

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 27, 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

July 27, 2023
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:

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 4597 7239 Password: 629271

To join the meeting by phone: +1 669 900 6833

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via Zoom, public comments may also be sent to: board@bcag.org

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 25, 2023, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Ashley**
4. Approval of Resolution 2023/24-03 of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Authorizing the Executive Director and Transit Manager to Execute and File All Pertinent Material Concerning the Federal Transit Administration 5310 Program (Attachment) - **Sara**
5. Approval of Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) Membership (Attachment) – **Victoria**
6. Approval of 2024-26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal (Attachment) - **Amy**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

7. Public Hearing and Approval of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #3 (Attachment) – **Ivan**

8. Public Hearing and Approval of 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Amendment #1 (Attachment) – **Ivan**
9. Public Hearing for BCAG's FTA Section 5310 Grant Application to Determine there are Local Non-Profit Agencies Able to Provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service (Attachment) – **Sara**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. Sustainable Communities Strategy- Progress Report (Attachment) – **Brian**
11. Update on North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan (Attachment) – **Chris**
12. 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development and Schedule (Attachment) – **Ivan**

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

14. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday August 24, 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.

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

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #3



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
May 25 ,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 Reynolds 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

Kasey Reynolds (9:04am)	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Rose Tryon (9:07am)	Vice Mayor	Town of Paradise
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
David Pittman	Supervisor	City of Oroville
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Ron Lassonde (non-voting member)	Alternate	Town of Paradise

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Deputy 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Houlemard- Caltrans	Dawn Nevers- City of Oroville
Lance Atencio- Transdev	John Stonebraker- Magalia
Jessica Erdahl	

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the April 27, 2023 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of 2023/24 Findings of Apportionment for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds
5. Approval of Amendment 2 to the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement program (FTIP)

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

6: Approval to Advertise and Authorize Executive Director to Negotiate and Award Construction Contract for the Paradise Transit Center

Development of the Paradise Transit Center began in March of 2017 with the consulting firm Mark Thomas of Sacramento, CA. The design was 95% completed before the project was put on hold and the funding didn't materialize, due to the Camp Fire in 2018.

In March of 2022, funding for construction of the project was secured with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and in November of 2022, staff re-engaged Mark Thomas. This came after a public proposal solicitation to complete the project design and prepare the project for construction advertisement in coordination with the Town of Paradise.

Once bids have been received, staff will perform a proposal, funding and bid analysis to determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Funding for the project has been included in the adopted 2023/24 BCAG Overall Work Program and 2023/24 Butte Regional Transit Budget and Service Plan. Should the approved funding not be enough to accommodate construction, an item will be brought before the BCAG Board with recommendations for further action.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, approval to Advertise and Authorize Executive Director to Negotiate and Award Construction Contract for the Paradise Transit Center was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) 2022/23 3rd Quarter Report

BCAG staff presented the Board with key financial and operating data for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) for the third quarter of fiscal year 2022/23.

Lack of ridership continues to be an issue in meeting the annual farebox ratios previously mandated by the TDA. In July of 2021, California AB 149 was passed that extended the previous TDA exemption from the farebox requirement through the current fiscal year 2022/23. This also changed the definition of “local funds” to allow any nonstate funding as part of the farebox ratio. This now allows federal support to be included as farebox. Federal support is historically at least 35% of total funding.

Federal pandemic relief funding continues to help cover lost fare revenues. BCAG staff presented the board with detailed graphs regarding ridership.

Rural Fixed Route fares cover 11.1% of operating costs, Urban Fixed Route fares cover 11.0% of operating cost, Rural Paratransit fares cover 7.1% of operating costs, and Urban Paratransit fares cover 8.2% of operating costs.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

10: 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 9:15 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #4



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #4 Consent

July 27, 2023

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023/24-03 of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Authorizing the Executive Director and Transit Manager to Execute and File All Pertinent Material Concerning the Federal Transit Administration 5310 Program.

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Transit Manager

ISSUE: Under FTA Section 5310, project funds are available for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses that support public transportation services beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the ADA designed to assist individuals with disabilities with accessing transportation services, including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services.

DISCUSSION: Staff has utilized prior Section 5310 grants to fund paratransit vehicle purchases and for operating expenses for Dial-A-Ride services that are beyond those required by ADA. Staff will be applying for five (5) full-sized vans with capacity for 8 passengers, including two wheelchairs. These funds, if awarded, will likely apply to B-Line's FY 2024/25 budget.

One of the goals for FTA Section 5310 projects is to provide public transportation services to overcome existing barriers facing seniors and individuals with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation into society. Lack of adequate transportation is a primary barrier to work for individuals with disabilities. If funded, this project will be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for Butte County. The 5310 grant application requires a Board Resolution be included.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2023/24-03 for the proposed FTA Section 5310 Application for Butte County.

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



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2023/24-03**



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C.
SECTION 5310) WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency responsible for transportation planning in Butte County; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, BCAG desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of paratransit service in Butte County; and

WHEREAS, BCAG has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies); and

WHEREAS, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan, adopted by BCAG in July 2008, identify transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults and people with low-incomes; provide strategies for meeting those local needs and prioritized transportation services for funding and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Primary Program Goal, “to improve the target populations’ mobility in Butte County through coordinated partnerships and projects”; and

WHEREAS, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan lists as the Primary Planning Process Goals, (1) to identify and promote partnerships to address specialized transportation needs; (1) to identify possible projects that can respond to identified needs and emerging gaps in services; and (3) to

encourage new partnerships for the development of these projects and application for funding to the Call of Projects, under the Coordinated Planning Process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCAG Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Executive Director to file and execute applications on behalf of BCAG with the Department to aid in the financing of capital projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.IG), as amended.

That the Executive Director is authorized to execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, or Transit Manager is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5310 projects.

That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Chief Financial Officer, or Transit Manager is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5310 projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board Meeting held on the 27th day of July 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #5



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #5
Consent

July 27, 2023

APPROVAL OF SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) APPOINTMENTS

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Associate Planner

ISSUE: Appointments to the BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) are required to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: The attached roster identifies all members of the SSTAC and lists the categories that are required by the Transportation Development Act, Section PUC 99238.

The SSTAC is required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to work with staff during the annual unmet transit needs process. The purpose of the SSTAC is to review testimony obtained through public workshops conducted during the annual unmet transit needs process, and to provide the BCAG Board of Directors with an unmet transit needs finding. The SSTAC also provides a forum to address other issues facing transportations' disabled citizens. The BCAG Board may make at-large appointments at any time.

A call for applicants was advertised in local newspapers in June 2023 as well as on the BCAG website, social media pages and the B-Line buses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve the appointments of Debra Connors (Citizen), Marcella Seay (Citizen), Seth Klobodu (CSU Chico), Larry Pohlard (Citizen), Judy Barclay (Citizen), Connie Stahl (Citizen), and W. Jay Coughlin (Butte County DESS) as identified in the attached roster.

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #6



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Consent

July 27, 2023

APPROVAL OF BCAG'S TRIENNIAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) OVERALL GOAL FOR FFY 2024/26

PREPARED BY: Amy White, Assistant Planner/DBELO

ISSUE: BCAG is required to develop and submit an Overall Goal for DBE participation on U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted contracts every three years, as a condition of federal financial assistance, pursuant to regulations set forth under Title 49 CFR Part 26; “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs” and directives issued by the FTA. In accordance with these DBE regulations, BCAG has established a Proposed Overall DBE Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2024/26, to ensure full compliance with relevant regulatory requirements.

DISCUSSION: *The Established Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2024/26 is 1.35%* for BCAG's Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted contracts. BCAG is also required to conduct an annual review to account for changes that may warrant an adjustment to the overall goal or make an adjustment based on changed circumstances. Qualifying events may include significant change in the legal standards governing the DBE program, new contracting opportunities presented by the availability of new or different grant opportunities to ensure the goal and program, as a whole, are narrowly tailored throughout the goal period.

Contracting opportunities identified in the DBE Goal for FFY 2024/26 include:

TRANSIT OPERATIONS (TRANSDEV, INC.): BCAG is currently contracted with Transdev, Inc. for transit operating services for Butte Regional Transit. Transdev submitted a bid and won the contract through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) bid process during FFY 2019.

The current agreement between Transdev, Inc. and BCAG is for five (5) years, from July 1, 2019 (Year 1) through and including June 30, 2024. BCAG has the option to extend the agreement for up to two (2) two-year extensions for a maximum contract term, including the initial term, of nine (9) years (through June 30, 2028). This DBE goal period will include at least one of these extension processes or an amendment process. At the

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time of the FFY 2024/26 DBE goal calculation, the last known cost obligation is for Year 5 of the contract and is used in Table 1.

Transdev partners with various vendors for bus maintenance, facility maintenance and services, employee required programs, bus parts, fuel, and uniforms. The Transdev, Inc. contract is for transit operating services for Butte Regional Transit. The majority of these services contain materials and supplies and do include some professional services.

BCAG reviewed monthly vendor costs and services provided by Transdev to determine the appropriate North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes.

PARADISE TRANSIT CENTER CONSTRUCTION: BCAG is beginning work in FY 2023/24 to construct the Paradise Transit Center, a project that BCAG has completed design and environmental documents for, making it ready for construction.

BCAG reviewed the work categories provided by project staff and used the NAICS Code worksheet to determine the best categories for the expected work elements.

GOAL METHODOLOGY

To establish BCAG's Base Figure of the relative availability of DBEs to all comparable firms (DBE and Non-DBEs) BCAG accessed the **California UCP DBE Database of Certified Firms** and the **2021 U.S. Census Bureau's Business Pattern Database (CBP)**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Prior to establishment or adoption of BCAG's proposed overall goal, BCAG provided outreach to city and county departments, area chambers of commerce, local small business groups, Butte College Small Business Development Center and organizations within BCAG's market area for feedback pertaining to the methodology utilized by BCAG to develop their proposed overall goal. No comments have been received for this goal cycle. BCAG encourages small businesses who qualify to certify as a DBE to do so and is available to help them through the state certification process. The proposed DBE goal analysis is for review on BCAG's website.

The DBE Liaison reviews the DBE goal annually for any adjustments that need to be made or include projects not included in the Proposed goal. BCAG's next DBE goal and methodology submission is due to FTA on August 1, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending the BCAG Board of Directors approve, by consent, the Proposed DBE Goal-Setting Methodology and 1.35% DBE goal for FFY 2024/26.

