

**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF GOVERNMENTS**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2023**

## Acronyms for Butte County Association of Governments

ACRONYM	MEANING
AB	Assembly Bill
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers
AFR	Accident Frequency Ratio
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
ARB	Air Resource Board
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Location
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments
CALCOG	California Association Council of Governments
CARB	California Air Resource Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
CON	Construction
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTIPS	California Transportation Improvement Program System
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DOT	Department of Transportation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EMFAC	Emissions Factors
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
FY	Fiscal Year
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Program
GhG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIC	Geographical Information Center
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positional Satellite
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IIP	Interregional Improvement Program
IPG	Intermodal Planning Group
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS	National Air Quality Standards
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (Also NOAA Fisheries)

ACRONYM	MEANING
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (Also NMFS)
OWP	Overall Work Program
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Document
PDT	Project Development Team
PEER	Permit Engineering Evaluation Report
PL	Federal Planning Funds
PPH	Passengers Per Revenue Hour
PLH	Public Lands Highway
PPM	Planning Programming & Monitoring
PPNO	Project Programming Number
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
PUC	Public Utilities Code
R/W	Right of Way
RFP	Request for Proposals
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RHNP	Regional Housing Needs Plan
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RTAC	Regional Target Advisory Committee
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SCEA	Sustainable Community Environmental Assessment
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
SDP	Strategic Deployment Plan
SHOPP	State Highway Operation Protection Program
SSTAC	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
STA	State Transit Assistance
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAOC	Transit Administrative Oversight Committee
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TE	Transportation Enhancements
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPP	Transit Priority Project
TSGP	Transit Security Grant Program
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
WE	Work Element



# BCAG Board of Directors Meeting

October 26, 2023  
9:00 a.m.



## BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100  
Chico, CA 95928

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from the September 28, 2023, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Ashley**
4. Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2023/24 Overall Work Program & Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement (Attachment) - **Julie**

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any***

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

5. North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan Update (Attachment) - **Chris**
6. Draft 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Recommendations (Attachment) – **Ivan**
7. 2024 Unmet Transit Needs Process (Attachment) – **Victoria**

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

8. Approval of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program Allocation Plan (Attachments) – **Andy**

## **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

9. Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

10. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday December 7, 2023, **at the BCAG Board Room & via Zoom.**

*Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to items of the business referred to on the agenda are on file at the office of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG).  
Persons with questions concerning agenda items may call BCAG at (530) 809-4616.*

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #3



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
September 28 ,2023**

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG’s office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Tami Ritter (9:05am)	Supervisor	District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Ron Lassonde	Alternate- Non-Voting	Town of Paradise
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Rose Tryon	Vice Mayor	Town of Paradise

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director (Zoom)
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

RC Cooper	Dennis Dawson, Josh Fredis- City of Oroville
Ashley Stanley- PW Engineering	Sam (Zoom)
Ron Lassonde- Town of Paradise	Fred Mays-Public Works Director
Dave Harden	Brendan Ottoboni-Public Works

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

### CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the August 24, 2023 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Capital Reserve Funding for the Construction of the Paradise Transit Center Project
5. Approval for BCAG Executive Committee to work with Deputy Director on Employment Agreement and Evaluation for Assuming Executive Director Position
6. Annual Review & Update of the BCAG/B-Line Agency Safety Plan for 2023

On motion by Board Member Tryon and seconded by Board Member Teeter, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

### ITEMS FOR ACTION- *None*

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### **7: Approval of Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Revision for 2023-2027**

A Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan is required for every transit agency receiving federal assistance while owning, operating, or managing capital assets.

Each agency's TAM Plan outlines the people, tools and processes used to address asset management policy and goals. It helps support planning, budgeting, and communications for internal and external stakeholders. While also providing accountability and visibility for the agency's goals and practices.

The updated plan's targets and proposed investments have been adjusted since the September 2019 plan to account for additional vehicle age, expected service changes and the agency's current work toward meeting state requirements for alternative fuel vehicles within the next few years.

BCAG staff informed the Board that the updated Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan for BCAG/B-Line has been completed. This plan will cover the period of September 20213 through August 2027.

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This item was presented for information purposes.

