



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: October 12, 2023

TITLE: **Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Input Regarding Unmet Transit Needs and Direct Staff to Forward All Comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council conduct a public hearing to receive input regarding unmet transit needs, and direct staff to forward all comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG).

INTRODUCTION:

Annually, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) reviews unmet transit needs through a multi-jurisdictional public hearing process throughout Humboldt County. As part of this annual process, HCAOG encourages member entities to conduct separate public hearings to receive local comments. Comments can also be received by email, mail, and telephone prior to December 31, 2023. To be included in this year's report of findings, send comments regarding the Arcata & Mad River Transit System (A&MRTS) directly to:

City of Arcata
Attn: Vance Law, Arcata & Mad River Transit System
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521
(707) 825-2041
vlaw@cityofarcata.org

HCAOG will also receive comments directly on unmet transit needs until December 31, 2023, at:

HCAOG Office
Attn: Beth Burks
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 444-8208
Beth.Burks@hcaog.net

DISCUSSION:

Comments generated during the public hearing process are to be submitted to HCAOG for inclusion in the annual Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings. Public input will then be put into one of three categories:

- A. That there are no unmet transit needs; or
- B. That there are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet; or
- C. That there are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

The adoption of the final HCAOG Report of Findings will occur in early 2024. Please refer to attachments for more detailed information.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No immediate financial impact. Funding for any additional service recommendations or unmet needs would be paid from fares, other transit subsidies, and revenues.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Unmet Transit Needs Flyer_2023 (PDF)
- B. 2023 Unmet Transit Needs Flyer_Spanish ver (PDF)