

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021

## 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

February 25, 2021  
9:00 a.m.



## BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100  
Chico, CA 95928

### BCAG BOARD MEETING LIVE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84423539428?pwd=NGJNenE4MEIzNkRsbzN>

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being held remotely.  
Comments may be submitted in advance on any item to: [board@bcag.org](mailto:board@bcag.org)**

**Members of the public may view and participate in the meeting  
through the following Zoom link:**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 844 2353 9428    Password: 479075  
To join the meeting by phone: +1 669 900 6833**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from the January 28, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Victoria**

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

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

4. Acceptance of the BCAG Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits for the Cities, Town & County for the Year Ending June 30, 2020 (Attachment) - **Julie**
5. Approval of Capital Reserve Funds for the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan (Attachment) – **Andy**
6. Approval of 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Determination (Attachment) – **Ivan**

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7. SB 743 Implementation Study Update (Attachment) - **Chris**
8. Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Quarterly Progress Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2020/21 FY (Attachment) – **Jim**

9. 2022 Unmet Transit Needs Process (Attachment) - **Jim**

### **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**

12. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday March 25, 2021, **at the BCAG Board Room or 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  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #3

<p><b>DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS JANUARY 28, 2021</b></p>
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The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG's office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the BCAG Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Mia Herhusky	Administrative Assistant
Chris Devine	Planning Manager

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**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Kathryn Mathes  
Nima Kabirinassb  
Andy Pickett

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2021 Calendar Year**

Board Member Teeter motioned to elect Board Member Connelly for Chair and Board Member Jones for Vice Chair of the 2021 calendar year. Board Member Kimmelshue seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2020 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting.**

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

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**5: Approval of 2020/21 Federal Performance Measures – Transit**

Staff informed the Board that as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County, BCAG is required to establish targets, track, and report on the area's performance measures to make sure they are following mandated guidelines set by the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act set in place by the Federal Government.

As of 2021, the Federal Government has stated that the Butte Regional Transit must set performance targets for transit safety and must report to BCAG so that the targets may be adopted. The proposed targets set by Butte Regional Transit are Asset Management and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Both proposed targets are aimed at decreasing vehicle collision fatalities.

Staff requested that the Board approve the Transit Safety and Transit Asset Management performance measures and targets set by Butte Regional Transit for 2020/21.

With no questions or comments from the Board or the public, this item was set to a vote. On motion from Board Member Connelly and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the 2020/21 Federal Performance Measures were unanimously approved by the Board.

**6: Approval of 2020/21 Federal Performance Measures - Safety**

Staff informed the Board that as the federally appointed Metropolitan Organization for the Butte County Region, BCAG is required to establish targets and track the progression in the Butte County Region and report performance measures mandated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

Under new Federal Transportations Laws, stronger emphasis is being placed on monitoring the performance of each state's transportation safety plans. In August of 2020, Caltrans established statewide targets 2021. These targets include Statewide Safety Targets which focuses on lowering statewide fatalities caused by vehicle collisions. Staff requested that the Board approve the new targets set by Caltrans for the 2021 performance year.

With no questions from the Board or the public, this item was set to a vote. On motion by Board Member Connelly, seconded by Board Member Jones, and unanimously passed.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7: Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Determination**

Staff reminded the Board that as the federally appointed Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County, BCAG is required to institute and update a FTIP document every two years to keep track of all federal funded transportation related projects. Staff informed the Board that the Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program was complete and ready for review.

Staff informed the Board that currently there are \$370 million in funding being allocated to 33 projects for the next four federal fiscal years starting October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. There was general discussion about the projects included in the FTIP that were included from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Highway Improvement Program (HIP).

This item was presented for information only.

**8: Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan Update**

Staff updated the Board on the state of the Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan, which is meant to provide transit solutions between the two cities. BCAG is working on this plan in conjunction with San Joaquin Joint Power's Authority and has been issued funding through the Caltrans Strategic Partnership – Transit funds for FY 2020-21.