Key staff: Amy White, Assistant Planner



Butte County Association of Governments

DBE Goal-Setting Methodology for FFY 2024 - FFY 2026

(DRAFT)

*Submitted in fulfillment of:
Section 1101 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
and 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26*

Presented/Adopted by the BCAG BOARD of DIRECTORS
July 27, 2023

**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
OVERALL DBE GOAL AND METHODOLOGY
FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFY) 2024/26
(Covering the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026)**

I. INTRODUCTION

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) herein does submit its Proposed Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and corresponding federally prescribed goal-setting methodology for the three-year Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) goal period of 2024-2026.

II. BACKGROUND

Effective March 3, 2010, the United States Department of Transportation (“DOT”) issued a final rule affecting the implementation and management of the Department’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“DBE”) program. The rule, which effectively amended the prior provision requiring annual submission of DBE goals and methodology, requires submission of a goal-setting methodology on a three-year cycle. Pursuant to this final rule, BCAG is still required to conduct an annual review to account for changes that may warrant an adjustment to the overall goal or make an adjustment based on changed circumstances (i.e. significant change in the legal standards governing the DBE program, new contracting opportunities presented by the availability of new or different grant opportunities to ensure the goal and program as a whole are narrowly tailored throughout the goal period. Under the new schedule, BCAG’s next DBE goal and methodology submission is due to the FTA on August 1, 2026.

III. FTA-ASSISTED CONTRACTING PROGRAM FOR FFY 2024-2026

Table 1 represents BCAG’s U.S. DOT-assisted (FTA) defined contracting program, which includes two (2) projects that were considered in preparing its **Overall DBE Goal-Setting Methodology**. The projects include contracting opportunities in the categories of Professional Services and Construction. These categories may include subcontracting possibilities with ready and available DBEs.

Three additional projects were identified to start during the FFY 24/26 timeframe, but they were not used in this calculation cycle. The acquisition of diesel buses, electric buses and electric bus chargers is either being executed through state-initiated contracts that include separate DBE goals monitored by those entities or is a new industry that does not have any locatable work codes or NAICS codes at this time.

Table 1

PROJECT	Total Estimated Project Cost (Federal Share)	Estimated Federal Dollar Share of Construction	Estimated Federal Dollar Share of Professional Services	Estimated Federal Dollar Share of Materials & Supplies
Transit Operations (Amended)	\$4,887,232	\$0	\$4,887,232	\$0
Paradise Transit Center	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,887,232	\$2,000,000	\$4,887,232	\$0

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IV. GOAL METHODOLOGY

Step 1: Determination of a Base Figure

To establish BCAG's Base Figure of the relative availability of DBEs to all comparable firms (DBE and Non-DBEs) available to propose on the BCAG's FFY 2024/26 FTA-assisted contracting opportunities during the respective goal period, BCAG followed one of the five prescribed federal goal-setting methodologies in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 regulations. This was accomplished by accessing the ***California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) Directory of Certified DBE Firms*** and the ***2014 U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns (CBP) Database***. Comparisons were made within BCAG's market area and by specified industries and types of businesses identified in Table 2.

Geographic Market Area: Butte County only

BCAG used the Butte County market area alone to calculate the number of potential DBEs for Medical Doctors, Pest Control, Landscaping, Drug Testing, Janitorial, Uniforms, Construction Management, and Cleaning/Grubbing services. Due to the nature of these industries and keeping to local travel for contracting opportunities, the Butte County only search seemed most appropriate.

Geographic Market Area: Neighboring Counties – Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba

The neighboring counties market area was used for services where BCAG felt vendors were more willing to travel up to ninety (90) miles due to the nature of the service and including travel time would not significantly deter them as a competitive local vendor.

BCAG made a concerted effort to ensure that the scope of businesses included in the numerator was as close as possible to the scope included in the denominator.

⇒ ***For the numerator:***

- ***California UCP DBE Database of Certified Firms***
- ***<https://californiaucp.dbesystem.com/>***

⇒ ***For the denominator:***

- ***2021 U.S. Census Bureau's Business Pattern Database (CBP)***
- ***<https://data.census.gov/table?q=cb2100cbp&tid=CBP2021.CB2100CBP>***

To determine the relative availability of DBEs, BCAG divided the numerator representing the ratio of ready, willing and able DBE firms by the denominator representing all firms (DBE and Non-DBEs) available in each work category. BCAG focused on ready, willing DBEs located within the market area.

Application of the following formula yielded the baseline information:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Ready, Willing and Able DBEs (A)}}{\text{Number of All Available Firms (B)}} = \text{Base Figure (C)}$$

(Includes DBEs and Non-DBEs)

The Base Figure resulting from this calculation is as follows:

TABLE 2 - Base Goal Calculation - FFY 2024-26 (by type of work)			A	B	C	
Project	NAICS Code	Description & Work Code Category	# of DBE firms	# of overall firms	# of DBE firms/# all firms (A/B)	Butte County Only
Transdev Subcontracts (contract extension occurs 1-2 times during goal period)	441310	I7531 Bus Services-Engine Rebuilding	0	199	0%	
	621111	I8010 Offices & Clinics of Medical Doctors	0	122	0%	X
	561710	I7342 Disinfecting & Pest Control	0	21	0%	X
	561612	I7384 Security Guard/Guard Patrol Services	1	10	10%	
	561730	A0780/C2067 Landscape & Horticultural Services	0	94	0%	X
	541380/621511	I8073 Drug Testing	0	6	0%	X
	561720	I7341 Janitorial Services	1	33	3%	X
	423990	F5132 Uniforms	0	5	0%	X
	453210	D3950 Pens, Pencils, Office & Art Supplies	0	4	0%	
	424720	F5171 Lubricants	0	1	0%	
Paradise Transit Center	236210	C8770/C8772 Construction Management	0	4	0%	X
	238210	C9859 Commercial Electrical	0	367	0%	
	237310	C3901 Asphalt Concrete	6	58	10%	
	237310	C3910 Paving Asphalt				
	237310	C1910 Grading / Earthwork				
	238320	C9854 Painting Structures	1	180	1%	
	238320	C5900 Clean & Paint Steel				
	238320	C7804 Paint & Stain Concrete				
	238350 / 238130	C9822 Finish / Framing Carpentry Contractors	1	124	1%	
	238160	C9837 Roofing	0	135	0%	

	332322	D3440 Sheet Metal Work Manufacturing	1	9	11%	
	238120	C5501 Steel Structures	3	19	16%	
	238120	C5201 Reinforcing Steel				
	561730	C9867 Landscaping	1	94	1%	X
	561990 / 238990	C1201 Traffic Control	5	205	2%	
	561990 / 238990	C1200 Signing				
	541620	C8852 SWPPP	3	52	6%	
	238910	C1601 Clearing & Grubbing	1	30	3%	X
Diesel Bus Acquisition		State Contract (in place)				
Electric Bus Acquisition		State Contract (in place)				
Electric Bus Charger Acquisition		No results in CA under terms "charger" or "battery" and no work code located in NAICS code sheet				
		TOTALS	24	1772	64%	
Geographic Market Area (broad)	Includes neighboring counties within an approximately 90-mile radius	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba	<i>Goal without weighting</i>	1.35%		

Step 2: Adjusting the Base Figure

Upon establishing the Base Figure, BCAG reviewed and assessed other known evidence potentially impacting the relative availability of DBEs within BCAG's market area, in accordance with prescribed narrow tailoring provisions set forth under 49 CFR Part 26.45 Step II; DBE Goal Adjustment guidelines.

Evidence considered in making an adjustment to the Base Figure included other Local Agencies' Disparity Studies within BCAG's jurisdiction and Other Evidence. The following subsections provide a summary of considered evidence.

A. Past DBE Goal Attainments

BCAG has one potential new contracting opportunity for the construction of the Paradise Transit Center. Only three elements of this project have any DBE's within the county that are willing and able to work. If BCAG went further out of the area to look for DBEs, it may not be feasible or profitable for the DBE to travel so far to bid on these contracts.

BCAG has been tracking monthly vendor payments to DBE's and small businesses with their Transit Contractor, Transdev. Currently, White Glove Janitorial is the only DBE that Transdev is doing business with. This company became DBE certified in the last cycle with the encouragement of BCAG.

BCAG will continue to annually evaluate if there are any new FTA projects that will require adjustments to the goal.

B. BCAG's Bidders List

While BCAG's Vendor/Consultant and Plan holder Databases were assessed and utilized to verify BCAG's market area, BCAG's database continues to undergo refinement to facilitate analysis by contract type and corresponding NAICS codes. Therefore, BCAG will not make an adjustment to the base figure based on the Bidders List. BCAG will continue to capture the required information from all bidders/proposers at the time of bid/proposal submission and will utilize such information in future Overall DBE Goal setting analyses. The CUCP listing is inclusive of the DBE firms in our market area.

C. Disparity Study & Calculation of Race-Conscious Goal

BCAG considered the State of California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Disparity Study (Study), completed in 2022. The Study was initiated to determine the existence of discrimination or its effects within the state of California. BCAG found that none of the projects included in the Overall Goal Methodology needed to use a Race Conscious goal.

BCAG did not make an adjustment to the base figure at this time and concluded that there will not be a need to calculate a race-conscious contract goal.

D. Other Evidence

BCAG did not receive any other evidence nor is aware of any other factors or adverse considerations that would have had a material effect on DBEs availability within BCAG's marketplace, or on DBEs' ability to participate (meeting bonding, insurance and financial requirements) in support of BCAG's FTA-assisted contracting programs. Therefore, no goal adjustment was made in consideration of this factor. However, BCAG will continue to explore and consider all available evidence that materially would affect the opportunities for DBEs to form, grow, and compete in BCAG's FTA-assisted contracting programs.

PROPOSED OVERALL DBE GOAL:

The Revised Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2024-2026 period for BCAG's FTA-assisted contracts is 1.35%.

The proposed goal further serves to identify the relative availability of DBEs based on evidence of ready, willing, and able DBEs to all comparable firms, which are known to be available to compete for and perform on BCAG's FTA-assisted contracts. The proposed goal reflects a determination of the level of DBE participation, which would be expected, absent the effects of discrimination.

V. RACE-NEUTRAL MEASURES

The revised Overall DBE Goal for FFY's 2020-23 for BCAG's DOT-assisted contract is 1.35%. BCAG will implement race-neutral measures to meet its Overall DBE Goal objectives in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.51, including but not limited to:

- Arranging timely solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBEs and other small business firms' participation.
- Unbundling large contracts to make them more accessible to small businesses, requiring or encouraging prime contractors to subcontract portions of work that they might otherwise perform with their own work forces.
- Providing information and communications programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities.
- Encourage local businesses to register with the state to become a certified DBE.
- Hold mandatory pre-bid meetings as appropriate to ensure DBE information is presented to proposers as well as to provide opportunities for DBE vendors to attend.
- Work with the local college and university's small business centers to provide information regarding DBE certification and contracting procedures.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND FACILITATION

Prior to establishment or adoption of BCAG's proposed overall goal, BCAG identified minority, women's, city chambers, local small business groups, general contractor groups and organizations within BCAG's market area to reach out to for consultation, feedback pertaining to the methodology utilized by BCAG to develop their proposed overall goal and any additional information they may have pertaining to effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBE's.

