

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2022

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

January 27, 2022
9:00 a.m.



BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100
Chico, CA 95928

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

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 Calendar Year

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2021, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Victoria**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

5. Approval of Resolution #2021/22-07 For Accepting Advanced Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Funds (Attachment) – **Chris**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6. Update on North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan (Attachment) – **Chris**
7. Update on BCAG Public Participation Plan – (Attachment) - **Ivan**
8. Update on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Plan (Attachment) – **Sara**
9. Update on Zero Emissions Vehicle Rollout Plan and Underground Infrastructure for Electric Transit Vehicle Charging (Attachment) - **Andy**

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.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (Item will be sent separately)

11. Public Employee Annual Evaluation – (Government Code 54957)
Executive Director

ADJOURNMENT

12. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday February 24, 2022, **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.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #4



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
DECEMBER 9, 2021**

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Bigg
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Ivan Garcia	Programming Specialist
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Lance Atencio, Transdev
Carlos Diaz, DFA LLC
Tyson Pardee
Bill LaGrone, City of Oroville

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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of Amendment #3 to the 2021/22 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget**
- 5. Approval of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Blended Farebox Ratio for Transit Operator**

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

6: Approval of BCAG Post-Retirement Health Benefits Plan

Staff presented the Board with a proposed amendment to the Staff policies and retirement health benefits plan. The original plan that was created in 2006 and adopted by the Board with Resolution #2006/07-01. This plan was created when there were no retirees on the horizon for Staff. That situation has now changed, and Staff re-evaluated the retirement health benefit plan with that in mind.

The actuary who helped Staff come up with alternative options for this health benefit, Mr. Carlos Diaz of DFA, LLC, was on hand to answer specific questions about the design study and the options that were reviewed with management. There was general conversation between Staff and the Board about the changes to the plan, and eligibility requirements for Staff. Specifically, the Board wanted to confirm that all Staff are eligible for this benefit, not just certain classifications of employee. The Board also wanted to clarify how this plan would interact with Medi-Care once the retiree reaches age 65. This is considered supplemental insurance to Medi-Care and the retiree would still need to apply to Medi-Care at the appropriate time.

On motion by Board Member Kimmelshue and seconded by Board Member Calderon, the BCAG Post-Retirement Health Benefits Plan and Resolution # 2021/22-06 was unanimously approved.

7: Adoption of 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Staff is required to prepare, and the Board is required to adopt, a Regional Transportation Improvement Program by December 15, 2021 for the 2022 State

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Transportation Improvement Program. Staff presented the Board with the 2022 RTIP for review and adoption.

There was general discussion about the contents of the RTIP, with special note being taken that this is the first one that is being presented for adoption without programming for Highway 70, as that project has been fully programmed for the widening between Oroville and Marysville. This RTIP focuses heavily on bicycle and pedestrian safety, which keeps it in line with what the State is focusing on at this time.

On motion by Board Member Jones and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the Board unanimously adopted the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

8: Approval of Authorization for Executive Director to Sign Consultant Agreement with AECOM for Preparation of the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan

Staff asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director to sign a consultant agreement with AECOM in order to complete the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan. Several consultants were interviewed for this plan, and AECOM was chosen due to their experience in the area and with similar projects. This study will identify costs for operation, maintenance, track improvements on the existing Union Pacific rail lines, as well as passenger rail stations, parking lots, and other needed improvements for passenger rail to be extended back again into Butte County.

There was general conversation between Staff and the Board regarding the project and projected timeline. Staff assured the Board that regular updates will be given so that the Board can be involved every step of the way. The Board expressed excitement at the prospect of connecting our region to other areas using public transit.

On motion by Board Member Kimmelshue and seconded by Board Member Lucero, approval was unanimously granted for the Executive Director to sign the consultant agreement with AECOM for preparation of the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan.

9: Approval of MAP-21 Performance Measures- Safety (PM-1) 2022

Staff presented the safety measures established by Caltrans and the State for Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for review and consideration. Staff reviewed the State performance measures, which place a new and stronger emphasis on measuring and monitoring the performance of the transportation system. Caltrans established these performance targets for calendar year 2022 on August 31, 2021 and gave MPOs six months to either agree and plan and program projects to help meet the statewide target, or to create their own targets.