### **8: 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development**

BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2023, for the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

A “call for projects” was issued by BCAG for 2024 RTIP/STIP programming consideration. A funding target of \$8.4 million has been provided from the California Transportation Commission. Staff received eight projects from the various local jurisdictions totaling \$20.4 million in funding requests.

BCAG staff informed the Board of the four requirements for new project programming considerations as defined in the current STIP guidelines. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Project Study Reports, Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness, and ePPR.

In addition, BCAG indicated to the jurisdictions that project evaluation will be based on the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure developed from the Governor’s Executive Orders.

The Executive Orders and resulting CAPTI document define a more specific environment for which all transportation funding is programmed through Regional Transportation Agencies and Metropolitan organizations in California. Priority areas for performance measures were discussed.

BCAG staff are currently reviewing each project received. A preliminary programming recommendation will be presented at the October BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and BCAG Board Meetings.

This item was presented for information purposes.

### **9: Butte Regional Transit Fourth Quarter 2022/23 Report**

BCAG staff presented the Board with key financial and statistical results for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) for the fourth quarter and full fiscal year of 2022/23.

Lack of riders continues to be an issue in meeting the annual fare box ratios previously mandated by the TDA. However, in July 2021, California AB 149 was passed that extended the previous TDA exemption from the farebox requirement through the end of fiscal year 2022/23. With this, the definition of “local funds” was also changed to allow any nonstate funding as part of “farebox” ratio.



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Overall, ridership throughout the year has been trending upwards over fiscal year 2021/22. These ridership numbers are trending upwards, with the expected fluctuations from student ridership at various times of the year.

Rural Fixed Route came in at 11.4% of operating costs for the fiscal year. Urban Fixed Route fares came in at 11.8% of operating costs. Rural Paratransit at 7.1% and Urban Paratransit finished the year at 8.1% of operating costs.

BCAG staff informed the Board that there was one preventable accident in the quarter and five valid complaints.

This item was presented for information purposes.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**13: Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

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ITEM #4



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #4 Consent

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### **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 TO THE 2023/24 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) & BUDGET AND OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AGREEMENT (OWPA)**

**PREPARED BY:** Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

**ISSUE:** BCAG Chief Fiscal Officer is requesting the BCAG Board of Directors approval of an amendment for the FY23/24 OWP & Budget with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:** Amendment #1 adjusts the following work elements (WE) to reflect the actual carryover of contract costs and funding from the prior year. The net budget increase to revenue and expense totals \$137,102.

The following changes by work element are:

- WE 24-111 Complete Streets: FHWA Planning (PL) funds of \$4,926 were remaining from the prior year. No local match is required for this work so \$2,280 is being removed. Staff time is increased for the net of \$2,646.
- WE 24-129 SB1 STP 22/23 – 2024 SCS Development: SB1 22/23 State Transportation Planning (STP) funds of \$26,770 were remaining from the prior year. This and the local match are carried over into the same project scope and consultant work with this added Work Element.
- WE 24-130 North Valley Rail Plan: FTA 5304 grant funding is increased to actual carryover of \$229,486. Local match and consultant work are also adjusted.
- WE 24-130.1 North Valley Rail Plan Support- FHWA Planning (PL) funds are reduced \$39,038 to meet carryover. Local Transportation Planning funds are utilized instead.
- WE 24-301 Transit Planning & Coordination- FTA 5303 had a carryover of \$21,558. This is being utilized in place of FHWA Planning (PL). No change to expenditures.

Attached is a summary of adjustments to the FY23/24 OWP & Budget.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment 1 of the FY23/24 Overall Work Program & Budget and the OWP Agreement.

Key Staff: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Chris Devine, Planning Director  
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

**FISCAL YEAR 2023/24  
SUMMARY OF OWP/OWPA AMENDMENT 1**

<b>24-111 Complete Streets</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
FHWA Planning	23,695	28,621	4,926
LTF	2,280	-	(2,280)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>25,975</b>	<b>28,621</b>	<b>2,646</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	14,090	15,525	1,435
INDIRECT	11,885	13,096	1,211
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,975</b>	<b>28,621</b>	<b>2,646</b>

<b>24-129 SB1 STP 22/23 - 2024 SCS Development</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
SB1 STP 22/23	-	26,770	26,770
LTF PLANNING	-	3,468	3,468
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,238</b>	<b>30,238</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	-	-	-
CONSULTANT	-	30,238	30,238
INDIRECT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,238</b>	<b>30,238</b>