BCAG focused on providing direct outreach to the organizations listed above through an outreach memo and community letter delivered to 60 individuals. Both physical letters and emails were sent out. Only one mailed letter came back as undeliverable, and no emails were undeliverable.

The community letter advises outreach contacts of the proposed DBE goal analysis and availability for review on BCAG's website. It also solicits comments on the proposed DBE Goal. The outreach memo has several purposes including providing contacts with a more general and succinct outline of the DBE process, BCAG's action steps in it and equipping them with information they can share with their contacts. Comments received that could impact the goal are incorporated within the Step 2 process of BCAG's goal development. Any comments BCAG receives are included in Attachment A of the DBE Goal document.

BCAG consults minority groups and organizations year-round via public event attendance and vendor programs to solicit any input they have on DBE opportunities.

BCAG fully evaluates all comments and input from the public during each goal cycle and assesses the impact on the proposed Overall DBE Goal. The low rate of feedback from organizations contacted through this process reveals areas where BCAG will continue improving focused outreach over this next cycle. Our contacts are generally helpful in sharing

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FTA Overall DBE Goal Methodology for FFY 2024-2026

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information of potential contracting opportunities with BCAG and doing whatever they can to help both BCAG and the small business and/or DBE. There is an established relationship to be part of future events to support local small businesses and encourage DBE certification when possible. For example, BCAG staff recently reached out to the Small Business Development Center at Butte College to make the return to facilitating regular DBE workshops.

The discussion with local organizations continues to be useful in shaping BCAG's future race-neutral activities and small business element of the DBE program.

ATTACHMENT A
FFY 2024/26 Overall DBE Goal

Contact Notice of BCAG DBE & Projects – Public Outreach Agencies

BCAG contacted local chamber offices and agencies to inform them of the updated DBE Goal and Analysis.

Public Outreach included:

- 1) The proposed DBE Goal and Methodology for 2024-26 was posted on the BCAG and B-Line websites to solicit comments on BCAG's DBE program and/or goal. Two public meetings were held.

See Attachment B for web site posting.

- 2) Chambers of Commerce for the towns of Chico and Oroville, the Paradise Ridge area and Gridley/Biggs

The Chambers of Commerce in Butte County were informed of the above information via mail and email. BCAG can provide them with a copy of the RFPs and they will post them in their office. In addition, there are Business Directories of local businesses that are registered with the Chambers. This is a useful tool to find DBE/Local Small Business contractors that may be able to perform functions associated with projects/services.

- 3) Non-Profit, Valley Contractors Exchange – www.vceonline.com – 530-343-1981

BCAG utilizes Valley Contractors Exchange by providing them a copy of the RFPs. Valley Contractors also has a search tool of licensed contractors by category type. This tool is useful to search for DBE/Local Small Business contractors that may be able to perform functions associated with projects/services.

- 4) Butte College, Small Business Development Center - www.buttecollegesbdc.com/ - 530-895-9017

SBDC has been notified via mail that BCAG is taking comments on the 2024-26 DBE Goal. BCAG will continue its efforts in working with the SBDC in regard to upcoming contract opportunities.

- 5) Dbejournal.com
Utilize DBE Journal to solicit DBE firms for upcoming contracts.

Staff Training and Consultations include:

- 6) BCAG's DBELO has attended a few of the National Transit Institute training courses for the DBE Program to become better educated and keep informed of updated requirements and methods.

Public Comment Record

No public comments, feedback or questions on the FFY 24/26 DBE Goal and Methodology were received by BCAG during the 30-day open comment period from June 5, 2023 – July 7, 2023.

ATTACHMENT B
FFY 2024/26 Overall DBE Goal

Public Outreach – Website Posting



LANGUAGE

Home (index.html) > About B-Line (About-B-Line/index.html) > **DBE Program** (About-B-Line/DBE-Program/index.html)



SCHEDULE (SCHEDULES/INDEX.HTML)



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DBE PROGRAM

FFY 2024/26 DBE OVERALL GOAL & METHODOLOGY

The Butte County Association of Governments, which operates Butte Regional Transit (B-Line), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 26. BCAG receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (FTA) and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, BCAG has signed an assurance that it will fully comply with Title 49 CFR, Part 26. These regulatory provisions and BCAG's DBE Program apply to all of BCAG's FTA-assisted contracts.

BCAG is required to submit a goal-setting methodology on a three-year cycle as well as an annual review to account for changes that may warrant an adjustment to the overall goal based on changed circumstances. Annual reviews are generally completed in June of any non-goal setting year.

BCAG's Overall Goal for FFY 2024/26 is 1.35%.

As part of the goal setting process, BCAG seeks comment from the public on the availability of DBEs or non-DBEs in the related market area(s). **The current comment period is open from June 5, 2023 through July 7, 2023.** [Please open and read the Outreach Memo & Community Letter \(here\) \(documents/DBE/DBE-Goal-FFY-24-27-Outreach-Memo-Comm-Ltr-combo.pdf\)](#) for more information on how to provide comments.

*A public participation meeting will be held via Zoom on **Monday, June 26th at 3:00 p.m.** to provide goal comments and find out more about DBE. Visit the following link to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133453653?pwd=bGM2cFdGT0NNcTM0ME1sL1NwcGtuQT09> (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133453653?pwd=bGM2cFdGT0NNcTM0ME1sL1NwcGtuQT09>)*

A second information meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** Please visit the following link to attend:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83688093021?pwd=SG14enFhUUd2dzRZdUhzSU9LNDFYZz09>
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83688093021?pwd=SG14enFhUUd2dzRZdUhzSU9LNDFYZz09>)

DBE Program, Goal, Reviews & Related Documents

[BCAG DBE Program \(2019\). \(documents/DBE/2019 BCAG DBE Program.pdf\)](#)

[DBE Program Policy Statement \(2019\). \(documents/DBE/DBE Policy Statement Sept 2019.pdf\)](#)

[Current Goal - Outreach Memo & Community Letter \(June 2023\). \(documents/DBE/DBE-Goal-FFY-24-27-Outreach-Memo-Comm-Ltr-combo.pdf\)](#)

[FFY 2024/26 Overall Goal & Methodolog \(Draft\). \(documents/DBE/DRAFT-BCAG-FTA-Methodology-2024-26.pdf\)](#)

[FFY 2021/23 Overall Goal & Methodology. \(documents/BCAG-FTA-Methodology-2021-2023.pdf\)](#)

[FFY 2018/20 Overall Goal & Methodology. \(documents/DBE/BCAG -FTA Methodology 2018-20.pdf\)](#)

[FFY 2015/17 Overall Goal & Methodology Revision #1. \(documents/DBE/BCAG -FTA Methodology 2015-17 Rev 1 FINAL.pdf\)](#)

[FFY 2015/17 Overall Goal & Methodology. \(documents/DBE/BCAG -FTA Methodology 2015-17.pdf\)](#)

Annual Reviews

For questions regarding BCAG's DBE Program, Overall Goal & Methodology, or how it applies to B-Line, contact:

[Amy White, DBE Liaison](#)

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QUICK LINKS

- [Advertising with B-Line \(About-B-Line/Transit-Advertising/index.html\)](#)
- [Useful Transit Links \(Resources/Useful-Transit-Links/index.html\)](#)
- [B-Line Tracker \(Rider-Tools/B-Line-Tracker/index.html\)](#)
- [Trip Planner \(Rider-Tools/Trip-Planner/index.html\)](#)

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🗳️ [Title VI Program \(About-B-Line/Title-VI-Program/index.html\)](#)

♿️ [ADA Complaint Process \(About-B-Line/ADA-Complaint-Process/index.html\)](#)

📄 [B-Line Routing Study \(Resources/B-Line-Routing-Study/index.html\)](#)



🚗 [Unmet Transit Needs Process \(Resources/Unmet-Transit-Needs-Process/index.html\)](#)



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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 7, 2023

To: Business groups and community advocacy agencies in Butte County and other area counties

From: Amy White, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer

Subject: DBE Goal for 2024/26 Period; DBE Processes, Outreach and Opportunities

Dear Community & Local Business Advocates:

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) has recently completed the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal process for the next triennial period covering October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. Enclosed, please find our letter to the community about this goal and how businesses and the public can make comments regarding this. Additionally, we wanted to reiterate our outreach process and resources available to the community. This includes resources to facilitate a business to become DBE certified.

BCAG will post any solicitations on its website (www.bcag.org/Projects/RFPs) and at Integrated Marketing Systems (IMS Advance Notice) at www.imsinfo.com/. We no longer maintain an email distribution list. Notice of this procedural change was sent out to every contact available in March of 2023. Solicitations can include Requests for Proposals (RFP) Requests for Quotes (RFQ), Invitations for Bids (IFB), projects falling under the disciplines of Architect and Engineering (A & E) and any other type of solicitation where a bidding process is applicable.

Solicitations are provided to Valley Contractor's Exchange (www.vceonline.com) and to other agencies upon request. BCAG may also utilize the DBE Journal website (www.dbejournal.com) in searching for opportunities to reach out to DBE's. BCAG is also ready and willing to work with the Butte College Small Business Development Center (www.buttecollegesbdc.com) for development and implementation of DBE training and related activities.

For DBE purposes, BCAG's Geographic Market Area includes Butte and the surrounding counties of Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sutter Tehama and Yuba. For more information about DBE and our community please contact BCAG's DBELO.

Thank you!

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Dear Community Member:

FFY 2024/2026 PROPOSED TRIENNIAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL

We are seeking public comments on BCAG's proposed FFY 2024/26 Triennial DBE goal. The proposed Goal is **1.35%**

We are seeking comments on availability of DBEs or non-DBEs in BCAG's market area.

Please include the following information with your comments:

- Your name
- Name of your business or organization
- Comment regarding BCAG's Triennial goal, or the Methodology used to obtain the goal
- Other relevant information or comment

The goal methodology report and this public notice is available on BCAG's website:

<http://www.bcag.org/Resources/DBE-Program/index.html>

Copies are also available at the BCAG administrative office during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BCAG's office is located at **326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA, 95928.**

Public review and comments will be taken for 30 days, June 5, 2023 – July 7, 2023.

A public meeting via Zoom has been scheduled for June 26, 2023 at 3 p.m. for those wishing to ask questions or provide comments that will be noted in the goal process. Go to the following link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133453653?pwd=bGM2cFdGT0NNcTM0ME1sL1NwcGtuQT09>

Comments may be submitted to Amy White by email at awhite@bcag.org, by mail to the address above (Attn: Amy White), by fax at 530-879-2444 or by telephone at 530-809-4616, Ext. 1135



Amy White
DBE Liaison Officer
Public Notice

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #7



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7 Action

July 27, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)– AMENDMENT #03

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

ISSUE: BCAG is required to amend the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for various local projects. This amendment includes a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination which requires a public hearing.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the amendment is to add two new projects and amend an existing project. One new project is capacity increasing and requires a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination. Details regarding this amendment is described below:

NEW NON-EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

1. **Town of Paradise - Roe Rd Extension Project.** This amendment programs \$60.4 million of which \$1.8 million is “Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending” funds and \$58.6 million is from Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR). The scope of the project is to complete Phase 1 to close gaps to four (4) north-south roadways which serve disconnected residential areas with new roadway links serving long dead-end streets including South Libby, Edgewood and Sawmill Roads to Pentz. This project also includes the environmental component for the future planned 5-mile section between Pentz Road and Skyway. The project is capacity increasing, and therefore non-exempt and requires a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination. In addition, this is a new project not currently in the 2020 RTP, therefore the 2020 RTP is being amended to include the project.

NEW EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

2. **Butte County – Cohasset Road Widening and Fire Safety Project.** This amendment programs \$1.4 million in “Community Project Funding

Congressionally Directed Spending” to prepare a feasibility study and preliminary engineering studies. The feasibility study will investigate alternatives for improving traffic flow during evacuation events such as pull-outs, shoulder widening, or any other efficient use of the existing roadway cross-section to improve the emergency evacuation, including intelligent transportation solutions, sign messaging and a fire warning system. Upon completion of this phase, Butte County Public Works anticipates producing a chosen alternative and engineer’s estimate that may be used to seek future state and federal funding. 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 “Safety” indicating that projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature 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.

TEHCNICAL CORRECTION TO EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

- 3. Town of Paradise - Go Paradise / Skyway Link Project.** This amendment is a technical correction to change the description of providing Class II bike lanes to providing a Class I Bike/Ped Path as approved by the California Transportation Commission. There is no change in funding or schedule. The project limits are on the Skyway between Bille Rd and Wagstaff Road. This is an existing project programmed in the FTIP. 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.

Since the 2023 FTIP Amendment #03 includes a new non-exempt project, the amendment includes a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination for the 2020 RTP and 2023 FTIP.

This item was presented to the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee and circulated to the Interagency Consultation Review group comprised of Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Administration, Butte County Air Quality Management District, and the Air Resources Board. BCAG has received concurrence on this amendment from the Interagency Consultation group. In addition, A public noticed was placed regarding this amendment and public hearing prior to approval.

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 #1](#). An amendment summary has been attached to this memorandum.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board chair open the public hearing to solicit final comments. If no significant changes are proposed, staff requests the BCAG Board approve Amendment #03 to the 2023 FTIP by Resolution # 2023/24-01. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary minor technical changes to ensure timely state and federal approval. Any changes made will be presented to the BCAG Board.

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

BCAG 2023 FTIP Amendment #03

SUMMARY OF CHANGES & PERFORMANCE MEASURES

June 2023

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 Supportive Projects				CAPTI or CTP 2050 Goals
				New Cost	Prior Cost	% change		PM 1	PM 2	PM 3	Transit	
1	20200000235	Roe Road Extension Project Phase 1	NEW PROJECT: The scope of the project in the Town of Paradise is to close the gap to 4 north-south roadways for approximately 1.25 miles serving the disconnected residential areas of South Libby, Edgewood and Sawmill Roads to Pentz Rd. Proposed improvements also include a new multi-use bike/pedestrian pathway, ADA curb ramps and storm drain infrastructure and completing the environmental component for the complete 5-mile Roe Rd that would be between Pentz Road and Skyway. \$16,3 million in 4 year period. Project total is \$60.4 million.	\$ 16,331	\$ -	n/a	\$ 16,331	X		X		Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
2	20200000236	Cohasset Road Fire Safety Project	NEW PROJECT: In Chico on Cohasset Road from City/County limits to the Town of Cohasset. Congressional earmark & HIP funded project entails feasibility study and preliminary engineering (environmental & design)	\$ 1,400		n/a	\$ 1,400	X				Safety, Climate Equity, Accessibility, Quality of Life & Public Health, Environment Economy Infrastructure (CAPTI Page 13)
3	20200000233	Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project	Technical correction for existing project. Description changed from constructing class II bikelines to a Class I path. Project is located on the Skyway between Bille Rd and Wagstaff Rd in the Town of Paradise. Project length is approximately 0.61 miles.	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,497	0	\$ -	X		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 2023/2024-01**



APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #03 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 #03 to the 2023 FTIP as attached to this resolution;

WHEREAS, the 2023 FTIP through Amendment #03 is financially constrained by year and includes a financial plan that demonstrates projects can be implemented using committed funds;

WHEREAS, 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 #03 as described below is within BCAG's programming targets and is financially constrained for the following activities including:

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1. **Butte County – Cohasset Road Widening and Fire Safety Project.** This amendment programs \$1.4 million in Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs) funds to prepare a feasibility study and preliminary engineering studies. The feasibility study will investigate alternatives for improving traffic flow during evacuation events such as pull-outs, shoulder widening, or any other efficient use of the existing roadway cross-section to improve the emergency evacuation economy, including intelligent transportation solutions, sign messaging and a fire warning system. Upon completion of this phase, the Butte County anticipates producing a chosen alternative and engineer's estimate that may be used to seek future state and federal funding. 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 "Safety" indicating that projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature 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 on July 27, 2023.

TEHCNICAL CORRECTION TO EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

1. **Town of Paradise - Go Paradise / Skyway Link Project.** This amendment is a technical correction to change the description of providing Class II bike lanes to providing a Class I Bike/Ped Path as approved by the California Transportation Commission. There is no change in funding or schedule. The project limits are on the Skyway between Bille Rd and Wagstaff Road. This is an existing project programmed in the FTIP. 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.

WHEREAS, The results from the 2023 FTIP and 2020 RTP emissions analysis show that current and future emissions of the ozone precursors ROG and NOx will be no greater than the 2011 and 2017 base year emissions levels. Thus, Butte County, in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County (§51.464 and §51.436 – 51.440), has satisfied the "no-greater-than-2011" test for the 2008 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS and the "no-greater-than-2017" test for the 2015 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS. **Based on this analysis, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared and approved Amendment #03 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 27th day of July 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #8



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Item #8 Action

July 27, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTIP) / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) – AMENDMENT #01

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 #03.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this amendment is to ensure consistency between the long-range plan (RTP/SCS) with the short-range program (FTIP) and to update the Air Quality Emissions Analysis and Conformity Determination.

Staff has updated the appropriate appendix tables to ensure projects in the FTIP are in alignment with the 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. Since the 2023 FTIP Amendment #03 includes a new non-exempt project, the amendment includes a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination.

The following tables have been updated through FTIP Amendment #03 and are posted online:

- [Appendix 10-7 – BCAG Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-9 – Butte County Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-10 – Caltrans District 03 Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-11 – Chico Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-12 – Gridley Summary of Projects](#)
- [Appendix 10-14 – Town of Paradise Summary of Projects](#)

For the purpose of Amendment #01 to the 2020 RTP/SCS, BCAG states for the record:

1. **Non-Exempt Project:** A new conformity determination and regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment.
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

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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: For the 2023 FTIP Amendment #03, BCAG initially consulted on this amendment with its Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group on June 20, 2023. BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On June 20, 2023, 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 #1](#). The complete Air Quality Emissions Analysis and Conformity Determination has been posted on these web pages as well.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board chair open the public hearing to solicit final comments. If no significant changes are proposed, staff requests the BCAG Board approve Amendment #01 to the 2020 RTP/SCS by Resolution # 2023/24-02. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary minor technical changes to ensure consistency between the FTIP and RTP/SCS. Any changes made will be presented to the BCAG Board.

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



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2023/2024 #02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING AMENDMENT #01 TO THE 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) comprised of five member agencies: Butte County, the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville and Paradise; and

WHEREAS, BCAG is the agency responsible for maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process which will result in a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134(a) and (g), 49 U.S.C. §5303(f); 23 C.F.R. §450, and 49 C.F.R. §613; and

WHEREAS, BCAG is the Lead Agency in preparing the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and is required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21000 et seq.]; and

WHEREAS, project-specific impacts of the individual RTP/SCS project should be analyzed in detail by the implementing agencies as the individual projects are designed, engineered, and considered for approval at a later date; and

WHEREAS, BCAG has prepared Amendment #01 including a new Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2020 RTP/SCS to ensure consistency with the 2023 FTIP through Amendment #03 posted at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html> and <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html>; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #01 to the 2020 RTP/SCS, BCAG states for the record:

1. **Non-Exempt Project**: A new conformity determination and regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment.
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: For the 2023 FTIP Amendment #03, BCAG initially consulted on this amendment with its Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group on June 20, 2023. BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On June 20, 2023, 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.

WHEREAS, The results from the 2023 FTIP and 2020 RTP emissions analysis show that current and future emissions of the ozone precursors ROG and NO_x will be no greater than the 2011 and 2017 base year emissions levels. Thus, Butte County, in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County (§51.464 and §51.436 – 51.440), has satisfied the “no-greater-than-2011” test for the 2008 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS and the “no-greater-than-2017” test for the 2015 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS. **Based on this analysis, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCAG hereby approves Amendment #01 to the Butte County 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy including the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the purpose of ensuring consistency between the 2020 RTP/SCS and the 2023 FTIP through Amendment #03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCAG Board of Directors authorizes its staff to make any necessary changes to the RTP/SCS document to ensure the timely delivery and approval of the RTP/SCS to the appropriate state and federal agencies as necessary;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 27th day of July 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Item #9 Action

July 27, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BCAG'S FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE LOCAL NON-PROFIT AGENCIES ABLE TO PROVIDE ADA COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Transit Manager

ISSUE: BCAG is required to hold a public hearing to determine if there are any non-profit agencies readily available to provide transit service to the elderly and disabled.

DISCUSSION: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations require that a public hearing be held to determine if there are other non-profit agencies that are readily available to provide paratransit service to the elderly and disabled in Butte County. Upon completion of the hearing, if there are no agencies available, BCAG may proceed to solicit federal funding under the 5310 Program.