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After an RFP was sent out in September 2020 for consultants to help on this plan, three responses were received. The contract was awarded to the ARUP, LSC Transportation Consultants, and Convey team. There was general discussion about the overview of the schedule moving forward, with completion estimated for March 2022.

There was no questions or comments from the Board or from the public. This item was presented for information only.

**9: BCAG Application for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to Study Extension of Passenger Rail Service to Butte County.**

Staff informed the Board that BCAG is currently in the process of preparing a grant application in conjunction with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority to study the marketability and feasibility of expanding the SJJPA existing rail service to Chico and Butte County. This grant, under Caltrans' "Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program" would allow staff to continue to work with SJJPA staff to study this plan and identify improvements needed to implement expanded passenger rail service.

There was general discussion between Board and Staff regarding the performance measures this grant would cover the study of, and next steps should the grant be funded and this project be approved for implementation. This item was presented for information only.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Mia Herhusky, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #4



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #4 Action

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### **ACCEPTANCE OF BCAG FISCAL AUDIT AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) AUDITS FOR CITIES, TOWN & COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

**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. Physical copies of the BCAG audit have been mailed or couriered to all Board members. Brian Nash, of Richardson & Company, will be on hand to review the audit and answer any questions.

- The Independent Auditor's Report located on page 1 shows an unmodified (clean) opinion.
- A review of the fiscal year is presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis located on pages 3-13.
- The Independent Auditors' Reports on Internal Control and Compliance begins on page 54.
- The Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs on pages 58-59 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.

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 Taxi Fund. Each board member should receive a PDF copy of their jurisdiction's TDA audit included with the digital copy of the agenda. Gridley audits are not complete at this time but should be completed before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. 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.

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**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, 2020.

Key staff: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Jon Clark, Executive Director

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #5



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Item #5 Action

February 25, 2021

#### **APPROVAL OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT (B-LINE) ZERO-EMISSION BUS ROLLOUT, IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONS PLAN**

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

**ISSUE:** BCAG is preparing the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan in compliance with the California Air Resources Board's mandate for all California transit agencies to transition fleets to zero-emission technologies.

**DISCUSSION:** The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is mandating each transit agency to prepare and submit a Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan (Rollout Plan) showing how the transit agency expects to achieve zero-emissions. As a small transit agency, B-Line is required to begin purchasing zero-emission vehicles by 2026, with complete transition to zero-emission fleets by 2040. The Rollout Plan must be submitted to CARB by July 1, 2023.

The Rollout Plan is intended to guide the implementation of zero-emission bus fleets and help staff work through potential challenges and explore solutions. BCAG has been in discussions with zero-emission bus manufacturers, technology providers, infrastructure providers, and end users, and has discovered the complexities of converting existing fleets to electric, particularly as it relates to infrastructure improvements needed to support zero-emission buses and charging equipment.

Successful transformation of B-Line's fleet to zero-emission technology requires thoughtful planning including electric service, route simulations, facility assessments, and identification and of potential resource and funding gaps. BCAG will prepare the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan (Plan) to identify solutions related to electric service, charging systems, scheduling and timing, routing, technologies, maintenance, and other necessary improvements needed to support the deployment of zero-emission buses. The scope of BCAG's Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan is beyond the requirements of CARB's Rollout Plan; however, staff deems it necessary to help guide B-Line's phased transition to a zero-emission fleet by 2040 with short term goals needed within the next 5 years.

BCAG will pursue an agreement with a third party non-profit and non-biased consultant experienced in developing complete plans unique to the needs of BCAG/BRT and addressing all the above considerations. It is anticipated the consultant would begin work mid-2021. The Plan will be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors and submitted to CARB before the July 1, 2023 deadline. The Plan will also build off the design and construction of underground electrical infrastructure improvements being performed by Alternative Energy Solutions (AES) to support zero-emission buses and charging equipment.

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BCAG proposes to use \$200,000 in Capital Reserves Funds reserved for budgeting within Butte Regional Transit to prepare the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending the BCAG Board of Directors approve the use of Capital Reserve Funds and direct staff to pursue an agreement with a third-party non-profit consultant to prepare the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout, Implementation and Operations Plan.

