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Subject: Cal Poly Humboldt's "Local Bus Transit Services: Frequently Asked Questions"

Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) would like to clarify its role in discussions regarding evening transit service at Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) and provide context for service recommendations recently circulated to the university community and beyond.

HTA understands that a document describing its service recommendations was presented at a University Senate meeting and subsequently distributed to the campus community. Statements in that document regarding HTA were not reviewed by HTA prior to its distribution. We believe it is important to clarify that HTA's recommendations were made in response to CPH's stated budget limitations and should not be interpreted as an independent determination that reducing service was advised.

Prior to the Fall semester, HTA was informed that CPH had funding available to continue only its dormitory shuttle service. All agencies face budgetary circumstances that can force difficult decisions, and HTA understands CPH's need to make these choices. HTA's subsequent recommendations were developed within that budgetary reality and were intended to identify the best possible service options within CPH's available resources. They were not suggested based solely on ridership, performance, or other service evaluation criteria. HTA would not recommend reducing service in the absence of a resource constraint and, if funding had permitted, would have recommended continuing both evening Gold and Red services. Gold and Red together serve a wider area more efficiently than the Orange route, which was created to try and cover the area of both Gold and Red but takes longer to do so, which is harder on riders.

HTA's commitment to the current evening Orange service arrangement extends through the Fall 2026 semester only. CPH has not contacted HTA to request continuing evening service through the Spring semester, but we are pleased to hear that they are interested in doing so and look forward to connecting with them on this topic.

HTA remains committed to working collaboratively with CPH and supporting accessible transportation for students and the entire community, within operational and financial constraints. We believe clear communication about the circumstances surrounding these decisions is essential to ensuring the public has an accurate understanding of HTA's role and the basis for its recommendations.

We appreciate the interest and support from our community when it comes to transit options and are proud to provide these services to Humboldt County.

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