The attached Resolution authorizes the Executive Director to file and execute applications, assurances, and agreements with Caltrans for FTA Section 5310 funding. As detailed in Item #4, BCAG staff is applying for FTA Section 5310 grant funds to purchase five replacement paratransit vans.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve of Resolution No. 2023/24-04 authorizing the Executive Director to file and execute the FTA Section 5310 program on behalf of BCAG with the applicable state and federal agencies.

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



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2023/24-04**



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE ALL
PERTINENT MATERIAL CONCERNING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION 5310 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to award grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital assistance projects for public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for public transportation projects;

WHEREAS, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) desires to apply for said financial assistance to purchase paratransit vehicles for use in Butte County;

WHEREAS, BCAG has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region, including social service agencies;

WHEREAS, BCAG held a public hearing on July 27, 2023 to determine if there are any other nonprofit agencies readily available to provide the proposed service;

WHEREAS, it was found as a result of the public hearing held on July 27, 2023, that there are no other nonprofit agencies that are readily available to provide proposed service to the elderly and disabled in Butte County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCAG Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director or a designee to execute and file all required applications, contracts, and documents necessary for obtaining financial assistance and administration of the FTA Section 5310 program with the applicable State and Federal agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board Meeting held on the 27th day of July by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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ITEM #10



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Item #10 Information

July 27, 2023

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY - PROGRESS REPORT

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ISSUE: The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MPO) for the Butte County region. As such, BCAG is responsible for state and federally required transportation plans and programs in the region, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

DISCUSSION: To better inform the development of the 2024 RTP/SCS, BCAG, in coordination with the BCAG Planning Directors Group (PDG) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), has prepared an SCS Progress Report which looks at several indicators included in the 2020 RTP/SCS, and the progress made to date. Once analyzed, the indicators provide planners and policy makers with information regarding the implementation of the SCS and if adjustments or additional actions should be pursued. This report is prepared to coincide with the 4-year update cycle of each new RTP/SCS and covers the period 2018-2022.

A complete copy of the SCS Progress Report is available on BCAG's [website](#)¹.

This effort follows a report published by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), as required under Senate Bill 150 (SB 150), which looks at all 18 Metropolitan Planning Agencies (MPOs) and the states progress under SB 375. More information regarding the SB150 report can found on ARB's [website](#)². The overall finding of the report was that California is not on track to meet the reductions expected under SB 375, with emissions from statewide passenger vehicle travel per capita increasing rather than decreasing.

¹ <http://www.bcag.org/documents/planning/RTP%20SCS/2024%20RTP%20SCS%20Update/BCAG-2022-23-SCS-Progress-Report-final.pdf>

² <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/tracking-progress>

Progress Report Indicators

BCAG’s report includes 12 indicators grouped into five categories to assist in tracking progress. The five categories include regional growth, land use, transportation investment, transportation mode choice, and resources areas and farmland. Table 1 includes a listing of indicators by category.

Table 1.

Category	Progress Report Indicator
Regional Growth	Annual Growth Rate of Population, Housing, and Jobs
Land Use	New Housing by Growth Area
	Housing Units Destroyed and Rebuilt by Growth Area
	New Housing Mix (Multi-Family / Single Family)
	New Housing within Transit Priority Project Areas
	Jobs to Housing Unit Ratio
Transportation Investment	Investment by Category
Transportation Mode Choice	Travel Mode to Work
	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Per Capita
	Annual Transit Boarding’s Per Capita
	Miles of Class 1 & 2 Bike Facilities Per Capita
Resource Areas and Farmland	Rate of Important Farmland Conversion to Urban and Built-Up Land

Several new indicators have been introduced for the latest SCS Progress Report. These include Housing Units Destroyed and Rebuilt by Growth Area, New Housing within Transit Priority Projects Areas, and Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) per Capita.

Next Step

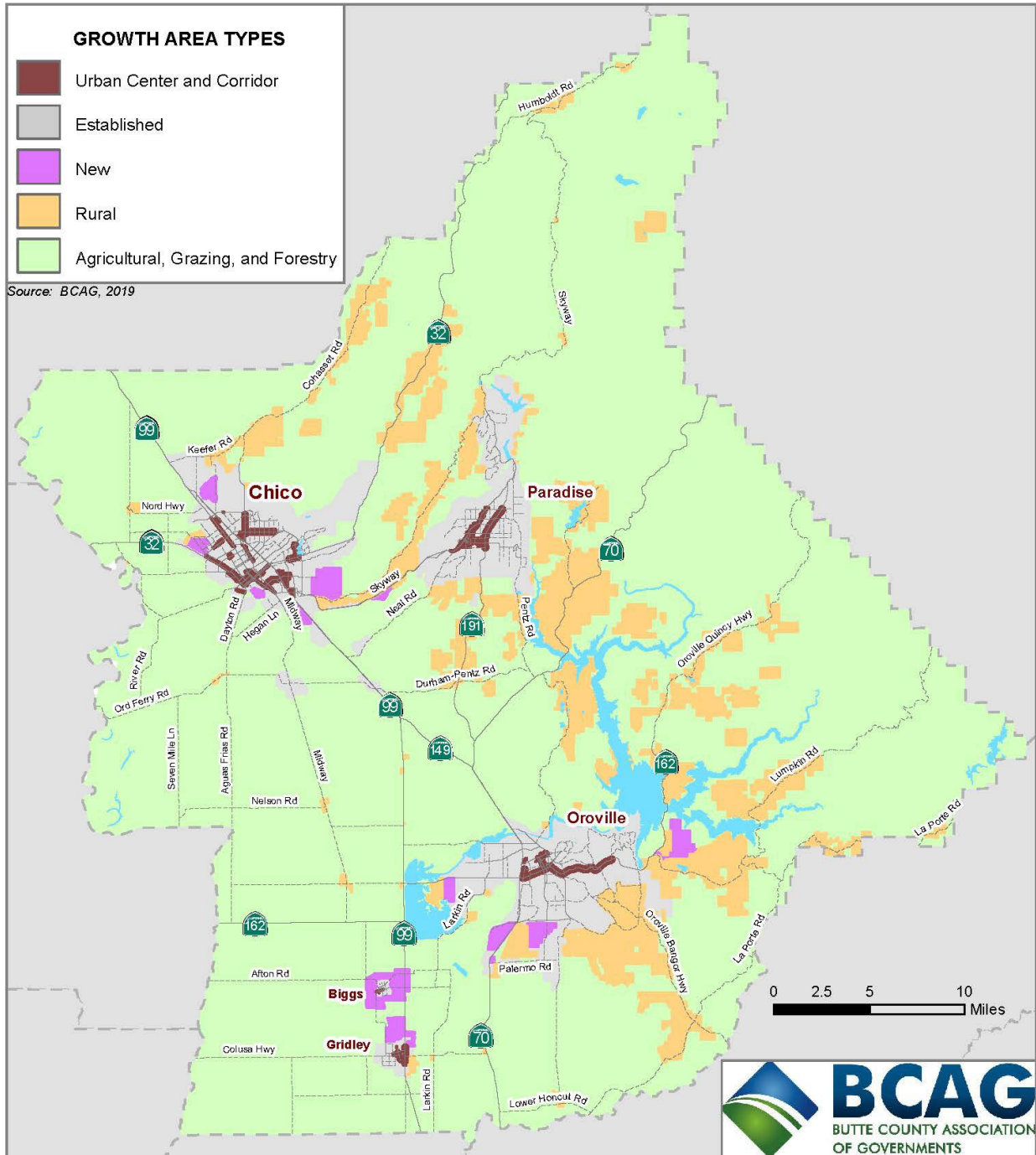
The report will be consulted in preparing the scenarios for the 2024 RTP/SCS, in consultation with the TAC and PDG. In addition, a copy of the report will be shared with the California Air Resources Board as background for their review of BCAG’s approved 2024 RTP/SCS, once adopted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the BCAG Boards discussion, awareness, and information.

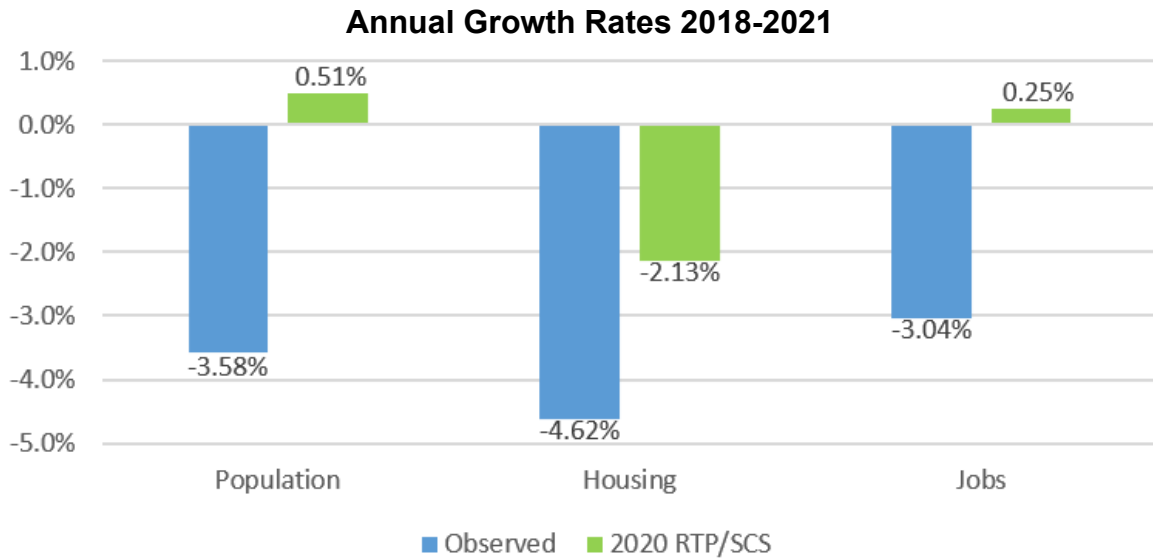
Key staff: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst
 Ivan Garcia, Programming Director
 Chris Devine, Planning Director

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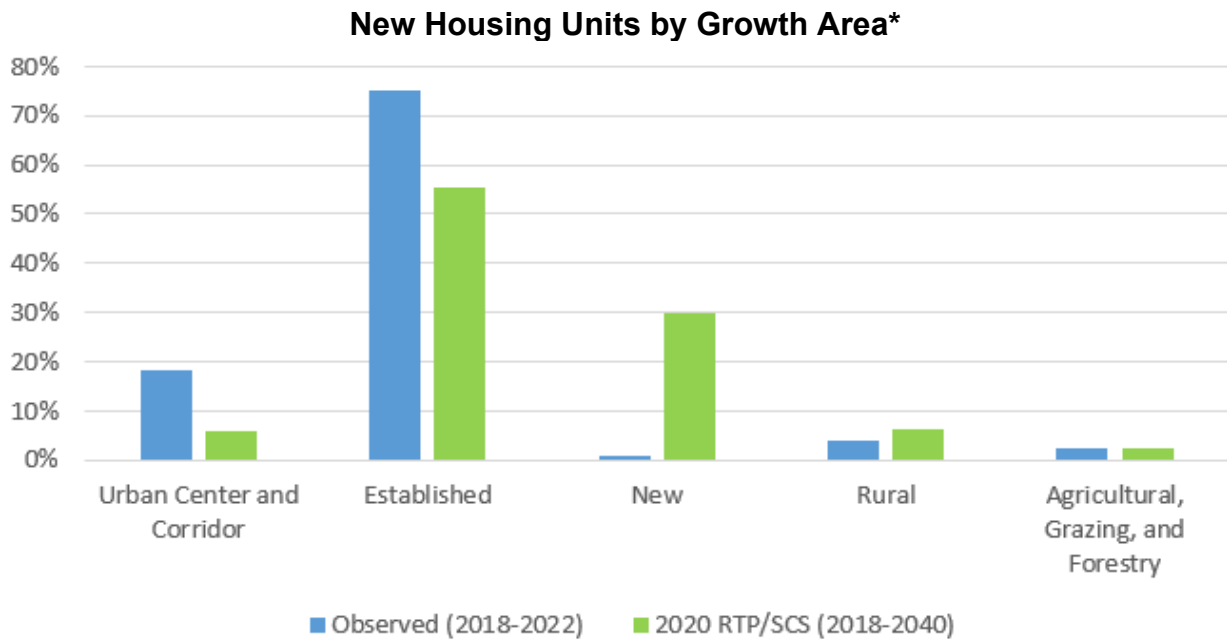
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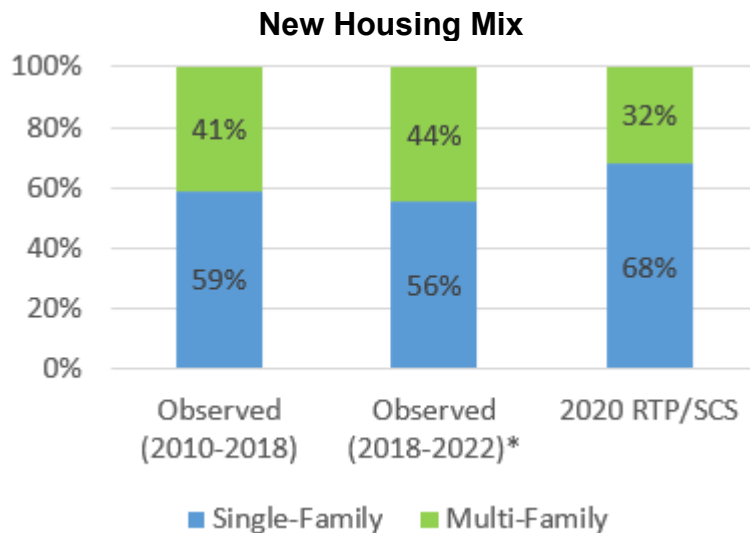
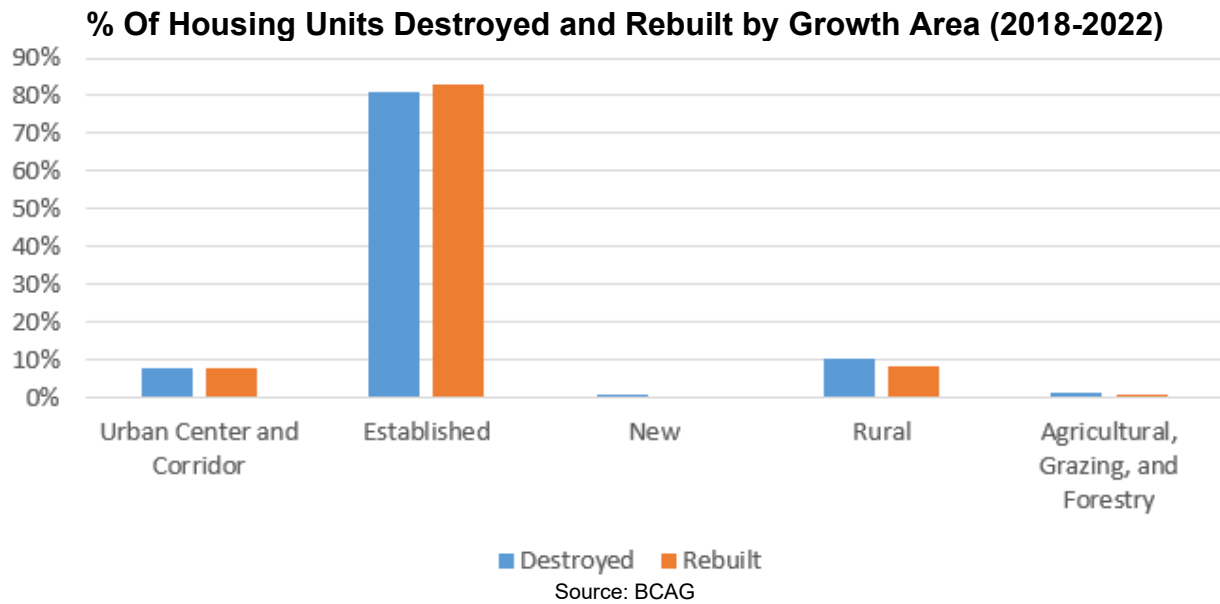
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SCS Progress Report – Indicators Summary



Source: BCAG, CA Dept. of Finance (DOF), and CA Employment Development Dept. (EDD)

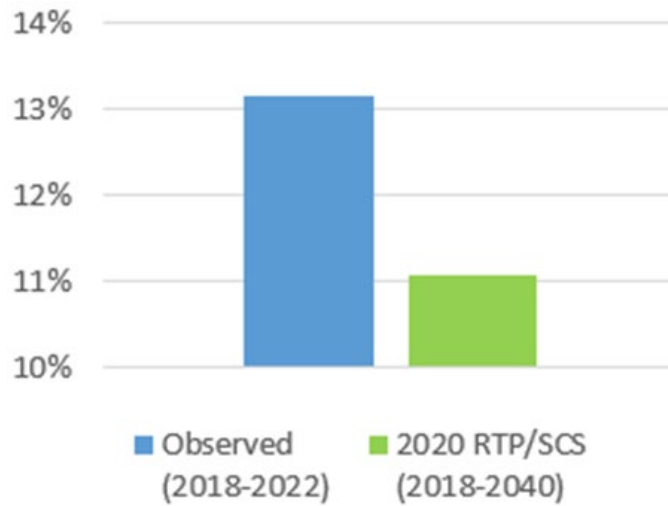


*Excludes those units designated as rebuilds from the Camp and North Complex Fires
Source: BCAG and CA Dept. of Finance (DOF)

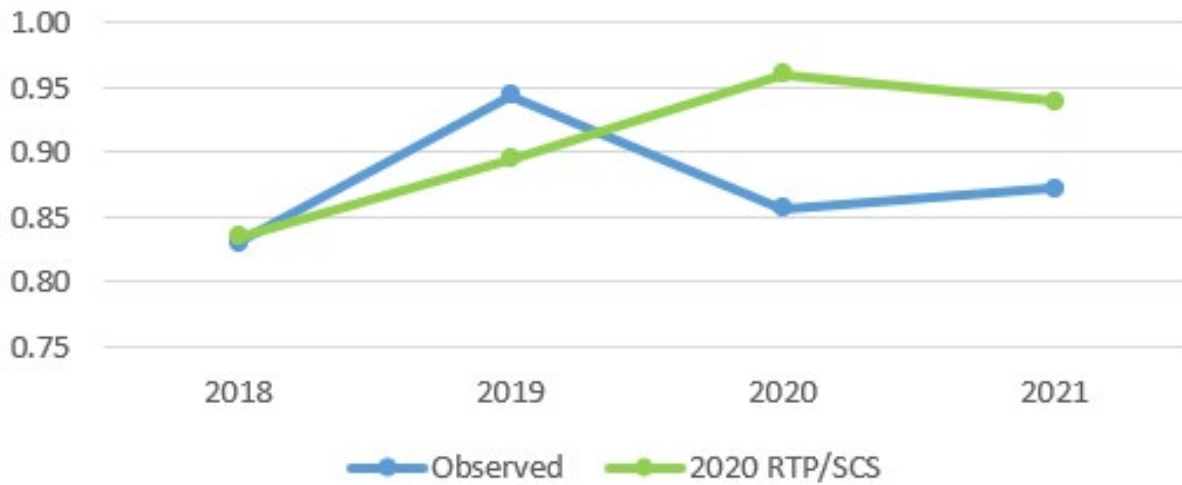


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% of New Housing Units within TPP Areas

