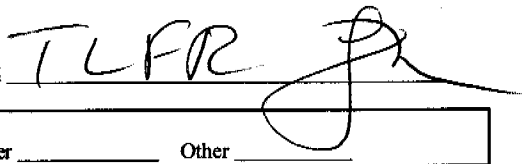
1. Open the public hearing and receive the staff report and allow the public to comment on transit needs in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Close the public hearing and direct that the Clerk of the Board forward meeting minutes and any recommendations to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) for inclusion in their hearing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for representatives of various agencies and the general public to request specific transit services in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County. Ultimately, a finding by the HCAOG board will have to be made as to whether there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Prepared by Thomas K. Mattson/jg

CAO Approval 

REVIEW: Auditor CRD County Counsel JLC Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. K-1
 Meeting of: April 22, 2008

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
 Upon motion of Supervisor
 Seconded by Supervisor
 And unanimously carried by those members present,
 The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
 contained in this report.

Dated: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

By: _____

Unmet transit needs may be found reasonable to meet if all of the following conditions prevail:

1. A significant level of support exists for the public subsidy of transit services designed to address the unmet transit need, including but not limited to, support from community groups, community leaders, and community meetings reflecting a public commitment to public transit;
2. Sufficient funding is forecast to be available on a long-term basis from the respective entity or entities' Local Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing services to address the unmet transit need;
3. The complete cost of addressing the unmet transit need justifies service implementation or continuation in terms of the size of the transit dependent public, passengers served, severity of need, and feasibility;
4. Transit services designed or intended to address an unmet transit need shall not duplicate transit services currently provided either publicly or privately; and
5. Transit services designed or intended to address an unmet transit need shall in all cases make coordinative efforts with transit services currently provided, either publicly or privately.

The Humboldt County Association of Governments, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is required to make the finding that there are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet prior to approving fund claims for street and road purposes. This process is required by the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The County Road Fund and Bicycle and Trailways program receive TDA funding.

For your information, the following is a listing of the 2008/09 distribution of the County TDA funds.

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TOTAL	\$2,381,176

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If any unmet transit needs are found, it could possibly impact the amount of TDA funding available to the Road Fund. The FY 2009/10 TDA estimate reflects a 10% decrease from the current year, which portrays the decline in State economy as well as several other related factors.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt Transit Authority and Humboldt County Association of Governments.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will hold this public hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 1:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

Any and all interested parties are invited to attend and be heard at said public hearing. Further information regarding said public hearing can be obtained from the Humboldt County Department of Public Works, 1106 2nd Street, Eureka, CA; or by telephone at (707) 445-7491.

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