



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
May 25 ,2023**

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments