

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 28, 2024

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

March 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.



BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100
Chico, CA 95928

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This meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors will also be available via Zoom through the following Zoom link:

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2024, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Ashley**
4. Approval of the Personnel Policies Amendment #2 - (Attachment) – **Cheryl**
5. Approval of Amendment #5 to 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) (Attachment) – **Ivan**
6. Approval of Amendment #2 to 2020 Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) (Attachment) - **Ivan**
7. Approval of 2024/25 Preliminary Findings of Apportionment for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds (Attachment) – **Julie**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

8. Acceptance of BCAG Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits for the Cities, Town and County for the Year Ending June 30, 2023 (Attachment) - **Julie**
9. Approval of Vendor Contracts for Butte Regional Transit (Attachment) – **Sara**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. BCAG Draft 2024/25 Overall Work Program & Budget (*Attachment*) – **Andy**
11. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Draft Project List (*Attachment*) – **Ivan**
12. 2024 Sustainable Communities Strategy – Update (*Attachment*) - **Chris**
13. Butte Regional Transit Paratransit Program Overview (*Attachment*) - **Sara**
14. Butte Regional Transit Outreach and Community Involvement (*Attachment*) - **Amy**

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

15. 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

16. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday April 25, 2024, **at the BCAG Board Room & via Zoom.**

BCAG Board of Directors 2024 Meeting Schedule:

April 25	Chico, BCAG Board Room
May 23	Chico, BCAG Board Room
June 27	Chico, BCAG Board Room
July 25	Chico, BCAG Board Room
August 22	Chico, BCAG Board Room
September 26	Chico, BCAG Board Room
October 24	Chico, BCAG Board Room
November 28	No Meeting
December 12	Chico, BCAG Board Room

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 9 a.m.

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.

Any handouts presented by speakers are to be distributed to the Board by the Clerk of the Board.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #3



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
February 22, 2024**

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 Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Ron Lassonde	Alternate-Non-Voting	Town of Paradise
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Rose Tryon	Vice Mayor	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
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

Lance Atencio	Transdev	
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor	Oroville

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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 Calendar Year**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2023 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5. Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2023/24 Overall Work Program and Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA)**

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

6: Approval of 2024/25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings

BCAG staff must identify and assess any public unmet transit needs that may exist in Butte County annually to receive state funding through the Transit Development Act.

Testimony was collected by BCAG staff over a six-week outreach period that began on October 26, 2023. The public was able to provide input via email, phone, social media, in person events, or through the online comment form on B-Line website.

This outreach period and final public hearing was promoted to the public via local newspapers, transit buses, BCAG/B-Line websites, social media, and also included in an e-mail notice to community social service agencies.

After all comments were received, they were compiled into a draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment 2024/25 analysis report.

Staff requested that the BCAG Board of Directors conclude that “There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet” and adopt the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for the 2024/2025 fiscal year by Resolution 2023/24-08.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Pittman, approval of 2024/25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings was unanimously approved.

7: Approval of MAP-21 Performance Measures Safety (PM1) 2023

Federal transportation legislation (MAP-21) placed new and stronger emphasis on measuring and monitoring the performance of the transportation system and requires

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states and MPOs to implement a performance-based approach to planning and programming.

BCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Butte County Region and is required to establish targets, track, and report the areas performance measures mandated under the federal MAP-21 Act.

Statewide safety performance targets for calendar year 2024 were established by Caltrans and the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) on August 31, 2023.

The Board was presented with visual tables representing Statewide Safety Performance Targets for year 2024. In addition to the datasets presented, a prepared map of fatalities for the Butte County region was presented.

Staff recommended that BCAG agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the state target for the 2024 year.

Staff will continue to coordinate with Caltrans, the TAC, and BCAG Board of Directors regarding federal performance measures.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Teeter, approval of MAP-21 Performance Measures Safety (PM1) 2023 was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8: MAP 21 Performance Measures-GHG Emissions

BCAG staff informed the Board that effective January 8, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations were updated to require State Departments of Transportation (State DOT) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to establish declining carbon dioxide targets for GHG measure and report on progress toward the achievement of those targets.

Targets apply only to the National Highway System (NHS) with a base year of 2022 and cover the four-year performance period to 2025.

Caltrans is currently coordinating with the state's MPOs establishing a statewide target, due February 2024. MPO's will have 180 days to either develop individual targets or accept the state target.

This item was presented for information purposes.

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9: North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan Update

BCAG staff informed the Board that the final North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan document will be coming March 2024, at the Board of Directors meeting, instead of the February 2024 meeting.

On December 13, 2023, a virtual public workshop was held, and notices were distributed through email, social media, press releases to various outlets, etc.

Approximately 85 people attended the workshop that followed a similar format to the prior one held in 2023. With its main purpose of providing the community members with an overview of the draft strategic plan, answer questions, and encourage review and comment on the draft plan.

This item was presented for information purposes.

10: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) 2nd Quarter 2023/24 Report

BCAG Staff presented key financial and statistical results for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) second quarter of 2023/24 FY.

Butte Regional Transit Ridership Tracking table was shown to the Board as a visual representation summarizing key financial and operating results for Butte Regional Transit. This information is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis, and to the State and Federal government annually.

Staff informed the Board of the ongoing difficulty public transit has had in finding its footing. Stating that larger agencies are showing growth back toward pre-pandemic ridership levels, however, many agencies, Butte Regional Transit included, are still working to bring new and seasoned riders back to using the public transit system.

In an effort to promote B-Line, and increase ridership, BCAG staff has continued to engage in public outreach throughout the region. This outreach includes local events, visiting the Jesus Center to take part in Pathways Classes they provide to their residents, and pop-ups at the Chico State campus.

BCAG staff stated that there were two preventable accidents in the quarter, with 348,739 miles driven. There were four valid complaints in the quarter with 180,602 rides given.

This item was presented for information only.

11: 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #5

Staff informed the Board that BCAG is required to amend the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for various local projects. This amendment

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will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at the March 28, 2024 Board meeting.

The FTIP identifies transportation projects that have federal transportation funding or require some type of federal approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Staff presented the Board with the FTIP required projects or action amendments.

BCAG will initiate the required Interagency Consultation Review process and approval for the amendment in accordance with BCAG's Public Participation Plan.

A recommendation to approve Amendment #5 will be presented at the March 2024 Board Meeting.

This Item was presented for information only.

12: California Transportation Commission Site Visit

Staff informed the Board that BCAG hosted a site visit with California Transportation Commission (CTC) local public works staff to review Active Transportation Projects (ATP) where they reviewed completed projects and presented new projects.

