

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 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

February 24, 2022
9:00 a.m.



BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100
Chico, CA 95928

[BCAG BOARD MEETING LIVE](#)

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5143 2955 **Password:** 155838
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 January 27, 2022, BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Ashley**
4. Approval of Resolution 2021/22-09 Authorizing the Federal Funding Under FTA Section 5310 (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) with the California Department of Transportation (Attachment) – **Sara**
5. Approval of Resolution 2021/22-11 to Implement Teleconferencing Requirements During a Proclaimed State of Emergency – **Victoria**
6. Approval of Resolution 2021/22-12 Adopting 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave – **Cheryl**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

7. Acceptance of BCAG Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits for the Cities, Town & County for the Year Ending June 30, 2021 (Attachment) – **Julie**

8. 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 (Attachment) - **Sara**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9. Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) 2nd Quarter 2021/22 Report (Attachment) – **Victoria**
10. 2023 Unmet Transit Needs Process– (Attachment) – **Victoria**
11. Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan Final Update– (Attachment) – **Sara**

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

12. 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

13. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday March 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.

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #3

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
January 27, 2022**

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

Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Bigg
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Specialist
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Victoria Proctor	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Mike Garzoli	Facilities Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Lance Atencio, Transdev
City of Biggs
Dennis Brooks, AMMA

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Jeannie Schroeder, Mains'l
Bill LaGrone, City of Oroville
Valerie Mackintosh, AMMA

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

Board Member Kimmelshue nominated Board Member Jones for Chair, this was seconded by Board Member Reynolds and was unanimously approved by the board.

Board Member Kimmelshue nominated Board Member K. Reynolds for Vice Chair, this was seconded by Board Member Ritter and was unanimously approved by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5. Approval of Resolution 2021/22-08 to Implement Teleconferencing Requirements During a Proclaimed State of Emergency.**

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

6: Approval of Resolution #2021/22-07 For Accepting Advanced Allocation of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Funds

Staff informed the Board that advanced allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funds are now available. Staff requested that the Board sign a resolution to accept the advanced allocation. These funds of \$2,944,762 have a deadline of June 2026 to be expended. Staff expects to use them on the advance implementation of the SCS along with suballocating portions of the funding to eligible entities. There was general discussion between Staff and the Board regarding the uses of these funds and applicable projects.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, Resolution #2021/22-07 was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Update on North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan

Staff informed Board regarding update of North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan. Initial study will include establishing public outreach along with public workshops and pop-up events. Key deliverables will be reviewed with the Board throughout study development.

Initial planning of the study commenced January 2022 and will continue into February 2022 with determination of initial service and operating assumptions. The information will form the basis of inputs needed for rail network operations modeling to be conducted for inclusion into a rail network modeling tool that is consistent with the State Rail Plan. The model will help in defining future service patterns or alternatives for further consideration.

This item was presented for information.

8: Update on BCAG Public Participation Plan

Staff informed Board that an update of the current PPP will be required prior to the development of the 2024 RTP/SCS.

The current PPP was last updated in 2019. Current guidance from the state and federal government on acceptable or recommended public outreach and engagement practices will be documented in the updated 2022 PPP. PPP update will be in done in consultation with BCAG's TAC and the respective state and federal agencies. Changes may include social distancing and remote participation recommendations.

Staff will present the updated PPP at the March 24,2022 Board Meeting for approval.

This item was presented for information.

9: Update on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Plan

Staff updated the Board on the progress of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Plan. BCAG is completing the NEMT plan to investigate and provide solutions/alternatives available to individuals that do not qualify for ADA or Dial-A-Ride services in Butte County.

BCAG began working with AMMA Transit Planning in August 2021. Board member Ritter provided a list of social service representatives that were contacted as part of the outreach process.

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BCAG released an online survey to collect information about NEMT need in November 2021 with a response from 375 individuals. BCAG also received a comprehensive patient encounter dataset from Adventist Feather River Health Center and requested similar information from Enloe Medical Center, Oroville Hospital, and Orchard Hospital.

This item is presented for information.

10: Update on Zero Emissions Vehicle Rollout Plan and Underground Infrastructure for Electric Transit Vehicle Charging

Staff informed Board that BCAG will continue preparation of a Zero Emissions Vehicle Rollout Plan and construction of the underground infrastructure, for charging electric transit vehicles, has begun.