<b>24-130 North Valley Rail Plan</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
FTA 5304	137,222	229,486	92,264
LTF Planning	17,779	29,733	11,954
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>155,001</b>	<b>259,219</b>	<b>104,218</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	-	-	-
CONSULTANT	155,001	259,219	104,218
INDIRECT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>155,001</b>	<b>259,219</b>	<b>104,218</b>

<b>24-130.1 North Valley Rail Plan Support</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
FHWA Planning	166,959	127,921	(39,038)
LTF Planning	21,632	60,670	39,038
CRRSAA	125,000	125,000	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>313,591</b>	<b>313,591</b>	<b>-</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	102,298	102,298	-
CONSULTANTS-	125,000	125,000	-
INDIRECT	86,293	86,293	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>313,591</b>	<b>313,591</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>24-301 Transit Planning &amp; Coordination</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
FHWA Planning	61,307	39,749	(21,558)
FTA 5303	57,730	79,288	21,558
LTF Planning	25,423	25,423	-
FTA 5307 Planing	40,000	40,000	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>184,460</b>	<b>184,460</b>	<b>-</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	72,936	72,936	-
CONSULTANT	50,000	50,000	-
INDIRECT	61,524	61,524	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>184,460</b>	<b>184,460</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>NET CHANGE IN BUDGET REVENUE:</b>	PRIOR	AMENDED	NET CHANGE
FHWA Planning	\$ 1,089,160	1,033,490	(55,670.00)
LTF PLANNING	\$ 446,706	498,886	52,180.00
FTA 5303	\$ 82,472	104,030	21,558.00
FTA 5304	\$ 137,222	229,486	92,264.00
SB1	\$ 180,569	207,339	26,770.00

<b>NET BUDGET REVENUE CHANGE</b>			<b>\$ 137,102.00</b>
PREVIOUS OWP REVENUE-			6,387,210
<b>AMENDED TOTAL OWP REVENUE</b>			<b>\$ 6,524,312</b>

SALARIES	\$ 2,031,933	\$ 2,033,368	1,435
INDIRECT	\$ 1,476,897	\$ 1,478,108	1,211
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,878,380	\$ 3,012,836	134,456

<b>NET BUDGET EXPENDITURE CHANGE</b>			<b>\$ 137,102</b>
PREVIOUS OWP EXPENDITURES			6,387,210
<b>AMENDED TOTAL OWP EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>\$ 6,524,312</b>

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## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #5 Information

October 26, 2023

### NORTH VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Devine, Planning Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG received \$500,000 in grant funding from Caltrans in 2021 to study expanding passenger rail service northward from the Sacramento area to Butte County and the study is nearing completion.

**DISCUSSION:** Work is still on track to release a draft strategic plan this December and host a virtual public workshop to review key components of the draft document with interested community members. After completion of a public review period lasting through January 2024, a final plan will be completed in late February. Recent project updates include:

- BCAG staff is working toward the next phase of the project, which includes development of the environmental document and preliminary engineering work (also referred to as PA&ED) with a cost estimate of \$5 million. Staff seeks to program \$2.5 million in the 2024 BCAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which will be brought forth for adoption by the BCAG Board in December 2024. Caltrans District 3 has nominated the remaining \$2.5 million in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). This would provide the funding needed to complete the required environmental document and associated preliminary engineering. A Project Study Report equivalent document has been completed and is being reviewed by Caltrans staff. This is required when programming a new project in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (the STIP reflects both ITIP and RTIP projects).

If approved by the BCAG Board in December, and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in March 2024, funds would be available to begin work on this phase in July 2024 (preliminary work could begin in March/April using separate funding sources). BCAG would lead this phase of work with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) serving as CEQA lead and a collaborating project partner. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has also agreed to coordinate with BCAG, Caltrans and SJJPA to contribute funding towards future components of the project.

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- BCAG staff is also recommending that a portion of BCAG’s recently approved Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) formula funds be programmed to advance a portion of the preliminary engineering (design) component of the project. This would allow for the environmental phase to achieve 30% engineering, rather than just the typical 15%. This approach has been recommended to BCAG staff by SJJPA and the consultant team at AECOM, as they have found that completing 30% design during the environmental phase can significantly accelerate project delivery.
- Going forward, additional BCAG TIRCP formula funds, combined with a possible contribution of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments’ (SACOG’s) TIRCP formula funds, could allow for the project to be funded through the entire engineering phase (also referred to as PS&E). A separate agenda item is provided at today’s meeting regarding BCAG’s TIRCP formula allocation and proposed uses of these funds.
- Ridership and revenue data for the proposed North Valley Rail service has been developed by the consultant team at AECOM and is shown below. *AECOM staff will present information at the meeting pertaining to the methodology for developing the estimates.*

The estimates reflect the likely ridership and revenues for the initial starter service of four daily roundtrips starting in 2030. Because this corridor is envisioned to have hourly service by 2050 and eventual service to Red Bluff and Redding, these numbers are a starting point and are likely to increase over time. They provide a strong indication that the North Valley Rail service will be successful in moving a significant number of passengers annually and will generate more than sufficient revenue based on current operations of the ACE and Amtrak San Joaquins.

*Table 1. Forecasted Ridership, Revenue, and Avoided VMT (2030)*

Annual Ridership	592,100
Transfers with High-Speed Rail (Merced)	72,400
Average Daily Ridership	1,622
Annual Revenue	\$5,188,000
Annual Avoided VMT	40,919,400

*Table 2. North Valley Stations Detail, Annual Ridership*

<b>Station</b>	<b>Annual Ridership</b>
Chico	198,400
Gridley	91,900
Marysville-Yuba City	201,700
Plumas Lake	113,900



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*Table 3. Breakdown by Geographic Market*

	<b>Annual Ridership</b>
Internal (within North Valley)	91,000
External (North Valley to/from)	
Sacramento Area	258,000
San Joaquin Valley (North and Central)	96,600
San Francisco Bay Area	67,700

A ridership and revenue memo is available on the project website and contains a complete description of the methodology:

<https://northvalleyraildotorg.files.wordpress.com/2023/08/nvprsp-ridership-forecasts-train-capacity-memo-final-20230828.pdf>.

Staff will continue to keep the Board informed as this study moves forward.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented as information only.

Key Staff:     Chris Devine, Planning Director  
                  Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
                  Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

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## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #6 Information

October 26, 2023

### **DRAFT 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PREPARED BY:** Iván Garcia, Programming Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2023, for the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**DISCUSSION:** BCAG requested project nominations from member jurisdictions for consideration of programming in the 2024 RTIP, which has a funding target of \$8.4 million. Staff received 8 project submittals totaling over \$20 million and has reviewed each of the projects. Staff has developed a draft recommendation list for the Boards consideration prior to developing a final 2024 RTIP.

Table 1 identifies staff's project programming recommendations for the 2024 RTIP, which were reviewed with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee at their October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Table 2 identifies the projects not recommended for programming in the 2024 RTIP and identifies a funding program that is better suited for the funding of those projects.

The Draft 2024 RTIP programming recommendations presented by staff meet the requirements identified in the 2024 STIP Guidelines and are in alignment with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) adopted by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in July 2021.

**TABLE 1**  
**DRAFT 2024 RTIP STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>PROJECTS RECOMMEND FOR THE 2024 RTIP</b>		
<b>Agency &amp; Project</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
Chico – Eaton Rd / SR 99 Roundabout	\$6,300,000	<b>\$6,300,000</b>
County – Palermo Safe Routes to Schools Project	\$2,625,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
BCAG - North Valley Passenger Rail Project	\$2,500,000	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
BCAG - Planning, Programming & Monitoring	\$738,000	<b>\$738,000</b>
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,487,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,538,000</u></b>

2024 RTIP Recommendations = **\$10,538,000**  
2024 RTIP Fund Estimate = **\$8,433,000**  
**Over Programmed = \$2,105,000**

**TABLE 2**  
**PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR 2024 RTIP**

<b>PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR OTHER FUNDING PROGRAMS OR NOT RECOMMENDED</b>			
<b>Agency &amp; Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommended Funding Program - CMAQ or CRP Program Funding</b>	<b>Not Recommended</b>
Biggs – 2nd Street Safe Routes to Schools Project	\$700,000	\$700,000	
Chico – Downtown Complete Streets	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	
Chico – SR 99 Southgate Interchange Project	\$3,624,000		\$3,624,000
County – Palermo Safe Routes to Schools Project	\$2,625,000	\$1,625,000	
Oroville – Washington Ave Complete Streets	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	
Oroville – Table Mountain Blvd Complete Streets	\$500,000	\$500,000	
<b><u>Totals</u></b>		<b><u>\$7,325,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,624,000</u></b>

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While staff's 2024 RTIP recommendations are above the 2024 Fund Estimate provided to Butte County, STIP guidelines allow regions like BCAG to make a programming recommendation up to 200% of its target. BCAG may be consulted by the CTC to make funding adjustments to financially constrain the STIP after all statewide RTIPs and Caltrans' Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) have been submitted.

For those projects submitted and not recommended for the 2024 RTIP, staff will prepare a future Board agenda item outlining other funding for those projects. Staff is not recommending funding for the SR 99 Southgate Interchange Project at this time due to the financial constraints of the RTP/SCS and the lack of a comprehensive funding plan for the entire project.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** This item is provided for information and discussion. The 2024 RTIP is scheduled for adoption at the December 7, 2023, BCAG Board of Directors meeting.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director  
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

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## Item #7 Information

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### 2024 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

**PREPARED BY:** Victoria Proctor, Associate Planner

**ISSUE:** As the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County, BCAG is responsible for performing the annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. This process requires at least one public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on unmet transit needs that may exist within the county.

**DISCUSSION:** In Butte County, the UTN process entails a comprehensive public outreach program culminating in the public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. For thirty days before the public hearing, testimony is solicited regarding perceived unmet transit needs that may be reasonable to meet. The purpose of this process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads. Staff has made the decision to move up the UTN process this fiscal year to better coincide with the 2024/25 TDA preliminary apportionments.

The testimony gathered is analyzed to determine if there are any transit needs that meet the adopted definitions of “Unmet Transit Need” and “Reasonable to Meet”. This analysis report, the Transit Needs Assessment, is reviewed by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), which provides a recommendation on the findings to the BCAG Board of Directors. If the Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, those needs must be satisfied before any TDA funds may be expended for non-transit purposes.

The public hearing is set for December 7, 2023, before the BCAG Board of Directors at its normally scheduled time. Please see Attachment 1 for the notice which has been published in the local newspapers, posted on B-Line’s website and Facebook page, and posted in each of the B-Line buses in Hmong, Spanish, and English.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Victoria Proctor, Associate Planner  
Amy White, Assistant Planner  
Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager

# B-LINE IS YOUR SYSTEM! WHERE DO YOU NEED TO GO?

Butte County Association of Governments  
is requesting comments from the community  
on unmet transit needs.

Members of the public are invited to submit  
comments via mail, email, phone, online,  
Zoom or in person at our public hearing.

For consideration in the 2023/24 Transit Needs Assessment,  
comments need to be received by

**5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023.**

All comments received are given equal consideration.

## Submit comments via the following:

**Mail →** 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150  
Chico CA 95928

**Email →** vproctor@bcag.org

**Phone →** (530) 809-4616, ex. 1

**Online →** Go to the following page:

[www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form/](http://www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form/) (Type “UTN” as the subject in the form.)

**In Person →** Public Hearing at BCAG Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** BCAG Board Room & Online

**Go to:** [www.bcag.org/About-BCAG/Board-of-Directors/](http://www.bcag.org/About-BCAG/Board-of-Directors/)

Zoom link is available December 1, 2023.

Yog koj xav tham txog kev pab los ntawm B-Line, tab sis hais tsi tau lus Askiv, thov hu lossis xa email rau BCAG, cov lus ntawd mam txhais ua lus Askiv.

Si desea comentar las necesidades de B-Line, pero no habla inglés, por favor envíelas por correo o por correo electrónico a BCAG, y se traducirán para su consideración.





## **B-LINE YOG KOJ QHOV SYSTEM!**

### **KOJ YUAV TSUM MUS QHOV TWG?**

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- **Xa Ntawv** – 326 Huss Dr, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928
- **Email** – [vproctor@bcag.org](mailto:vproctor@bcag.org)
- **Xov Tooj** – (530) 809-4616, txuas rau. 1
- **Phab Web Page** – mus xyuas [www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form/](http://www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form/) (hom “UTN” raws li lub ncauj lus)
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  - hnub Thursday, Kaum Ob Hlis 7, 2023 9:00 a.m.
  - Zoom link txuas muaj nyob rau lub Kaum Ob Hlis 1, 2023

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Hnub Thursday, Kaum Ob Hlis 7, 2023

# ¡B-LINE ES TU SISTEMA!

## ¿DONDE TIENES QUE IR?

La Asociación de Gobiernos del Condado de Butte (BCAG) está solicitando comentarios del público sobre las necesidades de tránsito no satisfechas. Los miembros del público están invitados a enviar comentarios por correo, correo electrónico, teléfono, Internet o a través de Zoom en nuestra audiencia pública. Para ser considerados en la Evaluación de Necesidades de Tránsito 2024/25 los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes del jueves, 7 de diciembre de 2023.

Todos los testimonios recibidos serán considerados por igual.

- **Correo** – 326 Huss Dr, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928
- **Correo electrónico** – [vproctor@bcag.org](mailto:vproctor@bcag.org)
- **Teléfono** – (530) 809-4616, ext. 1
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  - Visita [www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form](http://www.blinetransit.com/Contact-B-Line/Comment-Form)
  - complete el formulario de comentarios y escriba “UTN” como asunto
- **Audiencia pública en la reunión de la junta BCAG**
  - jueves, 7 de diciembre de 2023, 9:00 am
  - lugar, programa y el link de Zoom estará disponible diciembre 1

Los comentarios deben enviarse antes de las 5:00 p.m. del jueves 7 de diciembre de 2023

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BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #8 Action

October 26, 2023

### APPROVAL OF TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM AND ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION PLAN

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG is submitting an allocation request to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for \$23.9 million to partially fund the development of preliminary engineering (design) for the North Valley Rail Project and the zero-emission deployment project.

**DISCUSSION:** Assembly Bill 102 Senate Bill 125 chaptered on July 7, 2023 expanded the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and established the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) for the purpose of “modernizing California’s intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion”. Both programs are funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The GGRF is funded by the Cap-and-Trade Program. Cap and Trade is a market-based system whereby funding is generated through the buying and selling of credits among industries deemed to be emitting environmentally harmful emissions.

BCAG is one of 49 Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in California identified to receive an allocation through the existing mechanism of the Transit Development Act (TDA) over the next two fiscal years totaling \$23,989,331 from these two (2) programs. The North Valley Rail Project and Butte Regional Transit Zero-Emissions Deployment are the two types of projects that fit the intent of the TIRCP and ZETCP.

North Valley Rail The project has established partnerships with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Agency, San Joaquin Joint Rails Commission, Caltrans, Union Pacific and SACOG for the purpose of funding development of the entire project and is establishing relationships and commitments from additional state and federal agencies.

Butte Regional Transit Zero-Emissions Deployment The development of hydrogen powered zero emissions transit buses is an alternative to 100% battery electric buses and may provide a sustainable advantage over battery electric buses. Staff have established connections with suppliers and development of hydrogen fueling solutions as well emerging transit bus manufacturing. The requested funds may also be used for

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purchase of zero-emission vehicles, hydrogen mobile refueling station, infrastructure upgrades, and design/permitting to deploy these technologies.

Staff is preparing a TIRCP/ZETCP Allocation Package for the following projects as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Project</b>
TIRCP (FY 23/24)	\$10,488,545	North Valley Rail
TIRCP (FY 24/25)	\$4,511,455	North Valley Rail
TIRCP (FY 24/25)	\$6,002,814	Zero Emission Deployment
ZETCP (Years 1-4)	\$2,986,518	Zero Emission Deployment

The total request for the North Valley Rail project is \$15,000,000 in FY 23/24 and 24/25 TIRCP funds. The total request for the Zero-Emission Deployment project is \$8,989,332 in FY 24/25 TIRCP and ZETCP (Years 1-4).

When funds are approved for allocation, they will be deposited with BCAG in a specific fund for the purpose intended and will require a reporting requirement as is the existing practice with funds deposited through the TDA.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Executive Director is requesting the BCAG Board of Directors authorize the submission of the TRCP/ZETCP allocation package for the purposes and projects stated.

Key Staff:     Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
                  Chris Devine, Planning Director  
                  Sara Cain, Transit Manager