There was general conversation between Staff and the Board regarding the targets and historical safety data shown. Staff recommended that the Board adopt the statewide targets as set by Caltrans.

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On motion by Board Member Calderon and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the MAP-21 Performance measures -Safety (PM-1) 2022 was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10: 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

Staff updated the Board on the progress of the 2020 RTP/SCS. The current iteration was adopted by the Board in December of 2020. Since adoption, Staff has been coordinating with CARB staff in completing the review of the RTP/SCS. CARB has let Staff know that they cannot recommend acceptance based on certain issues identified within the document.

There was general discussion with the Board and Staff regarding what the holdup is on acceptance by CARB, as well as how those issues can be addressed. It was asked what consequences there will be if CARB doesn't accept the RTP/SCS. Staff clarified that we are working actively to correct the issues they found, and consequences will only arise if they take action to reject the document rather than just fail to approve it.

This item was presented for information purposed only.

11: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) 1st Quarter 2021/22 Report

Staff provides regular updates on the operation of Butte Regional Transit (the B-Line) for the Board. Staff presented the quarterly report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2021/22, which covers July-September 2021.

There was general discussion between Staff and the Board regarding the current state of the B-Line and farebox recovery. Several bills were passed by the California State Assembly to waive the current farebox recovery requirements by the TDA until the end of FY 2022/23. Due to the on-going nature of the pandemic, we are now showing ridership increases across the board from last year at this time, however we're still far below where ridership was historically.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

The Executive Director recognized employee Jim Peplow, Senior Transit Planner, for nearly 27 years of service. Mr. Peplow's retire date is December 30, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk

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ITEM #5



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Item #5 Action

January 27, 2022

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2021/22-07 FOR ACCEPTING ADVANCED ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT FUNDS

PREPARED BY: Chris Devine, Planning Manager

ISSUE: A resolution is required to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors in order to receive a 10% advanced allocation of Regional Early Action Planning grant funds (REAP 2.0).

DISCUSSION: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in partnership with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and California Air Resources Board (CARB) released the application for REAP 2.0 advance applications for Metropolitan Planning Organizations on January 3, 2022. REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million state and federal funding program to advance implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and implementation activities that accelerate infill housing and reductions in per capita VMT. This program builds on the 2019 Regional Early Action Planning grant program (REAP 1.0) in which BCAG received \$860,400.

Under REAP 2.0, an additional \$2,944,762 in funding will be allocated to BCAG, with a deadline of June 2026 for funds to be expended. BCAG expects to utilize the funding to advance implementation of its Sustainable Communities Strategy, along with suballocating portions of the funding to eligible entities including BCAG member jurisdictions and tribal governments.

The advanced funding under REAP 2.0 will be utilized by BCAG staff to initiate work on the grant program and develop and accelerate the implementation grant requirements including regional engagement, education and outreach, and determination of projects to fund under the full REAP 2.0 application. The full application and guidelines for the remaining 90% of funding is expected to be released by HCD later in 2022.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting the BCAG Board approve resolution #2021/22-07 for accepting advanced allocation of REAP 2.0 grant funds.

Key Staff: Chris Devine, Planning Manager
Jon Clark, Executive Director



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2021/2022-07**



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
CONSENTING TO ADOPT AND RATIFY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

The Board of Directors of the Butte County Association of Governments (“BCAG” or “Applicant”) hereby consents to, adopts and ratifies the following resolution:

- A. *WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to provide up to \$510,000,000 to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government (“Applicant”) listed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08, subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) under the Regional Early Action Planning grants program (REAP 2.0), as detailed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08-10.*

- B. *WHEREAS the State of California (the “State”), Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued a Notice and Request for Advance Allocation on January 3, 2022 for REAP 2.0 grants available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government;*