In April 2021 BCAG entered into an agreement with CTE to develop a ZEV rollout plan. The plan is to be completed by June 30, 2023 and staff will bring the plan before the Board to adopt by June 2022.

Construction began on the underground portion of the electric charging infrastructure in the Transit Corporate Yard on December 27, 2021 and is expected to be completed by end of March 2022.

This item is presented for information only.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items from the floor.

CLOSED SESSION

12: Public Employee Annual Evaluation (Government Code 54957)

After adjourning to a closed session, the Board members reconvened, and Chair Jones announced that the Executive Director's 2021 Personnel Evaluation has been unanimously approved during said closed session. No additional comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #4



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #4 Consent

February 24, 2022

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021/22-09 AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5310) WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

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. These funds, if awarded, will apply to B-Line's FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24 budgets.

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. 2021/22-09 for the proposed FTA Section 5310 Application for Butte County.

Key Staff: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer
Jon Clark, Executive Director
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2021/2022-09**



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C.
SECTION 5310) WITH 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 or Deputy 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 or Deputy 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 Associate Senior Planner 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 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 24th day of February 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

JODY JONES, 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 #5



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #5 Consent

February 24, 2022

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021/22-11 TO IMPLEMENT TELECONFRENCING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is seeking Board approval of Resolution 2021/22-11 to implement teleconferencing requirements for BCAG's Board meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency, in order to amend the teleconferencing requirements from the Brown Act under AB 361.

DISCUSSION: BCAG is a legislative body whose meetings are covered by the Brown Act of 1953, which requires that all meetings be made in such a way that members of the public can attend and participate if desired. The Brown Act allows for teleconferencing but imposes specific guidelines around doing so.

In March 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order No. N-29-20, which first suspended the Act's requirements about teleconferencing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This suspension was extended in June 2021, but that suspension came to an end on September 30, 2021.

The Brown Act was formally amended on September 16, 2021 with AB 361 so that local agencies may use teleconferencing without complying with the regular requirements, when that meeting takes place during a proclaimed state of emergency and specific findings are made by that legislative board. Government Code section 54953 requires that this finding be made every 30 days in order to suspend the teleconferencing requirements set forth in the Brown Act.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting that the Board approve Resolution 2021/22-11 to Implement Teleconferencing Requirements During a Proclaimed State of Emergency.

Key Staff: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager
Jon Clark, Executive Director
Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2021-22-11**



RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS DURING A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that any person may attend and participate in such meetings;

WHEREAS, the Brown Act allows for legislative bodies to hold meetings by teleconference, but imposes specific requirements for doing so;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in order to address the need for public meetings during the present public health emergency, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-29-20, suspending the Act's teleconferencing requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-8-21, continuing the suspension of the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, these Executive Orders allowed legislative bodies to meet virtually as long as certain notice and accessibility requirements were met; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature amended the Brown Act through Assembly Bill No. 361 (AB 361) on September 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 amended the Brown Act so that a local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the regular teleconferencing requirements of the Act, where the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and makes certain findings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953 requires that the legislative body make additional findings every 30 days in order to continue such teleconferencing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Governing Board of the Butte County Association of Governments (Board) hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporates them by this reference.
2. The Board finds, by a majority vote, the following:
 - a. That there exists a proclaimed state of emergency; and
 - b. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

3. The Board and any of its committees, joint committees, ad hoc groups, and staff is authorized to take all steps and perform all actions necessary to execute and implement this Resolution in compliance with Government Code section 54953.

4. This Resolution shall take effect February 24, 2022 and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days thereafter (until March 25, 2022), provided the conditions set forth in Section 2 remain.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Butte County Association of Governments this 24th day of February 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

JODY JONES, 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 #6



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Consent

February 24, 2022

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021/22-12 ADOPTING 2022 COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE

PREPARED BY: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager

ISSUE: California Governor, Gavin Newsom signed the 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Bill on February 9, 2022 that is retroactive to January 1, 2022 for COVID related employee time off.

DISCUSSION: The [Senate Bill \(SB\) 114](#), which creates new Labor Code section 248.6 applies to BCAG employees to be used to care for family members. *Family member* is defined to include a child, grandchild, grandparent, parent, sibling, or spouse.