As a region, over \$91 million has been secured in the ATP since 2014.

BCAG staff acknowledged each of the local public works departments for their time and efforts.

This item was presented for information only.

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.

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, 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 PERSONNEL POLICIES AMENDMENT #2

PREPARED BY: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Director

ISSUE: The Human Resources Director is proposing the addition of two policies for inclusion in the BCAG Personnel Policies:

- 1) Cash Back Program
- 2) Vacation Buy Back Program

DISCUSSION: The Cash-Back Program will increase the monthly amount paid to employees who do not participate in BCAG's health plan and is described in the attached *PROPOSED POLICY – 6.3 Cash - Back program*.

The Vacation Buy-Back Program will allow employees to cash out up to a maximum of 80 hours of their accrued and unused vacation time and is described in the attached *PROPOSED POLICY – 7.6 Vacation Time*. This is a benefit to both the employee and BCAG providing a cash payout of vacation time accrued while also reducing BCAG's liability for paying out vacation hours upon employee separation or retirement.

Budgetary considerations and estimates of cost for the additional policies will be determined in each Annual Fiscal year Overall Work Program and Budgeting cycle to assure consistency with available revenues, expenditures and BCAG fiscal liabilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the BCAG Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to the Personnel Policies.

Key Staff: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Director
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer
Andy Newsum, Executive Director

PROPOSED POLICY

6.3 Cash-Back Program

For those employees who have health coverage from other sources, and who elect to not participate in the BCAG Health Plan, BCAG offers a monthly taxable Cash-Back allowance. The current monthly taxable Cash-Back allowance is \$500.00 (prorated based on hours worked at a flat rate estimation). This amount is in line with Butte County's Cash-Back Program and will be reviewed periodically.

CURRENT POLICY

Currently there is not a Cash-Back Program in the Personnel Policies. BCAG employees participated in the Program when Butte County Human Resources was administering BCAG's payroll. Since the payroll has changed hands to Paylocity, this policy is being presented to be added to BCAG's Personnel Policies.

PROPOSED POLICY

7.6 Vacation Time

Vacation Leave Buy-Back Program: This Program allows employees to sell back their unused vacation days to BCAG in exchange for a lump sum cash payment. Employees will receive payment at their regular salary rate in exchange for unused leave hours. This is an employee benefit program that gives employees an option to receive cash in lieu of accrued vacation.

An annual determination of whether funds are available to employees to buy back vacation days will be assessed during the budget cycle when preparing the Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically, this takes place in March or April of each year. BCAG will consider a hardship exception during the year.

The Vacation Leave Buy-Back will take place each year after the final OWP & Budget are presented and approved by the BCAG Board of Directors. Typically, this takes place in April of each year. To be eligible, employees will have at least 40 hours of vacation leave accrued. The maximum amount of leave BCAG will buy back is 80 hours.

When considering the Buy-Back Program, employees should take note that the cash lump sum is subject to income tax above the employee's regular income. Consulting with a tax advisor is recommended before receiving a cash lump sum.

CURRENT POLICY

There is no current policy.

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Item #5 Consent

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APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #5 TO 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

ISSUE: BCAG is required to amend the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for various local projects and is requesting Board approval of Amendment #5 to the 2023 FTIP.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation projects that have federal transportation funding or require federal approval from FHWA or the FTA. The purpose of Amendment #5 is to add four (4) new exempt projects and amend two (2) existing projects. Details regarding the amendment and projects are included below:

NEW EXEMPT FTIP PROJECTS:

1. **City of Chico – Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$2.051 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. The project is in the City of Chico, on Main Street and Broadway Street, from the Esplanade to 11th Street, adjacent streets to include construction of various bicycle and pedestrian improvements to improve safety and connectivity from Bidwell Park, schools, and other destinations immediately adjacent to the downtown area. The project does not add through lanes or capacity and is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that *bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt*. This is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP.
2. **Town of Paradise – Roe Rd Extension Preliminary Engineering for Phase 2 Project.** This amendment programs the preliminary engineering component only (PE) with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds and Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) funds and includes development of a new 3 lane road with bicycle and pedestrian facilities from

South Libby Rd to State Route 191/ Clark Rd. for the purpose of addressing emergency evacuation needs highlighted by the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Other” indicating that engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action are exempt. This is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP.

3. **City of Oroville – Washington Ave. Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$2 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds. The scope of the project is to prepare the Preliminary Engineering (PE) on Washington Avenue from Oroville Dam Boulevard East to the railroad bridge just past Orange Avenue. The project will provide alternative transportation and mode shift choices to the Oroville community by rehabilitating the roadway with enhanced bike/pedestrian features. The project would provide a critical missing north/south link in the infrastructure network serving the community and the nearby high school. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.
4. **City of Oroville – Table Mountain Blvd. Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$0.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds. The scope of the project is to prepare the Preliminary Engineering (PE) on Table Mountain Boulevard from the Montgomery Street Roundabout to the Thermalito Power Canal near County Center Drive. This project continues the City’s effort to provide a major north/south bicycle and pedestrian network to provide safe alternative transportation to the community. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt. This is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP.

EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECTS:

1. **City of Biggs – 2nd Street bike and Pedestrian Project.** This amendment programs \$800,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) to address a funding shortfall to complete the construction component for an existing project. The project is located on 2nd Street from W. Rio Bonito Road to H Street. The scope of the project is to construct new pedestrian and bicycle facilities to provide safe access to the existing routes in the city with new curbs and gutters, ADA compliant accessible access ramps and drainage improvements. The project provides improved access to bike trails, the high school and outdoor recreation and access to the Rio Bonito Park, which the city is upgrading. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt.

2. **Various Agencies – Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhancement Program Grouped Listing Project.** This amendment programs \$1.188 million in FTA Section 5310 funds as approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) January 2024. This amendment programs funding for:
 - BCAG/Butte Regional Transit for 5 Full Size Vans
 - Help Central Inc. for a Mobility Management Project
 - Work Training Center for the Handicap for 3 large buses.

The project(s) is/are exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Mass Transit” indicating that the purchase of transit vehicles, support vehicles and operating equipment are exempt.

Since the 2023 FTIP Amendment #05 and 2020 RTP/SCS Amendment #02 does not include any new non-exempt projects, per 40 CFR 93.126, the amendment is exempt from requiring a new conformity determination and performance of regional emission analysis.

In documenting the proposed amendment, BCAG states for the record:

1. **Exempt Projects:** No new conformity determination or regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment. The projects being added, because of the amendment, are exempt from conformity or regional emissions analysis per EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2 as referenced above.

