

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
JUNE 24, 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
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Biggs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

- Lance Atencio, Transdev
- Darleen Mendez, Caltrans District 3
- David Robinson, Fehr & Peers
- Rose Tryon, Town of Paradise

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of Amendment #3 to the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**
- 5. Approval of 2021/22 Findings of Apportionment for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds**
- 6. Approval of Amendment #4 for the 2020/21 BCAG Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget**

On motion by Board Member Kimmelshue and seconded by Board Member Kasey Reynolds, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. Board Alternate Tryon arrived shortly after the motion passed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

7: Approval of 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings

Staff presented the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year. The only item of note, from the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council's review of the assessment and findings, was the increased need for non-emergency medical transportation within Butte County. This is a developing need that does not fit within the parameters of the UTN process, however Staff did include the discussion in the document for the record.

There was discussion between Staff and the Board on what parameters were used in developing the assessment, and how many comments were received. Staff does not currently track where comments are coming in from, just the comments received. It would be cumbersome to detail every comment received during the process because comments and needs are addressed in a continuous manner throughout the year. Board Member Lucero specifically asked about service levels in areas with a higher poverty level. Staff detailed that all service requests are based on their ability to produce ridership, regardless of income level.

On motion by Board Member Jones, and seconded by Board Member Ritter, the 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings was unanimously approved.

8: Approval of Funding to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service in Butte County

Staff has been made aware of an issue some residents of Butte County are having in getting from their homes (often in unincorporated parts of the County) to doctor's

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appointments in other areas both inside and outside of the County. In a response to the feedback received during the preparation of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, Staff presented the request to use unallocated grant funding to study the extent of the need for non-emergency medical transportation, and possible solutions to this problem.

There was a lively discussion between Staff and the Board, with many members of the Board detailing specifics they would like to have looked at. Staff has been in brief communication with a consultant already employed on a different project and can easily add this scope of work to the work already being done. This is an entirely different sort of service than anything that Butte Regional Transit currently provides and will need to be investigated to come up with possible solutions that are cost effective.

Staff will return to the Board with a scope of work after one has been created to make sure that all areas of interest are being adequately explored. On motion by Board Member Teeter and seconded by Board Member Jones, the request for funding to study non-emergency medical transportation in Butte County was unanimously approved.

9: Acceptance of SB 743 Implementation Study

Staff presented the finalized SB 743 Implementation Study that has been in progress since the adoption of SB 743 legislation in 2013. This legislation is meant to change transportation impact analysis as part of CEQA compliance. As of July 1, 2020, lead agencies must select VMT analysis methodologies, establish VMT thresholds and determine what mitigation strategies are most feasible for land use development projects.

Over the past six months, Staff has coordinated to develop a study with consultants Fehr & Peer, Caltrans, and member jurisdiction planning and public works staff. David Robinson from Fehr & Peers was present via Zoom to present the final study to the Board. As a result of technological failure, members of the audience not logged into Zoom were not able to view the presentation but were able to hear it in its entirety. There was general discussion between Staff, the Board, and Mr. Robinson regarding the specifics of the plan and how accurate it will be for various types of development projects throughout the different jurisdictions. This tool is meant to be for screening purposes to see if further research is warranted for different projects under the new legislation.

This item was presented for informational purposes only.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10: Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Quarterly Progress Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2020/21 FY

Quarterly, Staff presents the Board with a progress report on how the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) system is faring in terms of farebox recovery, customer satisfaction, and

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safety concerns for each of the four types of service. The third quarter of the 2020/21 fiscal year was fully affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of CSU Chico's in person classes.

There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the state of the bus system, farebox recovery is not being met in any of the four types of service. However, due to COVID-19, the California Assembly passed AB90 that provides an exemption to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) farebox recovery requirement for 2021. Some of the lost fares were made up with CARES funding, and additional fares may be recovered through CRRSA funding. Accidents and complaints were within reason for the quarter.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

11: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Recruitment

Staff yearly recruits for members for the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, as per TDA guidelines. Appointments last for three years, with one-third of the membership coming to an end of their term each year. Recruitment for the 2021/22 fiscal year started on June 1, 2021 and will end on June 30, 2021.

There was general discussion about how the notice was sent out to attract appropriate candidates. This item was presented for information purposes 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 10:00 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments

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