Employees who are unable to work or telework can use the new California Paid Sick Leave (CPSL) for the following reasons, which are more numerous than reasons employees could use California CPSL in 2021 (language in bold reflects the new 2022 CPSL use reasons):

- Employee is subject to a quarantine or isolation period related to COVID-19 as defined by federal, state, or local orders or guidance.
- Employee is advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine **or isolate** due to concerns related to COVID-19.
- Employee **or family member** is attending an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine **or booster**.
- Employee **or family member** is experiencing symptoms related to a COVID-19 vaccine **or booster** that prevent the employee from being able to work or telework.
- Employee is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis.
- Employee is caring for a family member who is subject to a quarantine or isolation order or guidance or who has been advised to self-quarantine **or isolate** by a health care provider due to concerns related to COVID-19.
- Employee is caring for a child whose school or place of care is closed or otherwise unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19 on the premises.
- Employee tests positive or is caring for a family member who tests positive, for COVID-19.

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The requirement to provide CPSL remains in effect through September 30, 2022.

The process for determining the amount of leave employees receive and can use under the 2022 law is **slightly different** from the 2021 law.

The maximum potential amount of CPSL an employee can receive is 80 hours for full-time employees (a proportionate amount for other employees). Unlike prior iterations of CPSL, however, there will be two separate “up to 40-hour” leave banks.

- Leave hours from one “up to 40-hour” bank will be available only if the employee tests positive for or is caring for a family member who tests positive for, COVID-19.
- Leave hours from the second “up to 40-hour” bank will be available only for other covered reasons (quarantine or isolation, vaccine appointments or recovery, experiencing COVID symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis, closure of school or place of care for reasons related to COVID-19 on the premises).

Employees alone determine how many CPSL hours they need to use. Employees get to choose whether they will use CPSL or some other paid or unpaid leave benefit their employer provides, or the law requires, to cover an absence.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting the BCAG Board of Directors approve Resolution 2021/22-12 adopting the 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave effective January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Key Staff: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager



BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2021-22 - 12



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ADOPTING 2022 COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE**

WHEREAS, California Governor, Gavin Newsom signed the 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Bill on February 9, 2022, retroactive to January 1, 2022 for COVID related employee time off.

WHEREAS, [Senate Bill \(SB\) 114](#), which creates new Labor Code section 248.6 applies to BCAG employees to be used to care for family members. *Family member* is defined to include a child, grandchild, grandparent, parent, sibling, or spouse.

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- Employee is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis.
- Employee is caring for a family member who is subject to a quarantine or isolation order or guidance or who has been advised to self-quarantine **or isolate** by a health care provider due to concerns related to COVID-19.
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WHEREAS, employees alone determine how many CPSL hours they need to use. Employees get to choose whether they will use CPSL or some other paid or unpaid leave benefit their employer provides, or the law requires, to cover an absence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BCAG Board of Directors has approved Resolution 2021-22-12 adopting the 2022 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave effective January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

JODY JONES, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ITEM #7



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7 Action

February 24, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF BCAG FISCAL AUDIT AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) AUDITS FOR THE CITIES, TOWN & COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

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 sent to all Board members. Ingrid Shepline, of Richardson & Company, will be available to review the audit and answer any questions.

- The Independent Auditor's Report located on page 1 shows an unmodified (clean) opinion.
- 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 56 and shows no instances of noncompliance.
- The Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs on pages 60-61 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. The Gridley Senior Taxi audit is not complete at this time but should be completed before the March 31st 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, 2021.

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

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Item #8 Action

February 24, 2022

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, Associate Senior Planner

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 nonprofit agencies that are readily available to provide paratransit service to the elderly and disabled in Butte County. If an agency identifies itself as a potential transit provider eligible for FTA Section 5310 Program funds, BCAG cannot pursue these funds. However, upon completion of the hearing, if there are no agencies available, BCAG may proceed to provide transit service and solicit federal funding.

The attached resolution authorizes the Executive Director to file and execute applications, assurances, and agreements with Caltrans for FTA Section 5310 funding. BCAG staff is applying for FTA Section 5310 grant funds to purchase four replacement paratransit vehicles.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 2021/22-10 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, Associate Senior Planner
Jon Clark, Executive Director
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2021/2022-10**



**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 February 24, 2022 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 February 24, 2022, 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 24th day of February by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

JODY JONES, 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
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Item #9 Information

February 24, 2022

BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT (B-LINE) 2nd QUARTER 2021/22 REPORT

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner

ISSUE: Staff is presenting key financial and statistical results for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) for the second quarter of fiscal year 2021/22.