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2. **TCM Implementation:** There are no Transportation Control Measures in the approved Carbon Monoxide (CO) SIP and there is no approved Ozone or PM2.5 SIP applicable to Butte County. Because there are no TCMs in an approved SIP for Butte County, Butte County currently has no TCMs in place and therefore timely TCM implementation requirements do not apply.
3. **Financial Constraint:** The 2020 RTP and 2023 FTIP has been financially constrained in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.108 and consistent with the U.S. DOT metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450).
4. **Interagency and Public Consultation:** The following portion applies after all consultation is complete – *“For the 2023 FTIP Amendment #05, BCAG initially consulted on this amendment with its Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group on March 12, 2024. BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG’s adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On March 12, 2024, legal notices were posted on the BCAG website. The proposed amendment has been circulated among staff from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Agency (FTA), and Caltrans. Appendices contain copies of public notices and responses to public comments.”*

BCAG’s Public Involvement Procedures were followed in preparation of this amendment. The Interagency Consultation Review process was initiated on March 12, 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board of Directors approve Amendment #5 to the 2023 FTIP by Resolution #2023/24-09 and authorize staff to make any minor corrections and changes to ensure timely state and federal approval.

Key Staff: Iván García, Programming Director
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

BCAG 2023 FTIP Amendment #05

SUMMARY OF CHANGES & PERFORMANCE MEASURES

March 2024

Project	CTIPS ID	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	% Cost Increase /Decrease If applicable (\$ thousands) 4 YEAR FTIP period only			4 YEAR TIP Period- Funding Change	Performance Measure				CAPTI or CTP 2050 Goals
				New Cost	Prior Cost	% change		PM 1	PM 2	PM 3	Transit	
1	202-0000-0239	Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project	NEW PROJECT: on Main Street and Broadway Street, from the Esplanade to 11th Street, and adjacent streets. Construct various bicycle and pedestrian improvements for safety and connectivity from Bidwell Park, schools, and other surrounding destinations to the downtown area. Project programs \$2.551 million in CRP and local funds for Preliminary Engineering.	\$ 2,551	\$ -	n/a	\$ 2,551	X		X		Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
2	202-0000-0238	Roe Rd Extension - PE Phase 2 - Preliminary Engineering Only (PE)	NEW PROJECT: In the Town of Paradise, Preliminary Engineering Only for new 3 lane road with bike & ped facilities impacted from 2018 Camp Fire. Limits are from South Libby Rd to SR 191/Clark Rd. Serving long dead end streets including South Libby, Circle, Wamke, and Bennett. Adds new 1.2 mile Class 1 bike path. Programs TICAP and HUD funds.	\$ 6,925		n/a	\$ 6,925	X		X		Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
3	202-0000-0240	Washington Ave Complete Streets Project	NEW PROJECT: In the City of Oroville, Preliminary Engineering for the project. Scope is on Washington Avenue from Oroville Dam Boulevard East to the railroad bridge just past Orange Avenue. Rehabilitate the roadway to accommodate bike/pedestrian improvements. Programs CMAQ and local funds.	\$ 2,195		n/a	\$ 2,195	X		X		Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
4	202-0000-0241	Table Mountain Boulevard Complete Streets Project	NEW PROJECT: In the City of Oroville, Preliminary Engineering for the project. Scope is From the Montgomery Street Roundabout to the Thermalito Power Canal. Construct new bike/ped facilities, ADA treatment, gap closures. Programs CMAQ and local funds.	\$ 600			\$ 600	X		X		Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)

5	102-0000-0235	Biggs 2nd Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	EXISTING PROJECT: In the City of Biggs, on 2nd Street from C Street to H street. Construct new pedestrian & bike facilities to connect Ped/Bike traffic to existing routes.	\$ 1,400	\$ 600	133	\$ 800	X		X	Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
6	202-0000-0182	FTA 5310 Enhancement Program Group Listing	EXISTING PROJECT: Various Agencies. Updates FTA 5310 Grouped listing per CTC approval of FTA 5310 projects at January 2024 Commission meetings. Programs \$1,188 for 23/24 FY projects.	\$ 2,048	\$ 1,310	56	\$ 738			X	Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13))

PM 1 - Safety (Fatalities and Injuries)

PM 2 - Infrastructure Condition (Pavement and Bridges)

PM 3 - System Performance (Freight movement, congestion, and reliability)

Transit - Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTSAP): State of good repair and safety for transit



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2023/2024-09**



**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #05 TO THE 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION FOR BUTTE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County in accordance with 23 USC 134(b)(6); and Section 450.306 of the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Rule;

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 requires the Butte County Association of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with the State and transit operators, to include all projects to be funded under Title 23 and the Federal Transit Administration grants; and requires BCAG to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP);

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared Amendment #05 to the 2023 FTIP as attached to this resolution;

WHEREAS, the 2023 FTIP through Amendment #05 is financially constrained by year and includes a financial plan that demonstrates projects can be implemented using committed funds;

WHEREAS, This amendment does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming RTP and TIP. This amendment meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 (financial constraint, public involvement and consistency with the RTP).

WHEREAS, BCAG does not have any Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), therefore the projects do not interfere with any TCMs;

WHEREAS, BCAG posted a notice to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment in accordance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan.

WHEREAS, Amendment #05 as described below is within BCAG's programming targets and is financially constrained for the following activities including:

NEW EXEMPT FTIP PROJECTS:

5. **City of Chico – Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$2.051 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. In the City of Chico, on Main Street and Broadway Street, from the Esplanade to 11th Street, and adjacent streets. Construct various bicycle and pedestrian improvements to improve safety and connectivity from Bidwell Park, schools, and other surrounding destinations to the downtown area. The project does not add thru lanes or capacity. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.

6. **Town of Paradise – Roe Rd Extension Preliminary Engineering for Phase 2 Project.** This amendment programs the preliminary engineering component only (PE) with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds and Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) funds. The engineering studies are for a new 3 lane road with bicycle and pedestrian facilities from South Libby Rd to State Route 191/ Clark Rd. to address emergency evacuation needs highlighted by the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Other” indicating that Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action are exempt. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.

7. **City of Oroville – Washington Ave. Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$2 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds. The scope of the project is to prepare the Preliminary Engineering (PE) on Washington Avenue from Oroville Dam Boulevard East to the railroad bridge just past Orange Avenue. The project will provide alternative transportation and mode shift choices to the Oroville community by rehabilitating the roadway with enhanced bike/pedestrian features. The project would provide a critical missing north/south link in the infrastructure network serving the community and the nearby high school. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation

Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.