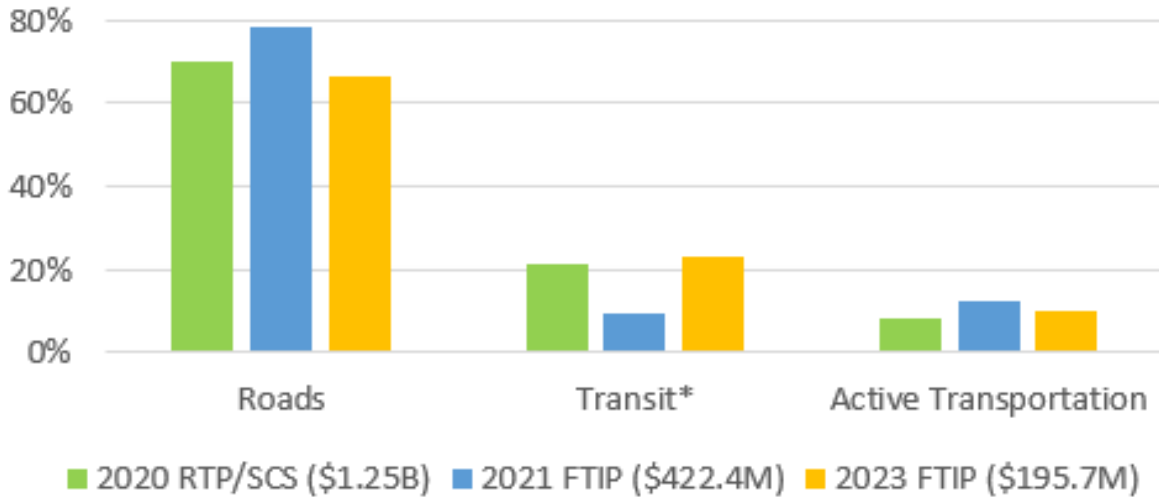


Jobs to Housing Unit Ratio



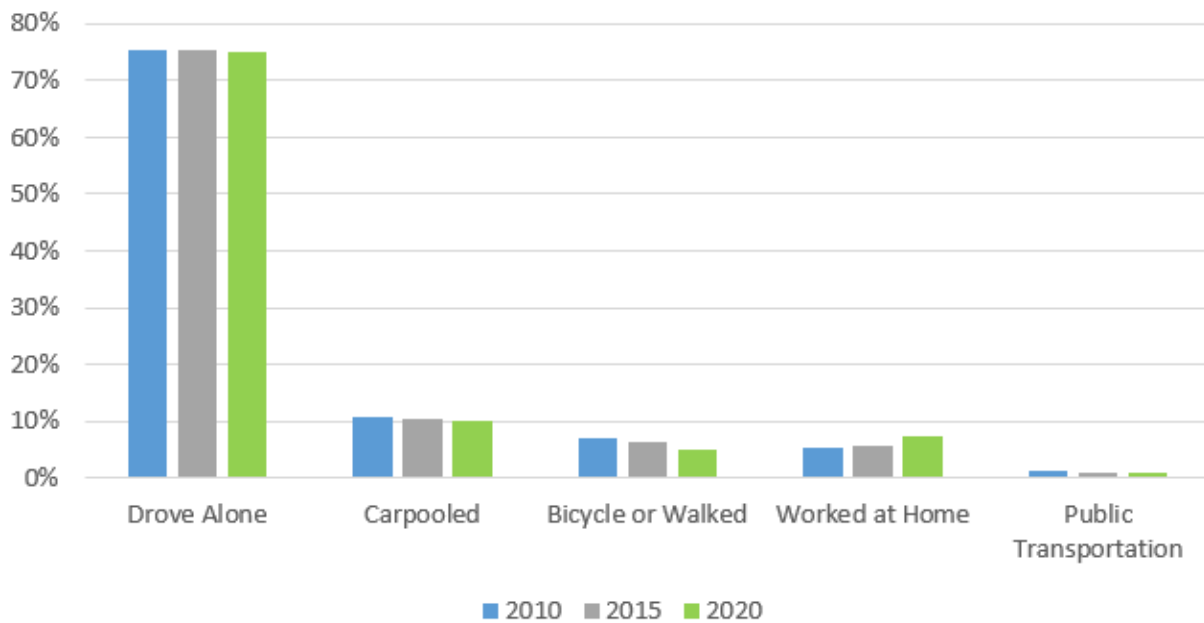
Source: BCAG, CA Dept. of Finance (DOF), and CA Employment Development Dept. (EDD)

Regional Transportation Investment

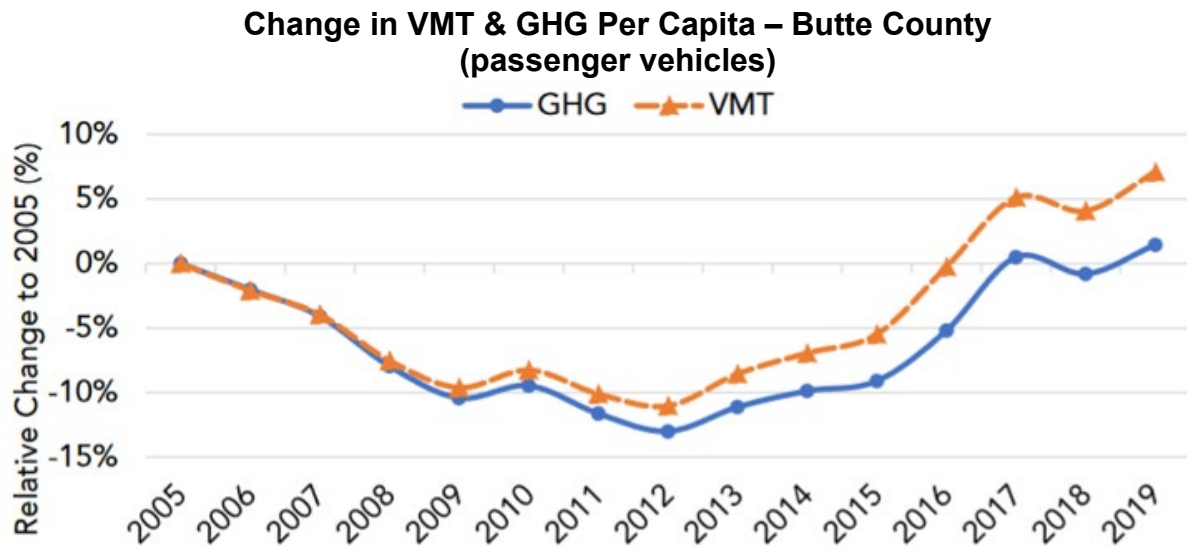


*Transit includes both bus and rail projects

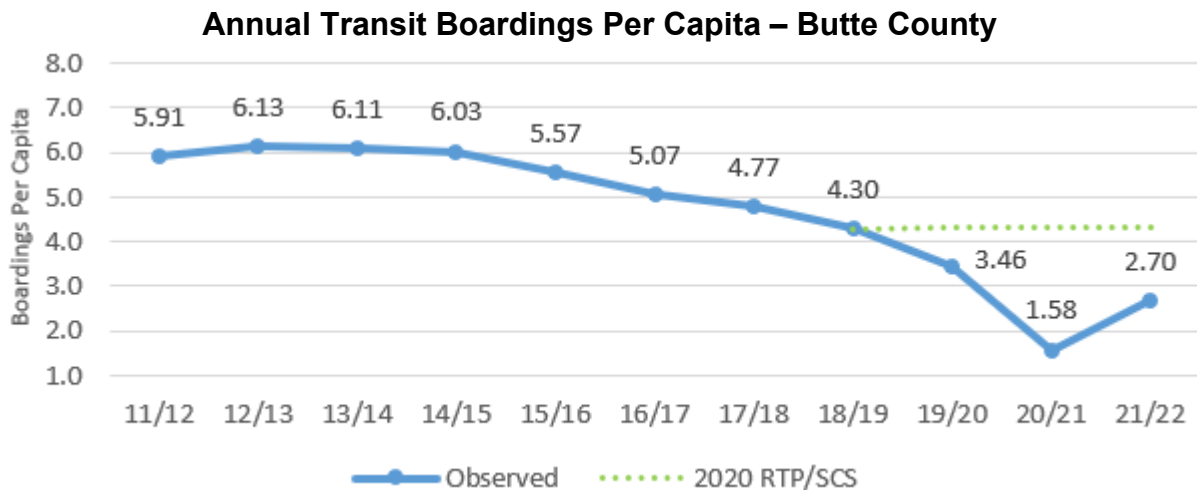
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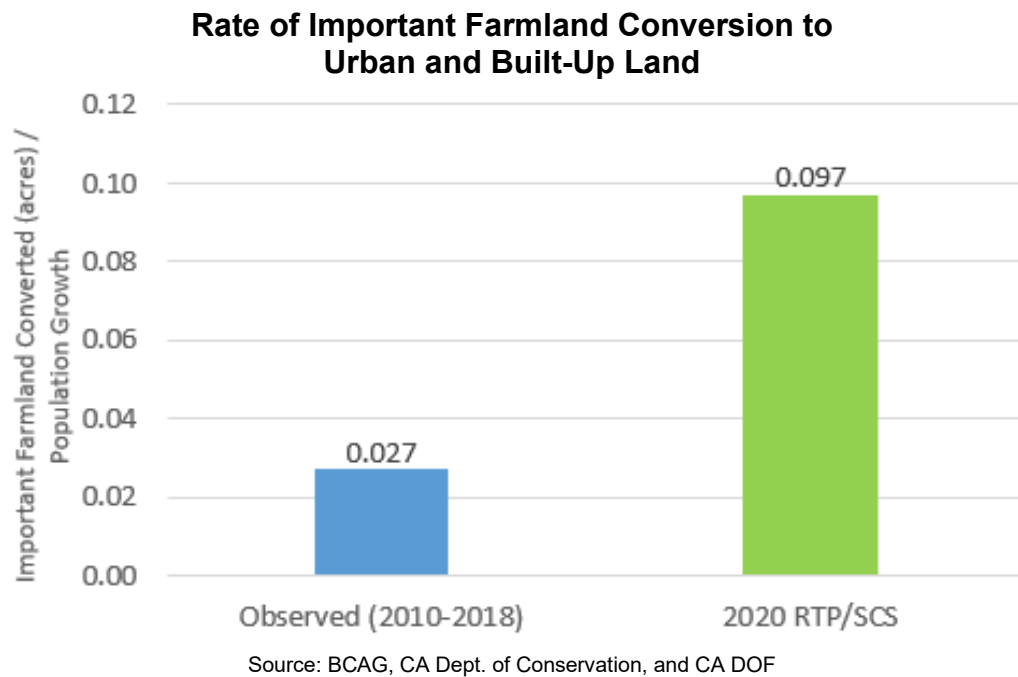
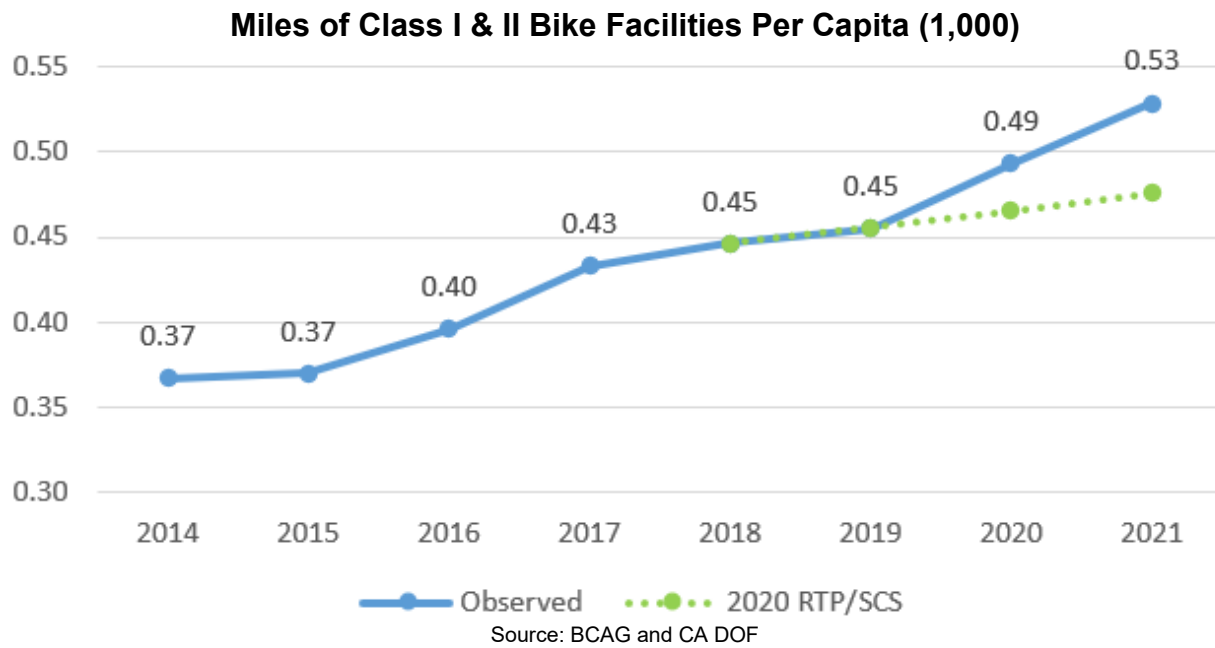
Source: U.S. Census Bureau – American Community Survey (5-year data)