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. 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 are needed and/or issues are taking place. Farebox ratios for the quarter are presented for reference as only annual ratios are required for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) compliance. Accidents and complaints, gauging safety and customer satisfaction, are analyzed for the system as a whole.

The comparisons being made in this memo are to the previous fiscal year, which was fully impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the overall loss of fares continues to cause problems across the board in meeting the farebox ratios, AB90 which was passed by the California Assembly in June 2020 provided an exemption to the TDA requirement through FY 2020/21. In July 2021, AB 149 was passed that extended the farebox requirement exemption through FY 2022/23. Funding from the federal CARES Act continues to help cover lost fare revenues during this time. It should be noted that although we're not meeting farebox in any area, the ratios are rising in all four modes of service.

Unlike last year when most of the quarterly ridership comparisons saw large reductions as the data was being compared to the previous non-COVID year, this year's data is showing dramatic increases as it is being compared to the extremely low ridership generated during the height of the COVID lockdown. Even though ridership is trending upward, that is only in relation to the low numbers of the previous year.

Rural Fixed Route is not meeting the TDA farebox ratio requirement of 10% ticket sales to operating expenditures, coming in at 9.4% for the fiscal year. Ridership for the quarter was up 25.1% from prior year quarter. Passenger fares were 45% of the annual budget. Expenditures for services and supplies are 53% of the annual budget for the quarter.

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Urban Fixed Route is not meeting the TDA farebox ratio requirement of 20%, coming in at 8.4%. Ridership increased 59.8% compared to the prior quarter. Passenger fares were 56% of the annual budget. Expenditures are in line with budget expectations came in at 52%.

Rural Paratransit is not meeting the TDA farebox ratio requirement of 10%, coming in at 6.4%. Ridership was up 4.4% for the quarter. Passenger revenues for the quarter came in at 53% of budget. Expenditures for services and supplies are coming in at 37% of the annual budget for the second quarter. The efficiency of this system is starting to move back up and is at 2.8 passengers per Vehicle Revenue Hour for the quarter.

Urban Paratransit is not meeting the TDA farebox ratio requirement of 10%, coming in at 7.7%. Ridership was up 53.7% for the quarter. Passenger revenues came in at 62% of budget. Expenditures are currently only at 37% of budgeted expectations. The efficiency of this system came in at 3.2 passengers per Vehicle Revenue Hour.

Overall – There were eight accidents in the quarter, with 360,746 miles driven, this comes in at one every 45,092 miles driven. This does not meet our performance goal of one accident or less every 80,000 miles, but only two of those accidents were preventable for the quarter. There was one valid complaint in the quarter for 135,230 passengers served.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

Butte Regional Transit
2nd Quarter Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2021/22

	Rural Fixed Route					Urban Fixed Route				
	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	21/22 Annual Budget	21/22 Actual to Date	% of 21/22 Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	21/22 Annual Budget	21/22 Actual to Date	% of 21/22 Budget
Passenger Fares	\$ 125,708	38%	\$ 326,841	\$ 148,268	45%	\$ 130,796	36%	\$ 366,229	\$ 204,064	56%
Other Income	\$ 534,286	20%	\$ 2,688,079	\$ 877,547	33%	\$ 367,475	9%	\$ 4,259,959	\$ 1,491,651	35%
Total Income	\$ 659,994	22%	\$ 3,014,920	\$ 1,025,815	34%	\$ 498,271	11%	\$ 4,626,188	\$ 1,695,715	37%
Operator Expense	\$ 892,912	54%	\$ 1,655,788	\$ 853,220	52%	\$ 1,577,261	45%	\$ 3,487,483	\$ 1,904,413	55%
Fuel Expense	\$ 151,957	38%	\$ 400,000	\$ 250,821	63%	\$ 128,851	37%	\$ 350,000	\$ 177,493	51%
Other Operating	\$ 273,174	41%	\$ 704,132	\$ 311,136	44%	\$ 216,132	33%	\$ 652,705	\$ 245,731	38%
Services & Supplies	\$ 1,318,043	48%	\$ 2,759,920	\$ 1,415,177	51%	\$ 1,922,244	43%	\$ 4,490,188	\$ 2,327,637	52%
Admin Charges	\$ 102,500	40%	\$ 255,000	\$ 169,657	67%	\$ 54,667	40%	\$ 136,000	\$ 90,484	67%
Total Expense	\$ 1,420,543	47%	\$ 3,014,920	\$ 1,584,834	53%	\$ 1,976,911	43%	\$ 4,626,188	\$ 2,418,121	52%
Farebox Ratio	8.8%		10.8%	9.4%		6.6%		7.9%	8.4%	
Revenue Hours	10,919	49%	20,859	10,956	53%	21,331	50%	43,934	23,761	54%
Annual Passengers	45,635			56,705		110,555			175,381	
Annual Pass/Rev Hr	4.9			5.2		5.2			7.4	