Key Staff:     Jon Clark, Executive Director  
                  Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
                  Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #6





## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #6 Action

February 25, 2021

### **APPROVAL OF 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AND AIR QUALITY DETERMINATION**

**PREPARED BY:** Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

**ISSUE:** The Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination has been prepared, reviewed, and is now required to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors.

**DISCUSSION:** As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County, BCAG is required to prepare and update a FTIP document every two years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding and approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTIP also identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes. The FTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of federal transportation dollars and other resources for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system and the achievement of federal air quality standards over the next four federal fiscal years.

**The 2021 FTIP identifies approximately \$387 million in funding for 29 projects over the next four federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2020.** The attached Table 1–2021 FTIP Summary identifies the projects by agency, fiscal year, and fund source.

The 2021 FTIP was developed in consultation with required state and federal agencies, and BCAG's transportation advisory committee. Development of the FTIP has been posted at BCAG's web page, noticed in the local newspapers indicating its availability and scheduled adoption for the February 25, 2021 Board meeting. Once adopted, the BCAG Board may amend the FTIP at any time.

In addition, staff distributed the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination to the "Interagency Consultation Review" (ICR) group which included representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Caltrans, Butte County Air Quality Management District and the Air Resources Board to review BCAG's Air Quality Analysis and Determination projects and process.

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A complete FTIP Document has been posted at BCAG's webpage at:  
<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html>.

A final public workshop for final comments on the draft FTIP was held on February 16, 2021 via zoom. Staff also received comments from Caltrans and have been reflected in the final document.

The 2021 FTIP is consistent with the recent adoption of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy approved by the Board in December 2020.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** If no significant comments are received, staff requests the BCAG Board adopt the 2021 FTIP by Resolution 2020/21-09. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary technical corrections to ensure timely state and federal approval.

Key Staff: Iván García, Programming Manager  
Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO 2020/2021-09**



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**ADOPTION OF THE 2021 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 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 2021 FTIP is consistent with the metropolitan transportation planning regulations pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 450, Title 23, United States Code Section 134, and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303;

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 FTIP is consistent with the transportation system described in the current 2020 RTP/SCS;

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 FTIP is financially constrained by year and includes a financial plan that demonstrates which projects can be implemented using committed funds and affirms the availability of funding;

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 FTIP includes all regionally significant projects to be funded from local, state, or federal resources;

**WHEREAS**, projects in the 2021 FTIP satisfy the transportation conformity provisions of 40 CFR 93.122(g) and all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 including the establishment of federal performance management targets for safety, pavement and bridge conditions, reliability and congestion, and transit assets and safety in the planning region;

**WHEREAS**, for regional air quality conformity analysis and determination purposes, BCAG is relying on a previous regional emissions analysis which was prepared for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and 2019 FTIP, as the basis for 2021 FTIP conformity determination per 40 CFR 93.122(g). The 2021 FTIP conformity determination demonstrates that the projects are within the allowable emissions budget identified for Butte County and comply with the applicable requirements set for Butte County and therefore conform to the Transportation Conformity Rule as applicable to Butte County;

**WHEREAS**, Butte County does not have any required Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 FTIP satisfies the requirements by the Federal Transit Administration for the “Programming of Projects” (POP);

**WHEREAS**, BCAG developed the 2021 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association of Governments hereby adopts the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that BCAG staff is hereby directed and authorized to work with the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to make any necessary changes or corrections that may be needed to ensure the timely delivery of the FTIP to obtain its approval;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BCAG Board authorizes its staff to administratively modify/amend the 2021 FTIP as outlined in the procedures defined in the FTIP in accordance with BCAG’s Public Participation Process (PPP).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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