- C. *WHEREAS Applicant is a Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council of Government eligible to submit a Request for Advance Allocation pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08(c)(3) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1) including, but not limited to, regional engagement in the development of the full application and of an education and outreach strategy.*

- D. *WHEREAS the Department shall approve the advance allocation request, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, Guidelines, NOFAs, Program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and REAP 2.0 Grant Recipients;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. *The Butte County Association of Governments is hereby authorized and directed to request an advance allocation not to exceed \$294,476 (up to 10% of the amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.07(a) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.09(a)).*

- 2. *The Executive Director is authorized to execute the Advance Allocation Request, on behalf of BCAG as required by the Department for receipt of REAP 2.0 funds.*

- 3. *When BCAG receives an advance allocation of REAP 2.0 funds in the authorized amount of \$294,476 from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Advanced Allocation Request, it represents and certifies that it will use all such*

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3. *When BCAG receives an advance allocation of REAP 2.0 funds in the authorized amount of \$294,476 from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Advanced Allocation Request, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1), as approved by the Department and in accordance with all REAP 2.0 requirements, guidelines, all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and the Standard Agreement executed by and between the Applicant [Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Council of Government] and the Department.*

4. *BCAG is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement for the amount of \$294,476 and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the REAP 2.0 Advance Allocation, BCAG's obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 27th day of January 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Item #6 Information

January 27, 2022

UPDATE ON NORTH VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STRATEGIC PLAN

PREPARED BY: Chris Devine, Planning Manager

ISSUE: BCAG was awarded \$500,000 in Caltrans grant funds in June 2021 to study expanding passenger rail service from the Sacramento area to Butte County.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this item is to provide the BCAG Board of Directors with an update on the study. After receiving the Notice to Proceed from Caltrans in September, BCAG conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October 2021, retaining AECOM to assist in the development of the study. A project kick-off meeting was held in early January with AECOM and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) staff to initiate work on the study. A schedule has been developed and is included in **Attachment #1**.

Initial work on the study will include establishing a public outreach process to receive input from key groups including city councils and boards within the study area, city and county planning staff, stakeholders, and the general public, including disadvantaged communities. Two rounds of public workshops will be held during study development, as well as pop-up events in disadvantaged communities. Meetings with stakeholders and key groups are expected to occur as main deliverables are developed and held primarily via virtual meetings. Key deliverables will be reviewed with the BCAG Board throughout study development.

The initial planning phase of the study commenced this month and will continue into February with the determination of initial service and operating assumptions. These will include initial station locations, initial layover and light maintenance facility locations, initial service levels and configuration, initial passenger rail service schedule, and consideration of bus connections. This information will form the basis of inputs needed for rail network operations modeling to be conducted by Caltrans for inclusion into a rail network operation modeling tool that is consistent with the State Rail Plan for analysis. Through the model, Caltrans will identify train needs and capacity constraints based on the proposed service levels, verify run times for the conceptual timetable, and confirm the feasibility of the initial operations plan. The model will also help in defining future service patterns or alternatives for further consideration.

Based on the information gathered from Caltrans' modeling work, BCAG will work with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) to develop an operations simulation model using UP's RTC

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modeling tool to test for the optimal operating patterns and identify required physical improvements to handle the proposed service. RTC simulates real-world train operations by resolving conflicts between opposing trains based on priority. These simulations will identify track capacity improvements required to operate each of the route options (to Oroville and to Chico), including construction of new sidings, or second main track segments, lengthening of existing sidings, realigning curves, and reconstructing track. BCAG and AECOM staff will coordinate with UP on the improvements to incorporate into the project that will provide the capacity needed for the passenger rail service envisioned in the initial operating plan, but also to maintain or enhance UP operations.