8. **City of Oroville – Table Mountain Blvd. Complete Streets Project.** This amendment programs \$0.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds. The scope of the project is to prepare the Preliminary Engineering (PE) on Table Mountain Boulevard from the Montgomery Street Roundabout to the Thermalito Power Canal near County Center Drive. This project continues the City’s effort to provide a major north/south bicycle and pedestrian network to provide safe alternative transportation to the community. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.

EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

3. **City of Biggs – 2nd Street bike and Pedestrian Project.** This amendment programs \$800,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) to address a funding shortfall to complete the construction component for an existing project. The project is located on 2nd Street from W. Rio Bonito Road to H Street. The scope of the project is to construct new pedestrian and bicycle facilities to provide safe access to the existing routes in the city with new curbs and gutters, ADA compliant accessible access ramps and drainage improvements. The project provides improved access to bike trails, the high school both for school and outdoor recreation and access to the Rio Bonito Park, which the city is in the process of upgrading. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 “Air Quality” indicating that Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt.
4. **Various Agencies – Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhancement Program Grouped Listing Project.** This amendment programs \$1.188 million in FTA Section 5310 funds as approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the January 2024 Commission meetings. This amendment programs the funding for: BCAG/ Butte Regional

Transit for 5 Full Size Vans; Help Central Inc. for a Mobility Management Project; and the Work Training Center for the Handicap for 3 large buses. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Mass Transit" indicating that the purchase of transit vehicles, support vehicles and operating equipment are exempt.

WHEREAS, the amended projects, as listed above, exist in the current 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The amendment for each project does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming RTP and FTIP. The previous emissions analysis is consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.118 and 93.119, as applicable. This amendment meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 (financial constraint, public involvement, and consistency with the RTP). Allocating funds to these projects will not delay the implementation of projects in the 2020 RTP/SCS which are necessary to achieve the highway and transportation system envisioned by the plan. BCAG does not have any Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and therefore the project does not interfere with any TCMs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared and approved Amendment #05 to the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County and determined that the programming is consistent with the policies, goals and objectives of the adopted 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy. Based on this analysis, the Butte County 2020 RTP/SCS and the Butte County 2023 FTIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of project delivery, the Butte County Association of Governments authorizes its staff to modify the programming information including minor adjustments in cooperation with Caltrans and or FHWA as needed to ensure the timely submittal and approval of the amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 28th day of March 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

ANDY NEWSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #6



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Consent

March 28, 2024

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/ SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS)

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

ISSUE: The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy is required to be amended to ensure consistency with the short range 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment #05.

DISCUSSION: Staff has updated the appropriate appendix tables to ensure projects in the FTIP, through Amendment #5 are in alignment with the 2020 RTP/SCS. These updates are required to facilitate the project delivery process for the implementing agencies by being able to reference the project in both documents.

2020 RTP/SCS Amendment #02 Updated Project Tables:

- [Appendix 10-7 – BCAG Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-8 – Biggs Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-11 – Chico Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-13 – Oroville Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-14 – Town of Paradise Summary of Projects](#)

For the purpose of Amendment #02 to the 2020 RTP/SCS the following changes have been made:

NEW EXEMPT RTP/SCS PROJECTS:

1. **City of Chico – Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project.** This amendment includes \$2.051 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. This project is on Main Street and Broadway Street, from the Esplanade to 11th Street, and adjacent streets for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The project does not add thru lanes or capacity. Appendix 10-11 for the City of Chico projects has been updated.
2. **Town of Paradise – Roe Rd Extension Preliminary Engineering for Phase 2 Project.** This amendment includes the preliminary engineering component only (PE) with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds and Local

Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) funds for Phase 2. The engineering studies are for a new 3 lane road with bicycle and pedestrian facilities from South Libby Rd to State Route 191/ Clark Rd. to address emergency evacuation needs highlighted by the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire. Appendix 10-14 is updated for the Town of Paradise projects.

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EXISTING EXEMPT RTP/SCS PROJECT:

1. **City of Biggs – 2nd Street bike and Pedestrian Project.** This amendment identifies \$800,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) for an existing project. The project is located on 2nd Street from W. Rio Bonito Road to H Street. The scope of the project is to construct new pedestrian and bicycle facilities to provide safe access to the existing routes in the city with new curbs and gutters, ADA compliant accessible access ramps and drainage improvements. Appendix 10-8 is updated for the City of Biggs projects.
2. **Various Agencies – Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhancement Program Grouped Listing Project.** This amendment programs \$1.188 million in FTA Section 5310 funds as approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the January 2024 Commission meetings. This amendment programs the funding for: BCAG/ Butte Regional Transit for 5 Full Size Vans; Help Central Inc. for a Mobility Management Project; and the Work Training Center for the Handicap for 3 large buses. Appendix 10-7 is updated for BCAG projects.

Since the 2023 FTIP Amendment #05 and 2020 RTP/SCS Amendment #02 does not include any new non-exempt projects, per 40 CFR 93.126, the amendment is exempt

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from the requirement that a new conformity determination and regional emission analysis be performed.

For the purpose of the proposed amendment, BCAG states for the record:

1. **Exempt Projects**: No new conformity determination or regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment. The projects being added, because of the amendment, are exempt from conformity or regional emissions analysis per EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2 as referenced above.
2. **TCM Implementation**: There are no Transportation Control Measures in the approved Carbon Monoxide (CO) SIP and there is no approved Ozone or PM2.5 SIP applicable to Butte County. Because there are no TCMs in an approved SIP for Butte County, Butte County currently has no TCMs in place and therefore timely TCM implementation requirements do not apply.
3. **Financial Constraint**: The 2020 RTP and 2023 FTIP has been financially constrained in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.108 and consistent with the U.S. DOT metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450).
4. **Interagency and Public Consultation**: BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On March 12, 2024, legal notices were posted on the BCAG website. The proposed amendment has been circulated among staff from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Agency (FTA), and Caltrans. Appendices contain copies of public notices and responses to public comments.

All information including project details have been posted at BCAG's FTIP web page <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html> for the FTIP under Amendment #3 and at the RTP/SCS website at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html> for [Amendment #2](#).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities strategy to ensure consistency with the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Key Staff: Iván García, Programming Director
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst
Chris Devine, Planning Director

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ITEM #7



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7 Consent

March 28, 2024

APPROVAL OF 2024/25 PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF APPORTIONMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS

PREPARED BY: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

ISSUE: Staff has prepared preliminary 2024/25 Transportation Development Act (TDA) apportionments for Board review. Final TDA apportionments will be brought to the Board for approval in May for use in the annual TDA claim process.