**TABLE 1  
2021 FTIP SUMMARY - Continued**

FY 2021/22 - Year 2													
AGENCY	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	SHOPP	SHOPP Minor	HIP	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	ATP	Totals
County	Central House Rd Ovedr Wymann Ravine Bridge	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
County	Palermo/South Oroville SRTS Project, Phase 3	1,675	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1675
County	Autrey Lane Southside Safe Routes to Schools Project	0	0	0	0			0	150	0	0	0	150
BCAG	FTA Sec. 5307 Program - B - Line	1,836	0	0	0			9,394	0	0	0	0	11230
BCAG	FTA Sec 5311 Program	900	0	0	0			3,892	0	0	0	0	4792
BCAG	FTA Section 5339 Program	589	0	0	0			1,768	0	0	0	0	2357
BCAG	FTA 5311f - Butte Regional Transit	331	0	0	0			762	0	0	0	0	1093
Caltrans	Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - SHOPP Collision Reduction Program	0	0	0	18,300			0	0	0	0	0	18300
Caltrans	SR70 Passing Lanes (Segment 2)	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Caltrans	SR 70 Passing Lanes (Segment 3)	0	8,600	8,600	31,950			0	0	0	0	0	49150
Caltrans	Grouped Projects for Emergency Repair - SHOPP Emergency Response Program	0	0	0	33,560			0	0	0	0	0	33560
Caltrans	Grouped Projects for Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation - SHOPP Roadway Preservation	0	0	0	4,690			0	0	0	0	0	4690
Chico	Guynn Rd over Lindo Channel Bridge Project	0	0	0	0			0	0	150	0	0	150
Chico	Esplanade Corridor Safety and Accessibility Improvement Project	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	6,235	6235
Gridley	Gridley Bike & Pedestrian SR 99 Corridor Facility Project	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise	Pentz Road Trailway Phase II	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise	Paradise ATP Gateway Project	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Various	Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - HBP Program	-2,813	0	0	0			0	0	3,517	0	0	704
Various	Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - HSIP Program	283	0	0	0			0	0	0	3,422	0	3705
Various	FTA 5310 Enhancement Program Group Listing - Non Infrastructure	0	0	0	0			150	0	0	0	0	150
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>88,500</b>			<b>15,966</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>6,235</b>	<b>137,941</b>
	City	-2,530	STIP	17,200	50,250	Collision		9,394	5,307				
	County	1,675				Mobility		150	5,310				
	BCAG	3,656			33,560	ER		3,892	5311				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,801</b>			<b>4,690</b>	Roadway Preservation		762	5311(F)				
								1,768	5339				
								<b>15,966</b>	<b>Totals</b>				
					<b>88,500</b>	<b>Totals</b>							

**TABLE 1  
2021 FTIP SUMMARY - Continued**

FY 2022/23 - Year 3													
AGENCY	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	SHOPP	SHOPP Minor	HIP	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	ATP	Totals
County	Central House Rd Ovedr Wymann Ravine Bridge	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Caltrans	Grouped Projects for Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation - SHOPP Roadway Preservation	0	0	0	28,200			0	0	0	0	0	28200
Chico	Guynn Rd over Lindo Channel	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Chico	SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Phase 5 - 20th Street Crossing	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	10,104	10104
Chico	Bruce Rd Bridge Replacement	7,145	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	7145
Chico	Hegan Lane Business Park Access Improvements	0	0	0	0			0	800	0	0	0	800
Gridley	Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Gridley	Gridley Bike & Pedestrian SR 99 Corridor Facility Project	200	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	200
Various	Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Various	Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - HSIP Program	1,772	0	0	0			0	0	0	4,070	0	5842
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,200</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>10,104</b>	<b>52,291</b>
	City	9,117	STIP	0		Collision			5,307				
	County					Mobility			5,310				
	BCAG					ER			5311				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,117</b>			<b>28,200</b>	Roadway Preservation			5311(F)				
						Minor			5339				
									<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>			
					<b>28,200</b>		<b>Totals</b>						