Following completion of modeling by UP, remaining study tasks will be completed including:

- Development of conceptual plans of improvements required by UP
- Final operating and capital improvements and costs
- Final conceptual timetable and preferred station locations
- Fare structure and pricing plan
- Ridership and revenue forecasts
- Financing plan
- Draft plan
- Final plan

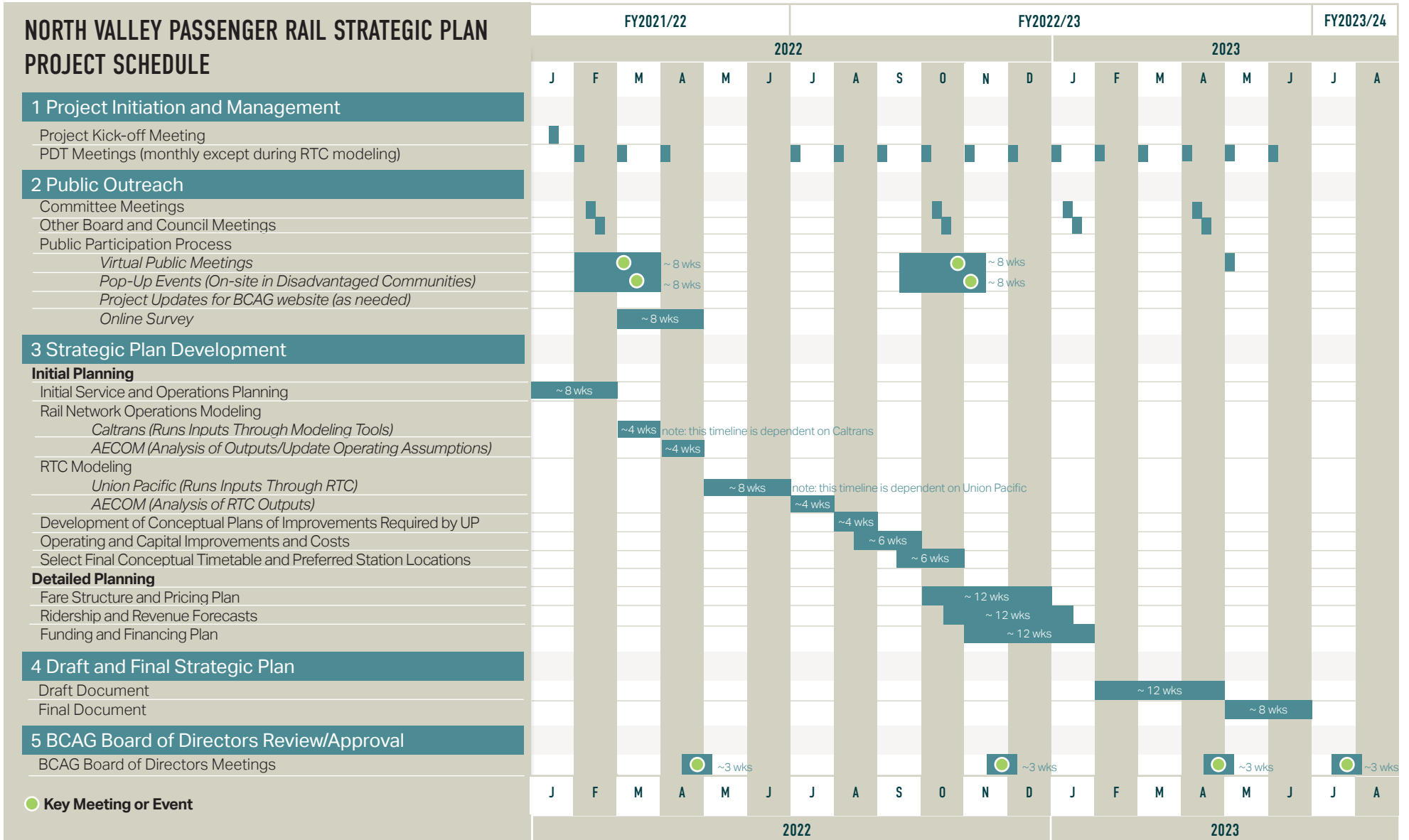
As noted in the attached project schedule, final completion date for the study is expected towards August 2023. A project website has also been established at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/North-Valley-Passenger-Rail-Strategic-Plan/index.html>. All project documents and related information will be posted here as the study is developed.

Staff will keep the Board informed as this project moves forward.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented as information only.

