



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
JANUARY 28, 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 9:01 a.m. at the BCAG Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Kathryn Mathes  
Nima Kabirinassb  
Andy Pickett

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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

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

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

This item was presented for information only.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Mia Herhusky, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

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