**TABLE 1  
2021 FTIP SUMMARY - Continued**

FY 2023/24 - Year 4		Dollars in thousands											Totals
AGENCY	Title	Local Funds	RIP- State	IIP- State	SHOPP	SHOPP Minor	HIP	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	ATP	Totals
County	Central House Rd Ovedr Wymann Ravine Bridge	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
County	Autrey Lane Southside Safe Routes to Schools Project	100	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	100
Caltrans	Grouped Projects for Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation - SHOPP Roadway Preservation	0	0	0	13,780			0	0	0	0	0	13780
Chico	Hegan Lane Business Park Access Improvements	11,761	0	0	0			0	1,939	0	0	0	13700
Gridley	Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access	1,335	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1335
Gridleyf	Gridley Bike & Pedestrian SR 99 Corridor Facility Project	1,800	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1800
Paradise	Pentz Road Trailway Phase II	9,270	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	9270
Paradise	Paradise ATP Gateway Project	7,975	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	7975
Paradise	Oliver Curve Class I Phase I	4,625	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	4625
Various	Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	55	0	0	0			0	0	427	0	0	482
<b>Totals</b>		<b>36,921</b>	-	-	<b>13,780</b>			-	<b>1,939</b>	<b>427</b>	-	-	<b>53,067</b>
	City	36,766	STIP	0		Collision		0	5,307				
	County	155				Mobility		0	5,310				
	BCAG					ER		0	5311				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>36,921</b>			<b>13,780</b>	Roadway Preservation		0	5311(F)				
						Minor		0	5339				
								0	<b>Totals</b>				
					<b>13,780</b>		<b>Totals</b>						
<b>2021 FTIP 4 YEAR TOTALS</b>		<b>Local Funds</b>	<b>RIP- State</b>	<b>IIP- State</b>	<b>SHOPP</b>	<b>SHOPP Minor</b>	<b>HIP</b>	<b>FTA Funds</b>	<b>CMAQ</b>	<b>HBP</b>	<b>HSIP</b>	<b>ATP</b>	<b>Totals</b>
		<b>50,637</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>231,773</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>31,931</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>387,269</b>
	City	38,744	STIP	26,800	81,490	Collision		18,787	5,307				
	County	4,580			9,857	Mobility		300	5,310				
	BCAG	7,313			91,106	ER		7,784	5311				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>50,637</b>			<b>49,320</b>	Roadway Preservation		<b>1,524</b>	<b>5311(F)</b>				
								3,536	5339				
					0			<b>31,931</b>	<b>Totals</b>				
					<b>231,773</b>		<b>Totals</b>						

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ITEM #7



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## Item #7 Information

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### SB 743 IMPLEMENTATION STUDY UPDATE

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

**ISSUE:** California's Senate Bill (SB) 743, signed in 2013, put forth a process to change the way transportation impacts are analyzed under CEQA. California's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has released guidelines recommending that Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) replace Level of Service (LOS) in analyzing transportation impacts.

**DISCUSSION:** In response to SB 743 legislation affecting member jurisdiction CEQA analyses, BCAG staff has initiated the development of the *BCAG SB 743 Implementation Study* for the Butte County region. The purpose of the study is to provide guidelines for implementation of SB 743 in the region, with the goal of providing member jurisdictions and CEQA lead agencies with data, planning methods, and applicable travel demand management (TDM) strategies for the transition to VMT as the preferred transportation analysis metric required under SB 743.

#### Background

On September 27, 2013, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 743 into law and started a process intended to change transportation impact analysis as part of CEQA compliance. These changes include elimination of auto delay, level of service (LOS), and other similar measures of vehicular capacity or traffic congestion as a basis for determining significant impacts for land use projects. Further, parking impacts will not be considered significant impacts on the environment for select development projects within infill areas served by frequent transit service. According to the legislative intent contained in SB 743, these changes to current practice were necessary to, "*More appropriately balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to infill development, promotion of public health through active transportation, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.*" This includes better aligning CEQA with the state's climate and air quality goals, including California's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively.

As of July 1, 2020, lead agencies, under CEQA, must select VMT analysis methodologies, establish VMT thresholds for transportation impacts, and determine what mitigation strategies are most feasible for land use development projects.

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### BCAG SB 743 Implementation Study

The roll-out of SB 743 implementation by the state has generally been unclear and has led to confusion by many lead agencies. This study is intended to help provide clarity and identify a variety of implementation tools for member jurisdictions and other CEQA lead agencies in the region to use when establishing their own thresholds and measures to meet the requirements of SB 743.