Key Staff: Chris Devine, Planning Manager
Jon Clark, Executive Director
Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

Attachment #1 - Project Schedule



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UPDATE on BCAG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to review and update the Public Participation Plan (PPP) prior to the development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainability Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

DISCUSSION: The current PPP was last updated in 2019. The 2022 update will document current guidance from the state and federal government on acceptable or recommended public outreach and engagement practices. Updates to the PPP will be done in consultation with BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the respective state and federal agencies. Anticipated changes may include documenting social distancing recommendations and remote participation methods such as Zoom meetings.

Staff will conduct an open house style public workshop with social distancing measures in place as well as offer remote access via a Zoom meeting in February 2022. The workshop(s) will be noticed in the local newspapers, posted online at BCAG's website, and posted on the B-Line system. The current PPP is posted on BCAG's website at: <http://www.bcag.org/Resources/Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html>.

Staff will present the updated PPP at the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting for approval. Once adopted, the BCAG Board may amend the PPP at any time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

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Item #8 Information

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UPDATE ON NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is updating the Board on the progress of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Plan.

DISCUSSION: BCAG is completing the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Plan to investigate and provide feasible solutions/alternatives available to individuals not qualifying for ADA or Dial-a-Ride service in Butte County.

BCAG began working with its consultant, AMMA Transit Planning, in August 2021. To better understand the types, scope, and distribution of need for NEMT, BCAG recently completed an online survey, met with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), and interviewed key stakeholders. Board Member Ritter provided a comprehensive list of social service representatives that were contacted as part of the outreach process.

Survey Results

In November 2021, BCAG released an online survey to collect information about NEMT need, healthcare destinations and travel patterns, and heard from 375 individuals. The survey was posted on all B-Line buses, transit centers, social media pages, emailed to key stakeholders, and published in the Chico Enterprise Record, Paradise Post, and the Gridley Herald.

Notable findings from the survey are as follows:

- Over 20% of respondents have used B-Line fixed route or Paratransit for medical trips.
- Almost half the respondents do not drive/have a drivers license.
- 22% of respondents travel outside of Butte County for medical trips, and of that group, more than half are a few times a year.
- 52% of respondents have missed a medical trip due to transportation.

BCAG also received a comprehensive patient encounter dataset from Adventist Feather River Health Center including 42,000 patient encounters in 2020. BCAG requested similar information from Enloe Medical Center, Oroville Hospital, and Orchard Hospital.

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Paired with B-Line Paratransit trip data, BCAG will work with AMMA to further analyze this data to develop potential alternatives.

Next Steps

To consider responsive and cost-effective service models for NEMT in Butte County, BCAG and AMMA will develop potential alternatives and share with key stakeholders to arrive at some consensus as to preferred option(s). BCAG will present these findings to the Board in early spring.

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

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

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UPDATE ON ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLE ROLLOUT PLAN AND UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ELECTRIC TRANSIT VEHICLE CHARGING

PREPARED BY: Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

ISSUE: BCAG is continuing with the preparation of a Zero Emissions Vehicle Rollout Plan and has begun construction of the underground infrastructure for charging electric transit vehicles.

DISCUSSION: In April of 2021, BCAG entered into an agreement with the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) to develop a Zero Emissions Vehicle/Bus (ZEV) Rollout Plan. The plan is a required document by the California Air Resources Board to be completed by June 30, 2023. Staff is on track to have the Plan completed and will bring before the BCAG Board of Directors to adopt by June of 2022.

Tasks completed thus far are assessments of our existing fleet, maintenance, services and fueling and developing scenarios of transitioning these items to a mixed fleet of ZEVs utilizing electric and hydrogen while also maintaining some Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles. Next steps are to finalize and complete a Master Plan for submittal to the CARB.

On December 27th, 2021, construction began on the underground portion of the electric charging infrastructure in the Transit Corporate Yard. Construction of the underground is expected to be completed by the end of March 2022. Next steps are to coordinate with PG&E for extended services to the infrastructure as well as beginning the planning for the acquisition of chargers and buses to begin charging buses on site in the Fall of 2023.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

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