DISCUSSION: The TDA provides two funding sources: Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA). Revenues of the LTF are derived from a $\frac{1}{4}$ cent of general sales tax collected within the county and revenues of the STA are derived from the statewide sales tax on diesel fuel. The STA provides funding for allocation to local transit service for operations and capital associated with local mass transportation programs. The LTF funds a wide variety of transportation programs, including planning and programing activities, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, public transportation and bus and rail projects. Providing certain conditions are met, counties with a population under 500,000 may also use the LTF for local streets and roads construction and maintenance.

The STA apportionment of \$3,000,000 is based on the adopted state budget and includes a portion of SB1 funds. The 2024/25 allocation estimate of \$2,591,244 from the SCO was decreased 3% from the prior year final estimate. BCAG has determined that an additional \$408,756 can be apportioned from the fund balance of the prior year, to keep STA funding at the same level as the prior year.

The LTF apportionment of \$12,500,000 is based on the Butte County Auditor-Controller's estimate of sales tax revenues for the upcoming year, plus or minus any available fund balance. The 2024/25 estimate of LTF from the County is \$10,964,548 which is 6% less than the prior year. BCAG has determined that an additional \$1,535,452 can be apportioned from the fund balance, making the total LTF an increase of 1% over the prior year.

TDA apportionments are allocated to and claimed by jurisdictions based on the priorities identified in the TDA regulations. TDA claims made by the jurisdictions on the 2024/25 apportionments will be presented to the board in the following month(s). BCAG and the Butte County Auditor-Controller receive allocations off the top per the TDA regulations. These allocations remain the same as prior year.

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Butte Regional Transit allocation of \$5,409,098 includes \$4,359,098 of operations funding, \$500,000 of LTF distributed to BRT for capital reserves and \$550,000 of STA funding reserved for future bus purchases. Operating funds are determined from the draft B-Line Budget and Service Plan, less estimated carryover of LTF funds from prior year. Capital reserves are determined from the bus replacement schedule. The draft B-line Budget and TDA funding was reviewed with the Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC) on March 7, 2024. No budget adjustments were requested.

Preliminary allocations to the cities, town and county for streets and roads projects are based on January 1, 2023 population figures from the State Department of Finance. Final apportionments will use the January 1, 2024 population estimate, which is released each year on May 1st. Final Findings of Apportionment will be brought before the Board for approval at the May 2024 meeting.

Attached is the Preliminary Findings of Apportionment for the Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance for fiscal year 2024/25.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board approve the Preliminary 2024/25 TDA Findings of Apportionment.

Key Staff: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer
Iván García, Programming Manager

**STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND (STA)
and
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF)
Fiscal Year 2024/25
Preliminary Findings of Apportionment**

3/28/2024

STA - Total Funds = \$ 3,000,000

Jurisdiction	PUC 99313	PUC 99314	2024/25 Allocation	Change in TDA 23-24 Finding
BRT CAPITAL	\$ 550,000	-	\$ 550,000	(200,000)
BRT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,228,635	130,931	\$ 2,359,566	200,000
GRIDLEY FLYER	\$ 88,617	1,817	\$ 90,434	-
TOTAL	2,867,252	132,748	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 200,000

STA Source: Estimate of State Controller's Office January 2024; plus \$408,756 Fund Balance used

LTF - Total Funds = \$ 12,500,000

Jurisdiction	Population	Pop %	2024/25 Allocation	Change in TDA 23-24 Finding
BCAG/Admin	N/A	N/A	\$ 650,000	-
BC AUDITOR/Admin	N/A	N/A	\$ 25,000	-
BRT CAPITAL	N/A	N/A	\$ 500,000	-
BRT OPERATIONS	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,999,532	118,147
BUTTE CO	60,109	29.24%	\$ 2,726,490	(6,390)
BIGGS	1,990	0.97%	\$ 90,265	(211)
CHICO	107,394	52.24%	\$ 4,871,295	(11,417)
GRIDLEY	7,548	3.67%	\$ 342,370	(803)
OROVILLE	19,409	9.44%	\$ 880,375	(2,063)
PARADISE	9,142	4.45%	\$ 414,673	(972)
TOTAL	205,592	100.00%	\$12,500,000	\$ 96,291

LTF Source: Butte County Auditor's Office estimate of \$10,964,548 for FY 24/25 plus \$1,535,452 Fund Balance

Source: Population - Department of Finance Report E-1 for Jan 1, 2023

FY 24/25 Agency Apportionments for STA and LTF				Change in TDA 23-24 Finding
AGENCY	STA	LTF	TOTAL	
BCAG		\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ -
AUDITOR		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT	\$ 2,909,566	\$ 2,499,532	\$ 5,409,098	\$ 118,147
BUTTE CO		\$ 2,726,490	\$ 2,726,490	\$ (6,390)
BIGGS		\$ 90,265	\$ 90,265	\$ (211)
CHICO		\$ 4,871,295	\$ 4,871,295	\$ (11,417)
GRIDLEY	\$ 90,434	\$ 342,370	\$ 432,804	\$ (803)
OROVILLE		\$ 880,375	\$ 880,375	\$ (2,063)
PARADISE		\$ 414,673	\$ 414,673	\$ (972)
TOTAL	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 15,500,000	\$ 96,291

Change in Funding:		FY 23/24 Final Finding	FY 24/25 Prelim Finding	Change in TDA	% Increase
	STA	\$ 3,000,000	3,000,000	\$ -	0%
	LTF	\$ 12,403,709	12,500,000	96,291	1%
				\$ 96,291	
Change in Distribution:	BCAG	\$ 650,000	650,000	\$ -	0%
	BC Auditor	\$ 25,000	25,000	\$ -	0%
	BRT	5,290,951	5,409,098	\$ 118,147	2%
	Jurisdictions	\$ 9,437,758	9,415,902	\$ (21,856)	0%
				\$ 96,291	

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ITEM #8



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #8 Action

March 28, 2024

ACCEPTANCE OF BCAG FISCAL AUDIT AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) AUDITS FOR THE CITIES, TOWN & COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

PREPARED BY: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare a fiscal audit annually. In addition, BCAG prepares the fiscal and compliance audits for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claimants for both Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. BCAG's fiscal audit and the TDA audits are presented to the BCAG Board for acceptance.

DISCUSSION:

BCAG Audit: In accordance with State and Federal regulations, BCAG's financial statements and supplemental information have been audited by independent auditors, Richardson & Company, certified public accountants. These audits will be submitted to the Federal Clearing House, State Controller's Office, and Caltrans. PDF copies of the BCAG audit have been sent, via E-Mail, to all Board members. Ingrid Shepline, of Richardson & Company, will be available to review the audit and answer any questions.

- The Independent Auditor's Report located on page 1 shows an unmodified (clean) opinion for all but the Governmental Activities, which have a qualified opinion related to the recording of lease accounting. This item will be discussed by the auditor.
- A review of the fiscal year is presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) located on pages 4-13.
- The Independent Auditors' Reports on Internal Control and Compliance begins on page 55 and shows no instances of noncompliance.
- The Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs on pages 59-60 indicates that there were no financial statement findings or major federal award program findings in the BCAG audit.
- Independent Auditors' Management Letter and a Required Statement of Accounting Standards are included.

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TDA Audits: BCAG annually budgets for the preparation of the required TDA audits for each of the claimants. The audits cover receipt and use of TDA funds used for streets and roads projects for each of the cities, town and county, and the Gridley Senior Tax Fund. Each board member should receive a PDF copy of their jurisdiction's TDA audit included with the digital copy of the agenda. The Gridley Senior Tax and the Gridley TDA audit is not complete at this time. There are no current findings associated with the TDA audits; however, the auditors make suggestions in the Independent Auditors' Management Letter regarding improvements to the process. Staff works with the jurisdictions to incorporate the suggestions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Chief Fiscal Officer requests the BCAG Board of Directors accept the BCAG annual fiscal audit and the TDA audits prepared for the claimants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Key staff: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer
Andy Newsum, Executive Director

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ITEM #9



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #9 Action

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APPROVAL OF VENDOR CONTRACTS FOR BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Transit Manager

ISSUE: Staff is requesting approval for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute two (2) vendor contracts for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) software upgrades for a unified scheduling platform and mobile ticketing.

DISCUSSION: At the February 22, 2024, BCAG Board of Directors meeting, staff informed the Board of two (2) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for B-Line: 1) A unified ride scheduling platform and 2) A cashless on-vehicle mobile ticketing system. Staff has completed the evaluation process for both proposals and wishes to execute agreements with two vendors to complete these projects as follows:

Unified Scheduling Platform

BCAG received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FFY 2023 5307 funds to contract with a vendor to upgrade its on-demand scheduling platform that is currently used for paratransit. An upgraded platform is needed as the current solution, PASS, is being discontinued. The upgraded platform will also accommodate the introduction of new services, such as Microtransit, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT).

Staff released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in January and received seven (7) responses. After careful review and consideration, staff recommends a contract be negotiated with TripSpark Technologies. BCAG has a longstanding relationship with TripSpark on several existing products, including the current paratransit scheduling platform, PASS. The upgraded scheduling platform will be available to B-Line users in 2025.

Mobile Ticketing

BCAG received FTA FFY 2020 5339(a) and FFY 2023 5307 funds to contract with a vendor for enhanced/upgraded mobile ticketing software. Due to ongoing maintenance, obsolescence and expense, staff has determined removal of the existing fareboxes from the buses and the establishment of a new technology to support the cashless and unbanked population will ease the ongoing difficulty with managing, counting and reporting cash exchange on the bus. For those riders who wish to continue using cash,

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Off- site solutions will be developed in partnership with local vendors or at convenient locations where cash can still be exchanged for use of transit.

Staff released an RFP in January and received ten (10) responses. Staff is completing interviews with top-scoring vendors and expects to negotiate and execute a contract with a preferred vendor on the same timeline as stated for the Unified Scheduling Platform services previously mentioned. The new product will be available to B-Line users by early 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the BCAG Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with selected vendors for the two (2) described vendor services for Butte Regional Transit.

Key Staff: Sara Cain, Transit Manager
Andy Newsum, Executive Director

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ITEM #10



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Item #10 Information

March 28, 2024

DRAFT 2024/25 BCAG OVERALL WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET

PREPARED BY: Andy Newsum, Executive Director

ISSUE: As the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County, BCAG is required to prepare an annual Overall Work Program & Budget to identify State, Federal and Local transportation planning responsibilities to be undertaken for the coming fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: The Executive Director has prepared a draft 2024/25 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget. This memo provides the Board of Directors with an outline of the proposed work elements that will be implemented during the 2024/25 fiscal year and identifies the revenues and expenditures for the 2024/25 FY budget.

A copy of BCAG's Draft 2024/25 OWP & Budget was submitted to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on February 29, as is required by the three agencies. The Draft BCAG 2024/25 OWP & Budget is also posted on BCAG webpage at the following link:

<https://www.bcag.org/documents/OWP/2024-25-OWP-Draft-Full-Document-compressed.pdf>

BCAG's draft 2024/25 OWP & Budget identifies twenty-five specific work elements that address state and federal planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects and administration for Butte Regional Transit. Below is a list of Work Elements included in the draft 2024/25 OWP:

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & PROGRAMMING WORK ELEMENTS

- 25-999 2024/25 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- 25-100 Overall Work Program Administration, Development & Reporting
- 25-101 Outreach, Education & Intergovernmental Coordination
- 25-102 Regional Transportation Model
- 25-103 Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Maintenance & Coordination
- 25-104 Regional Transportation-Air Quality Planning
- 25-105 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Development
- 25-106 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- 25-107 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administration & Development
- 25-108 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Coordination
- 25-109 US Census Data Affiliate Center Administration
- 25-110 Intelligent Transportation System – Regional Architecture Maintenance
- 25-111 Regional Complete Streets Standards & Policies
- 25-120 Performance Based Planning & Programming
- 25-127 REAP 2.0 – 2024 SCS Development

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25-128 SB1 24/25 Sustainable Transportation Planning-2024 SCS Development

25-130 North Valley Passenger Rail Project

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

25-215 Construction of Paradise Transit Center

25-216 State Route 191 Mitigation

TDA/TRANSIT COORDINATION & PLANNING WORK ELEMENTS

25-300 Transportation Development Act Administration

25-301 Transit Systems Planning & Coordination

25-302 Butte Regional Transit Administration & Operations

25-303 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Certification Program

25-308 B-Line Zero Emission Bus Rollout

Attached is **Table A** that provides a work element description and benefits summary.

DRAFT BUDGET

The draft budget for implementing the 2024/25 Overall Work Program is projected to be approximately **\$5,853,414**, the draft revenues and expenditures are listed below:

EXPENDITURES

Salaries & Benefits	= \$ 2,240,078
Services, Supplies & Other Expenditures	= \$ 293,836
Professional Services Contracts	= <u>\$ 3,319,500</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 5,853,414

REVENUES

Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL)	= \$ 1,166,108
Federal Transit Administration 5303 Funds	= \$ 116,400
SB 1 Planning Grant 2024/25	= \$ 180,000
Housing Community Development (HCD) REAP Funds	= \$ 1,125,000
TDA Administration	= \$ 130,727
TDA Planning	= \$ 405,203
STIP Planning, Programming & Monitoring	= \$ 172,383
New Market Tax Credit – Interest Income	= \$ 41,166
Butte Regional Transit - Operations	= \$ 757,427
Transit Intercity Rail and Capital Improvement (TIRCP)	= \$ TBD
Zero Emissions Transit Capital (ZETCP)	= \$ TBD
CRRSSA Funds	= \$ 1,750,000
SHOPP Funds	= <u>\$ 9,000</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$ 5,853,414

STAFFING FOR 2024/25

BCAG currently has a staff of twelve; eleven (11) full-time and one (1) part-time employee. During the 2024/25 FY the Executive Director is proposing to add one (1) full time Project Manager to begin on July 1, 2024 and one (1) IT Support position to potentially begin in January 2025.

Review with Federal Highway Administration – Federal Transit Administration – Caltrans

As indicated, a draft of the 2024/25 OWP & Budget has been submitted to FHWA, FTA and Caltrans for review and comments.

Prior to preparing the draft 2024/25 OWP & Budget, staff met with FHWA, FTA and Caltrans in January 2024 to review the preliminary outline of the 2024/25 OWP, and to review progress on the current 2023/24 OWP. Overall, BCAG received a positive review of the proposed 2024/25 OWP outline. BCAG staff may have a follow-up meeting with Caltrans, FHWA and FTA to review the final Draft OWP & Budget in April, if necessary.

SUMMARY

BCAG's Draft 2024/25 Overall Work Program & Budget concentrates on the completion of required state and federal planning activities, in addition to regional planning studies and administration of the B-Line transit services.

BCAG staff will present a final 2024/25 Overall Work Program & Budget to the Board of Directors at their April 25th Board meeting and will seek approval at that time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information.

Key Staff: Andy Newsum, Executive Director
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2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS) – DRAFT PROJECT LIST

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

ISSUE: BCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) every 4 years. The 2024 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be adopted at the December 12, 2024, Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: The 2024 RTP/SCS is BCAG’s long range regional transportation plan for 2024 to 2045. The RTP/SCS serves as the foundation for the development of the short-range Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors as needed.

The 2024 RTP/SCS contains the following:

1. RTP Document – including all required components (Policy, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Action and Financial)
2. Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination – demonstrating that the projects in the RTP conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements.
3. Environmental Impact Report – complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

The Sustainable Communities Strategy is being presented as a separate agenda item.

DRAFT PROJECT LIST: Staff worked with each of the local jurisdictions and Caltrans to develop the project list for the RTP/SCS. All projects will remain draft until the RTP/SCS is adopted by the BCAG Board in December 2024. The projects are currently being included in BCAG’s regional travel model. The included projects are anticipated to be funded within the timeframe of the RTP/SCS and in some cases, are identified as unconstrained, indicating funding is not within BCAG’s financial projections. Projects are categorized by type including Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Maintenance and Operations, or Capacity Changing. Jurisdictional “Draft” project lists have been posted online at: <https://www.bcag.org/Projects/RTP--SCS/2024-RTPSCS-Update/index.html>.

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A total of 247 projects are currently included in the "Draft 2024 RTP/SCS". Projects have been sorted and posted by jurisdiction/agency:

- [Biggs Projects](#)
- [Chico Projects](#)
- [Gridley Projects](#)
- [Oroville Projects](#)
- [Paradise Projects](#)
- [Butte County Projects](#)
- [BCAG / B-Line Projects](#)
- [Caltrans District 3 Projects](#)

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Staff have conducted public outreach in combination with other local community/cultural events, will continue coordination/outreach through the development of the RTP/SCS in an effort to receive as much public participation as possible.

Following adoption of the 2024 RTP/SCS by the BCAG Board, amendments can occur at any time as needed.

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2024 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY - UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Chris Devine, Planning Director

ISSUE: Senate Bill 375 requires BCAG to prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) update every four years (as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update cycle).

DISCUSSION:

The SCS is designed to support the integration of land use, housing, and transportation for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicles to meet regional emission reduction targets assigned to BCAG for the Butte County region. This includes the goal of a 7% reduction in per capita GHG emissions by the year 2035 as required by the California Air Resources Board.

The next update of the RTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption by the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2024. Development of the 2024 SCS is well underway and continues to be on track for approval at the end of the year. An updated project schedule has been included in **Attachment #1**.

Current Work

Current work on the SCS includes the development of four land use and transportation scenarios. Finalization of modeling work for the four scenarios is moving forward with the consultant teams at Fehr and Peers and PlaceWorks, with the goal to achieve the GHG reduction targets identified by CARB for the BCAG region. This work is also being coordinated with BCAG member jurisdictions through the Planning Directors Group and Transportation Advisory Committee. Community input on scenario development was received last fall with an online survey and community workshop.

The four (4) scenarios are as follows:

- Scenario #1 – 2020 RTP/SCS (No Project)
- Scenario #2 – Apply new regional growth forecasts and 2023 B-Line Routing Study findings. Land use and transportation strategies unchanged. Consistent with local general plans.

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- Scenario #3 – Increase housing mix as well as ratio of forecasted housing in the “Center” and “Established Growth” areas. Emphasis on new housing elements and recent development trends. Updated transportation project list. Consistent with local general plans and new housing elements.
- Scenario #4 – Include additional VMT/GHG reduction strategies to achieve greater reductions towards meeting the CARB target.

Attachment #2 includes additional information on the four scenarios currently under development. BCAG staff expect to complete the scenario modeling work in the next few weeks and bring forward a recommendation for the preferred scenario to the Planning Directors Group in early April, and the BCAG Board of Directors at the April 2024 Board meeting.

Next Steps

Following selection of a preferred scenario by the BCAG Board in April, the next steps in the development of the SCS will include:

- Development of actions and policies that support implementation of the preferred scenario - *spring 2024*.
- Completion of the required equity analysis identifying any disparate impacts of the proposed SCS components in regard to race, color, or national origin as well as any disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on other priority populations including low income and disadvantaged populations - *spring 2024*.
- Completion of draft RTP/SCS document, draft supplemental EIR, and associated public workshops along with required public review period - *late summer/early fall 2024*.
- Final RTP/SCS document and supplemental EIR approval by BCAG Board of Directors - *December 2024*.

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Key staff: Chris Devine, Planning Director
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BCAG 2024 Sustainable Communities Strategy Schedule

Tasks	2022				2023												2024												2025				
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
Task 1. Project Initiation																																	
1. Consultant Kick-Off Meeting	█																																
2. Administrative Coordination	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			
Task 2. Regional Travel Survey																																	
1. Travel Survey Scoping		█	█																														
2. Regional Travel Survey		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																								
Task 3. Prepare Sustainable Communities Strategy																																	
1. SCS Public Outreach and Coordination					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
2. Gather/Develop Required Data to Consider	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
3. Develop Strategies & Scenarios (Land Use, Housing, and Transportation)					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
4. Identify Policies and Imp. Actions for Preferred Scenario																																	
5. Quantify Results																																	
6. Equity Analysis																																	
Task 4. Finalize Sustainable Communities Strategy																																	
1. Administrative Draft Document																																	
2. Draft Document																																	
3. Draft Document Review Meetings																																	
4. Final Document and Submittal to CARB																																	
Task 5. BCAG Board of Directors Review/Approval																																	
1. BCAG Board Meeting																																	

Public Workshop: 

2024 RTP/SCS Scenario Development

Strategy	Scenario #1 2020 RTP/SCS (No Project)	Scenario #2 2020 RTP/SCS Update	Scenario #3 Latest Trends & Transit Oriented Development	Scenario #4 Latest Trends & Transit Oriented Development Plus
Land Use				
<i>Housing & Jobs</i>	2020 RTP/SCS	2020 RTP/SCS <i>(Consistent w/ Local General Plans)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased % of growth in Urban Center & Established Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased % of Multi-Family Units • Improved Jobs-Housing Balance • <i>Consistent w/ Local General Plans and new Housing Elements</i> 	Same as Scenario #3
<i>Regional Growth</i>	2020 RTP/SCS	2022-2045 Regional Growth Forecasts	Same as Scenario #2	Same as Scenario #2
Transportation				
<i>Roads</i>	2020 RTP/SCS	2020 RTP/SCS	Updated Project List	Same as Scenario #3
<i>Transit</i>	2020 RTP/SCS	B-Line Routing Study Implementation	Same as Scenario #2	Same as Scenario #2
<i>Bike & Pedestrian</i>	2020 RTP/SCS	2020 RTP/SCS	Updated Project List <i>(Increase Class I, II, & IV bike facility miles)</i>	Same as Scenario #3
Additional				Telecommuting
				Telemedicine
				Increased Transit Frequency
				Other <i>(based on results of Scenario #3)</i>

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BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT PARATRANSIT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Transit Manager

ISSUE: Staff is providing an overview of the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Paratransit service.

DISCUSSION: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires public transit operators providing fixed route service to also provide complementary paratransit service to people with disabilities who cannot use fixed route service due to a disability. ADA regulations define who is eligible for this service as a civil right. Paratransit service is required within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a fixed route, at the same hours and days, for no more than twice the regular fixed route fare. B-Line Paratransit includes this requirement, with three (3) supplemental zones for up to three (3) miles served outside the core service area and serves individuals 70 and older.

B-Line Paratransit is a door-to-door shared-ride service. Drivers will come to the door, house, building, or other designed pick-up location and drop-off in front of or as close to the designated drop-off location as safely possible. For safety reasons, drivers must stay within the "line of sight" of their vehicle. B-Line Paratransit does not escort past the ground floor lobby or threshold of any residence or public building beyond the driver's line of sight. If additional assistance like this is needed, riders are asked to make sure a companion or personal care attendant is available to assist.

B-Line services are evaluated and reviewed on an on-going basis as part of various planning studies, coordination with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and Transit Administrative Oversight Committee, community outreach events, on-board surveys, and comment forms.

At the February 22, 2024, BCAG Board of Directors meeting, the Board directed staff to provide additional information on B-Line Paratransit and inquire with non-profit staff on any overlap of services provided in the county. Staff recently contacted staff at Passages to learn more about the Medical Chaperone Program and AmeriCorps Volunteer Driver program.

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Passages is a non-profit organization that offers resources to older adults and family caregivers at minimal to no cost. There are several factors that distinguish these programs from B-Line Paratransit:

- Passages transportation programs are volunteer driver based.
- The Medical Chaperone Program connects clients with volunteers that are available to grocery shop, wait at and attend doctor's appointments, and help with prep and follow-up for medical appointments.
- Passages programs provide inter-city and inter-county trips.

As staff consider implementation of a similar service through non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), coordination with other non-profit providers, such as Passages, will be integral to the success of the NEMT program as an additional option for this type of service need. Staff will continue to keep the Board updated on the implementation process on NEMT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information.

Key Staff: Sara Cain, Transit Manager
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BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

PREPARED BY: Amy White, Assistant Planner

ISSUE: Staff is providing information on upcoming community outreach efforts involving Butte Regional Transit (B-Line).

DISCUSSION: Outreach is vital to engaging with the community of stakeholders within Butte County for the use of Butte Regional Transit services including current riders, future system users and advocates in the community for people that B-Line serves.

Community events provide venues to engage with the public about processes and regulations such as Title VI, Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) and potential changes to the system. Community events enable staff to interact with the public and develop a positive association with transit. 2024 event is as follows: *Note – “*” indicates bus on site*

<p>February (participated)</p> <p>2/17 Oroville AAFCC Block Party</p> <p>2/23 Chico Jesus Center Presentation</p> <p>March</p> <p>3/16 Oroville Arbor Day Festival</p> <p>April</p> <p>4/11 Chico Thursday Night Market (1st night)</p> <p>May</p> <p>TBD Chico Stuff the Bus Food Drive*</p> <p>5/4 Oroville Feather Fiesta Days</p> <p>5/11 Paradise Chocolate Fest</p> <p>5/18 Gridley Red Suspenders Day</p> <p>5/23 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p>June</p> <p>6/13 Chico Aging & Disability Fair (CSU)</p> <p>6/15 Oroville AAFCC Juneteenth Celebration</p> <p>6/27 Chico Thursday Night Market</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Nothing in July</p> <p>August</p> <p>8/15 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p>September</p> <p>9/26 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p>9/28 Oroville Salmon Festival</p> <p>October</p> <p>10/4-5 Paradise Johnny Appleseed Days</p> <p>TBD Chico CSU Bus Day (EJ Hall)*</p> <p>TBD Chico CSU Sustainability Day</p> <p>10/31 Chico Downtown Treat Street*</p> <p>November</p> <p>TBD Gridley Dia de Los Muertos</p> <p>December</p> <p>TBD Chico Stuff the Bus Toy Drive*</p>
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