BCAG staff is coordinating the development of the study with consultants Fehr and Peers, and BCAG member jurisdiction planning and public works staff and legal counsel. Additional public outreach per BCAG's Public Participation Plan will occur during the development of the study as well. A project schedule is included in *Table 1* below. The primary products to be developed and shared with BCAG member jurisdictions and other CEQA lead agencies as part of the study include:

- Overview of SB 743 Requirements and Review of Existing Plans and Policies
- Development of Potential Baseline VMT Methodologies and Data
- Development of Case Study Evaluations
- Identification of Potential VMT Thresholds
- Determine Applicable VMT Mitigation Measures Including Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies
- Develop Web Application Screening Tool for use by Local Lead Agencies

A project kick-off meeting was held in late January with BCAG member jurisdiction planning and public works staff and legal counsel. The study will be completed in June 2021 and presented to the BCAG Board at the June 24, 2021 meeting. A project website has been created to provide information on the project and make materials available to the public. A link to the site is provided below.

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/SB-743-Implementation-Study/index.html>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for the Board's information only.

Key Staff: Chris Devine, Planning Manager  
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Jon Clark, Executive Director



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### **BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT (B-LINE) QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT for 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2020/21 FY**

**PREPARED BY:** Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

**ISSUE:** Staff is presenting key financial and statistical results for Butte Regional Transit for the second quarter of fiscal year 20/21.

**DISCUSSION:** The attached tables present a summary of key financial and operation results for Butte Regional Transit. Financial data presentation compares second quarter results to the annual budget and to the prior year quarter. Operations tables represent a performance-based assessment in comparison to the same quarter of the prior fiscal year. The measures of revenue, expense, ridership, vehicle revenue hours and passengers per vehicle revenue hour are broken down by the four types of service – fixed route and paratransit: urban and rural. This separation helps to define where improvements and/or issues are taking place. Accidents and complaints, gauging safety and customer satisfaction, are analyzed for the system as a whole.

In comparing operations to the prior year, the greatest difference is the effect of the pandemic. The second quarter of 2019/20 was the last full quarter unaffected by declines in ridership due to the COVID-19 virus. The reduction in ridership has had a significant impact on fare revenues in all systems, especially the on-demand paratransit systems. In addition, the California State University Chico renegotiated their contract from a flat fee based on past years level of ridership to a current ridership basis, which reduces the annual fixed route fares by more than \$300,000.

While the overall loss of fares will prevent each system from meeting the farebox ratios for the year, the California Assembly passed a bill that forgoes the Transportation Development Act (TDA) requirement for 2021. Additionally, there remains federal CARES Act funding and possibly CRRSA Act funding to cover loss of revenue in transit.

Fixed route budgeted service hours for the year were reduced only slightly to account for certain routes that service the university areas. The budgeted service for paratransit was reduced by roughly 30% for rural paratransit and 15% for urban paratransit.

**Rural Fixed Route** is currently operating at a farebox ratio of 8.8%. Ridership for the quarter was down 56.7% from prior year quarter, while service hours are down 4.6%. Fare revenue is down 45% from the prior year. Operating costs are close to budget expectations at 46% of annual budget.

**Urban Fixed Route** is currently operating at a farebox ratio of 6.6%. Ridership for the quarter was down 71.7% from prior year quarter, while service hours are down 7.1%. Fare revenue is down 66% from the prior year. Operating costs are lower than budget expectations at 44% of annual budget.

**Rural Paratransit** is currently operating at a farebox ratio of 4.9%. Ridership for the quarter was down 53.3% from prior year quarter, while service hours are down 32.1%. Fare revenue is down 65% from the prior year. Operating costs are lower than budget expectations at 41% of annual budget.

**Urban Paratransit** is currently operating at a farebox ratio of 6.0%. Ridership for the quarter was down 67.5% from prior year quarter, while service hours are down 51.0%. Fare revenue is down 68% from the prior year. Operating costs are significantly lower than budget expectations at 32% of annual budget.

**Overall** – There were no accidents in the 337,832 miles driven in the quarter. The established standard is one accident for every 80,000 miles. There were 3 complaints in the quarter which is within reason for the number of passengers served.

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

Key Staff:     Jim Peplow, Senior Planner  
                  Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer



Butte Regional Transit  
2nd Quarter Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2020/21

	Rural Fixed Route					Urban Fixed Route				
	19/20 Actual to Date	% of 19/20 Budget	20/21 Annual Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	19/20 Actual to Date	% of 19/20 Budget	20/21 Annual Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget
Passenger Fares	\$ 227,799	44%	\$ 371,037	\$ 125,708	34%	\$ 386,561	45%	\$ 589,443	\$ 130,796	22%
Other Income	\$ 725,188	31%	\$ 2,741,001	\$ 534,286	19%	\$ 745,006	22%	\$ 3,861,005	\$ 367,475	10%
Total Income	<u>\$ 952,987</u>	33%	<u>\$ 3,112,038</u>	<u>\$ 659,994</u>	21%	<u>\$ 1,131,567</u>	27%	<u>\$ 4,450,448</u>	<u>\$ 498,271</u>	11%
Services & Supplies	\$ 1,214,383	46%	\$ 2,861,838	\$ 1,318,043	46%	\$ 2,053,199	50%	\$ 4,317,008	\$ 1,922,244	45%
Admin Charges	\$ 177,869	71%	\$ 250,200	\$ 102,500	41%	\$ 94,863	71%	\$ 133,440	\$ 54,667	41%
Total Expense	<u>\$ 1,392,252</u>	48%	<u>\$ 3,112,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,543</u>	46%	<u>\$ 2,148,062</u>	51%	<u>\$ 4,450,448</u>	<u>\$ 1,976,911</u>	44%
Farebox Ratio	<u>16.4%</u>		<u>11.9%</u>	<u>8.8%</u>		<u>18.0%</u>		<u>13.2%</u>	<u>6.6%</u>	
Revenue Hours	11,220		22,384	10,919	49%	22,391		42,409	21,331	50%
Annual Passengers	112,040			54,027	(58,013)	369,345			133,138	(236,207)
Annual Pass/Rev Hr	10.0			4.9		16.5			6.2	

Notes:

Other Income includes: Payments from jurisdictions, FTA grants, Interest, Proceeds from Sales, other miscellaneous income.

~Jurisdiction revenue can vary due to timing of booking carryover credits.

~FTA grant revenue is booked at year end and cash comes in the following fiscal year.

Service & Supplies include: Payments to Contactor, Fuel, Insurance, Maintenance, Marketing, and other minor expenses.

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	Rural Paratransit					Urban Paratransit				
	19/20 Actual to Date	% of 19/20 Budget	20/21 Annual Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	19/20 Actual to Date	% of 19/20 Budget	20/21 Annual Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget
Passenger Fares	\$ 43,984	51%	\$ 44,000	\$ 15,535	35%	\$ 128,347	54%	\$ 114,688	\$ 41,697	36%
Other Income	\$ 442,512	57%	\$ 728,427	\$ 658,540	90%	\$ 722,172	36%	\$ 2,057,424	\$ 506,263	25%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 486,496</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>\$ 772,427</b>	<b>\$ 674,075</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>\$ 850,519</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>\$ 2,172,112</b>	<b>\$ 547,960</b>	<b>25%</b>
Services & Supplies	\$ 389,778	46%	\$ 754,287	\$ 311,172	41%	\$ 1,170,307	54%	\$ 2,107,892	\$ 672,423	32%
Admin Charges	\$ 5,329	60%	\$ 18,140	\$ 6,117	34%	\$ 42,039	59%	\$ 64,220	\$ 21,051	33%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 395,107</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>\$ 772,427</b>	<b>\$ 317,289</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,346</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>\$ 2,172,112</b>	<b>\$ 693,474</b>	<b>32%</b>
Farebox Ratio	11.1%		5.7%	4.9%		10.6%		5.3%	6.0%	
Revenue Hours	4,781		8,000	3,175	40%	14,358		22,400	6,671	30%
Annual Passengers	15,896			7,219	(8,677)	50,183			15,759	(34,424)
Annual Pass/Rev Hr	3.3			2.3		3.5			2.4	