Source: California Air Resources Board June 2022 - Draft 2022 Progress Report



Source: Butte Regional Transit, National Transit Database, and CA DOF



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Item #11 Information

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UPDATE ON NORTH VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STRATEGIC PLAN

PREPARED BY: Chris Devine, Planning Director

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

DISCUSSION: BCAG staff is working with its project partners and consultant team at AECOM to continue moving the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan (NVPRSP) forward. Recent project updates include:

- A new project website has been developed and is available at www.northvalleyrail.org. The website contains all project-related documents and information and is regularly updated by BCAG staff.
- A virtual public workshop was held in late February with over 150 people attending. Key project assumptions developed to date were shared with the public by the project team including preliminary station locations, travel times, number of trains per day, etc. The schedule for plan development and service implementation were reviewed as well. Valuable input was received will help shape plan development. Please see the workshop summary on the project website at: http://www.bcag.org/documents/Rail%20Study/BCAG-NVPR-Virtual-Meeting1-Summary_GBC_BCAG.pdf.
- An 8-page booklet was completed that describes the project and details the many benefits the project provides. This is available on the project website at <http://www.bcag.org/documents/Rail%20Study/North-Valley-Rail-Booklet-20230504.pdf>. This expands upon the 2-page Fact Sheet and provides more detailed information on the proposed North Valley Rail service.
- BCAG staff received notice on June 27th that it was not successful in receiving the \$5 million in grant funds requested through the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. BCAG staff worked with the Ferguson Group to develop a grant application to fund preliminary engineering and environmental documents for the implementation of North Valley Rail.

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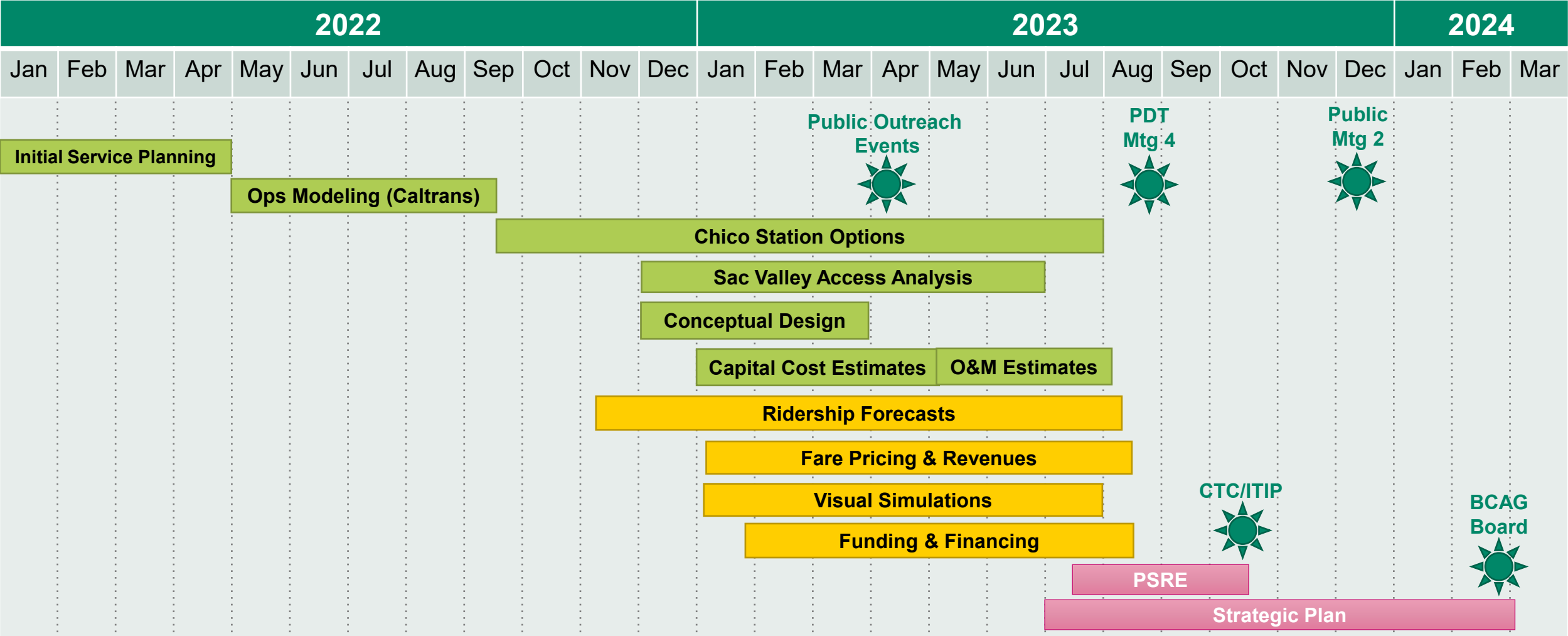
- Because the RAISE funds weren't awarded, BCAG staff is taking steps to program \$2.5 million in the 2024 BCAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which will be brought forth for adoption by the BCAG Board in December 2024. Caltrans District 3 staff has verbally agreed to program the remaining \$2.5 million in their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). This would provide the funding needed to complete the required environmental documents and associated preliminary engineering design. If approved by Caltrans and the BCAG Board, funds would be available to begin work on this phase in July 2024. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission would lead this phase of work with BCAG participating as a collaborating project partner.
- In order to program the necessary funding in the ITIP, a Project Study Report Equivalent (PSRE) document must be prepared and submitted to Caltrans by mid-October. The consultant team at AECOM is already under contract to complete this work but will be accelerating work to meet the required deadline. The acceleration of the PSRE document is resulting in delays to the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan schedule. A public draft version of the plan was planned for September but is now expected in December 2023 (**see Attachment #1 NVPRSP Schedule**). Because the next phase of the project after strategic plan completion is not scheduled until July 2024, this delay does not constitute an issue for plan development.
- A virtual public workshop is planned for December to review the public draft strategic plan with the public, followed by a 30-day review period to receive comments. A final plan is scheduled to be presented to the BCAG Board of Directors in February 2024.

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
Jon Clark, Executive Director

Strategic Plan Schedule



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2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) DEVELOPMENT AND SCHEDULE

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: The purpose of the RTIP is to identify programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2024 STIP will cover the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024 (FYs 24/25-28/29). The STIP is adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program.

STIP Components:

- 1) 75% - Regional Improvement Program (RIP). Projects nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP Document)
- 2) 25% - Interregional Improvement Program (IIP). Projects nominated by Caltrans as part of their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

Funding

Every two years, Caltrans prepares a "Fund Estimate" (FE) identifying the amount of funding available to regions for new projects. The STIP Regional Improvement Program for the region includes:

- **STIP/RTIP** **\$8,433,000**

RTIP/STIP Schedule:

June 28, 2023	CTC Approves Fund Estimate for the 2024 RTIP/STIP
July 10, 2023	BCAG TAC Informed and Issuance of Call-for-Projects
July 20, 2023	Public Education Outreach Event
July 21, 2023	RTIP Development Workshop
July 27, 2023	BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
August 3, 2023	BCAG TAC Meeting
September 1, 2023	Project Nominations Due to BCAG for RTIP Consideration
September 7, 2023	BCAG TAC Meeting - Review of projects
September 28, 2023	Projects Presented to BCAG Board
October 5, 2023	October TAC Project Review & Draft Project Recommendations
October 26, 2023	Draft RTIP with Project Recommendations to BCAG Board
December 7, 2023	BCAG Adopts the 2024 RTIP (Amendment to the 2020 RTP/SCS may be necessary)
March 21-22, 2024	CTC Adopts the 2024 STIP

Requirements for ALL Projects

BCAG has identified 4 requirements for new project programming consideration. These requirements are defined in the STIP guidelines.

- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy** – All projects are required to be included in the current [Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy \(RTP/SCS\)](#).
- **Project Study Reports** – A complete project study report (PSR) or, for a project that is not on a State highway, a PSR equivalent.
- **Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness** – Depending on the project, an appropriate level of performance metric demonstration is required. The criterion in the guidelines aims to capture: vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions, air quality benefits, mode shift, distance to transit service and safety benefits as relevant to the project.
- **ePPR** – An Electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) form is required. This electronic form identifies the basic scope, benefits, funding, and schedule for the proposed project. The ePPR can be generated thru CalSMART at: <https://calsmart.dot.ca.gov/>.

BCAG Project Criteria Evaluation

Evaluation criteria will be based on the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) built from the Governor’s Executive Orders (EO) EO N-19-19 and N-79-20. These Executive Orders and the CAPTI are the basis for which ALL transportation funding is programmed thru BCAG. Additionally, BCAG is required to report progress on the Federal Performance Measures to FHWA and to California Air Resources Board (CARB) under SB 375 for achieved GHG reductions.

In an effort to meet the various existing state and federal goals including reporting requirements, RTIP project evaluation criteria are expected to focus on:

- Green House Gas (GHG) reduction
- Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) reduction
- Development and integration of public transit with multimodal rail, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure (Mode Shift)
- Significant expansion of equitable transportation opportunities to underserved communities
- Safety

A RTIP public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the BCAG offices. In addition, a RTIP development workshop aimed for project sponsors (cities, County, Caltrans) has been scheduled for Friday, July 21, 2023 at 11 a.m.

REQUESTED ACTION: This item will continue to be presented at the BCAG Board of Directors during the development of the RTIP. The BCAG Board is scheduled to adopt the 2024 RTIP at the December 7, 2023 Board meeting.

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