



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

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2

**STAFF PRESENT**

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lance Atencio	Transdev	
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor	Oroville

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **8: MAP 21 Performance Measures-GHG Emissions**

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

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

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

This item was presented for information purposes.

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### **9: North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan Update**

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

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

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

This item was presented for information purposes.

### **10: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023/24 Report**

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

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

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

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

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

This item was presented for information only.

### **11: 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #5**

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

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

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

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

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

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

This Item was presented for information only.

### **12: California Transportation Commission Site Visit**

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

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

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

This item was presented for information only.

### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

### **13: Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.**

There were no items from the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### **Attest:**

*Andy Newsum, Executive Director*

*Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*