Notes:

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**B-Line Operating Data**  
**FY 2020/21 - Second Quarter**

**RURAL FIXED ROUTE**

Quarter	Passengers			Vehicle Revenue Hours			Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change
1st	57,048	30,217	-47.0%	5,609	5,566	-0.8%	10.2	5.4	-46.6%
2nd	54,992	23,810	-56.7%	5,611	5,353	-4.6%	9.8	4.4	-54.6%
3rd	41,396			5,611			7.4		
4th	23,224			5,273			4.4		

**URBAN FIXED ROUTE**

Quarter	Passengers			Vehicle Revenue Hours			Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change
1st	171,680	77,288	-55.0%	10,884	10,645	-2.2%	15.8	7.3	-54.0%
2nd	197,665	55,850	-71.7%	11,507	10,686	-7.1%	17.2	5.2	-69.6%
3rd	139,596			11,309			12.3		
4th	46,501			9,791			4.7		

**RURAL PARATRANSIT**

Quarter	Passengers			Vehicle Revenue Hours			Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change
1st	8,138	3,596	-55.8%	2,442	1,587	-35.0%	3.3	2.3	-32.0%
2nd	7,758	3,623	-53.3%	2,339	1,588	-32.1%	3.3	2.3	-31.2%
3rd	6,780			2,236			3.0		
4th	3,365			1,358			2.5		

**URBAN PARATRANSIT**

Quarter	Passengers			Vehicle Revenue Hours			Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change	19/20	20/21	change
1st	25,414	7,710	-69.7%	7,273	3,198	-56.0%	3.5	2.4	-31.0%
2nd	24,769	8,049	-67.5%	7,085	3,473	-51.0%	3.5	2.3	-33.7%
3rd	21,621			6,560			3.3		
4th	6,037			3,094			2.0		

**PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS**

Qtr-FY	Accidents	Miles	Ratio (1 per x)
2-20/21	0	337,832	n/a
1-20/21	0	337,879	n/a
4-19/20	0	285,954	n/a
3-19/20	3	353,705	117,901

**VALID PASSENGER COMPLAINTS**

Complaint	Rides	Ratio (1 per x)
3	91,332	30,443
8	118,811	14,850
1	79,127	79,126
5	209,360	41,871

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## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #9 Information

February 25, 2021

### 2022 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

**PREPARED BY:** Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

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

**DISCUSSION:** In Butte County, the UTN process entails a comprehensive public outreach program culminating in the public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. For thirty days before the public hearing, testimony is solicited regarding perceived unmet transit needs that may be reasonable to meet. The purpose of this process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

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

The public hearing is set for March 25, 2021 before the BCAG Board of Directors at its normally scheduled time. Please see Attachment 1 for the notice which has been published in the local newspapers, posted on B-Line’s website and Facebook page, and posted in each of the B-Line buses.

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

Key Staff: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner  
Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager  
Victoria Proctor, Administrative Assistant

## IS B-LINE TAKING YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO GO?

Butte County Association of Governments is requesting comments from the public on unmet transit needs. Members of the public are invited to submit comments by mail, email, phone, internet or via Zoom at our public hearing. For consideration in the 2021/22 Transit Needs Assessment comments need to be received by Thursday, March 25, 2021.

All testimony received is given equal consideration.

- **Mail** – 326 Huss Dr, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928
- **Email** – [jpeplow@bcag.org](mailto:jpeplow@bcag.org)
- **Phone** – (530) 809-4616, ex. 1
- **Web Page** – on the B-Line Web site ([www.blinetransit.com](http://www.blinetransit.com)) fill out the Comment Form (type UTN as the subject)
- **Public Hearing at BCAG Board Meeting** - Thursday, March 25, 2021, 9:00 am ~ Zoom link available the week before

Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021

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