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.

Butte Regional Transit
2nd Quarter Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2021/22

	Rural Paratransit					Urban Paratransit				
	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	21/22 Annual Budget	21/22 Actual to Date	% of 21/22 Budget	20/21 Actual to Date	% of 20/21 Budget	21/22 Annual Budget	21/22 Actual to Date	% of 21/22 Budget
Passenger Fares	\$ 15,535	40%	\$ 38,838	\$ 20,578	53%	\$ 41,697	38%	\$ 108,412	\$ 67,172	62%
Other Income	\$ 658,540	80%	\$ 819,577	\$ 6,240	1%	\$ 506,263	23%	\$ 2,222,992	\$ 1,323,999	60%
Total Income	\$ 674,075	79%	\$ 858,415	\$ 26,818	3%	\$ 547,960	24%	\$ 2,331,404	\$ 1,391,171	60%
Operator Expense	\$ 259,508	36%	\$ 714,420	\$ 222,842	31%	\$ 545,481	29%	\$ 1,905,121	\$ 646,752	34%
Fuel Expense	\$ 15,209	23%	\$ 65,000	\$ 24,406	38%	\$ 35,312	24%	\$ 150,000	\$ 77,287	52%
Other Operating	\$ 36,455	64%	\$ 60,695	\$ 60,997	100%	\$ 91,630	45%	\$ 211,583	\$ 105,957	50%
Services & Supplies	\$ 311,172	37%	\$ 840,115	\$ 308,245	37%	\$ 672,423	30%	\$ 2,295,864	\$ 829,996	36%
Admin Charges	\$ 6,117	34%	\$ 18,140	\$ 11,537	64%	\$ 21,051	33%	\$ 64,220	\$ 40,492	63%
Total Expense	\$ 317,289	37%	\$ 858,255	\$ 319,782	37%	\$ 693,474	30%	\$ 2,360,084	\$ 870,488	37%
Farebox Ratio	4.9%		4.5%	6.4%		6.0%		4.6%	7.7%	
Revenue Hours	3,175	40%	9,000	2,818	31%	6,671	30%	24,000	8,182	34%
Annual Passengers	7,219			7,762		15,759			25,570	
Annual Pass/Rev Hr	2.3			2.8		2.4			3.1	

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B-Line Operating Data
FY 2021/22 - Second Quarter

RURAL FIXED ROUTE

Quarter	Passengers		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	22,728	28,056	23.4%
2nd	22,907	28,650	25.1%
3rd	21,109		
4th	25,107		

Quarter	Vehicle Revenue Hours		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	5,566	5,678	2.0%
2nd	5,353	5,278	-1.4%
3rd	5,151		
4th	5,226		

Quarter	Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	4.1	4.9	21.0%
2nd	4.3	5.4	26.8%
3rd	4.1		
4th	4.8		

URBAN FIXED ROUTE

Quarter	Passengers		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	53,976	84,959	57.4%
2nd	56,579	90,424	59.8%
3rd	56,682		
4th	67,182		

Quarter	Vehicle Revenue Hours		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	10,645	11,325	6.4%
2nd	10,686	12,436	16.4%
3rd	10,564		
4th	10,666		

Quarter	Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	5.1	7.5	48.0%
2nd	5.3	7.3	37.3%
3rd	5.4		
4th	6.3		

RURAL PARATRANSIT

Quarter	Passengers		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	3,596	3,978	10.6%
2nd	3,623	3,784	4.4%
3rd	3,359		
4th	3,577		

Quarter	Vehicle Revenue Hours		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	1,587	1,448	-8.8%
2nd	1,588	1,370	-13.7%
3rd	1,518		
4th	1,482		

Quarter	Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	2.3	2.7	21.2%
2nd	2.3	2.8	21.1%
3rd	2.2		
4th	2.4		

URBAN PARATRANSIT

Quarter	Passengers		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	7,710	13,198	71.2%
2nd	8,049	12,372	53.7%
3rd	8,123		
4th	11,962		

Quarter	Vehicle Revenue Hours		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	3,198	4,257	33.1%
2nd	3,473	3,925	13.0%
3rd	3,491		
4th	4,184		

Quarter	Passengers per Revenue Hr		
	20/21	21/22	change
1st	2.4	3.1	28.6%
2nd	2.3	3.2	36.0%
3rd	2.3		
4th	2.9		

PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS

Qtr-FY	Accidents	Miles	Ratio (1 per x)
2-21/22	8	360,746	45,092
1-21/22	3	360,059	120,019
4-20/21	2	299,915	149,957
3-20/21	1	330,453	330,452

VALID PASSENGER COMPLAINTS

Complaint	Rides	Ratio (1 per x)
1	135,230	135,229
5	113,191	22,637
6	107,828	17,970
2	89,247	44,623

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Item #10 Information

February 24, 2022

2023 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant 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 24, 2022 before the BCAG Board of Directors at its normally scheduled time. Please see Attachment 1 for the notice which has been published in the local newspapers, posted on B-Line’s website and Facebook page, and posted in each of the B-Line buses in Hmong, English, and Spanish. We will also be attending multiple outreach events throughout the county in the next month and will solicit comments at those times.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

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

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 2022/23 Transit Needs Assessment comments need to be received by Thursday, March 24, 2022.

All testimony received is given equal consideration.

- **Mail** – 326 Huss Dr, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928
- **Email** – vproctor@bcag.org
- **Phone** – (530) 809-4616, ex. 1
- **Web Page** – on the B-Line Web site (www.blinetransit.com) fill out the Comment Form (type UTN as the subject)
- **Public Hearing at BCAG Board Meeting** - Thursday, March 24, 2022, 9:00 am ~ Zoom link available the week before

Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022

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.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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Item #11 Information

February 24, 2022

CHICO TO SACRAMENTO STRATEGIC PLAN FINAL UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is updating the Board on the completion of the Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION: BCAG recently completed the Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan to provide the framework to integrate Butte Regional Transit and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority's thruway bus Route 3 to a consolidated commuter bus service between Chico, Oroville, Marysville, downtown Sacramento, and Stockton.

BCAG began working with its consultant, Arup, in January 2021 and has since developed a Service Plan, Park and Ride Analysis, conducted multiple public outreach events, and a Marketing Plan. BCAG has shared project deliverables with its Project Development Team, including the BCAG Planning Directors Group, Transportation Advisory Committee, Chico State University, Butte College, and other service providers along the study corridor.

Over the last few months, staff has worked with Arup to prepare the Draft Final Report, which summarizes the key findings of the Plan, and identifies next steps. The document is available online here: <http://www.bcaq.org/documents/Chico%20to%20Sac/BCAG-Chico-to-Sacramento-Draft-Final-Report.pdf>

The proposed service includes nine weekday and eight weekend trips in each direction to better serve commuters, recreational trips, and train connections. Based on the different markets served, the route could serve up to 450-500 passengers daily and provide a 5.4 million annual reduction in VMT.

According to the anticipated ridership estimates, the estimated daily weekday farebox revenue would be \$2,600 with an average ticket price of approximately \$5.50. Based on the estimated daily operating costs less the anticipated Amtrak operating subsidy, net daily operating costs are expected to be about \$4,800, and about \$4,500 including weekend days. The farebox analysis therefore indicates that fare revenue will likely fall short of anticipated operating costs from the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority.

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The Report identifies the opportunity to combine the commuter market with the current thruway intercity service into a single, integrated all-day frequent transit service. BCAG staff recently discussed possible next steps with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and due to delays on their Valley Rail Sacramento Extension Project to Natomas and uncertainties with ridership due to COVID, the commuter bus service demand will be revisited in the next year or two in conjunction with the North Valley Rail Study. Staff will continue to update the Board on this topic as service in the future is explored.

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

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