

Appendix A

Outreach Efforts & Publications Listing



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #9 Action

Date: January 16, 2008

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN - DEVELOPMENT

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires BCAG to prepare a Public Participation Plan (PPP) prior to the development of the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

DISCUSSION: Staff has completed a draft PPP and has made it available for public review and comment. The goal of this Plan is to achieve greater public input and to make interested members of the public aware of all opportunities for input in the metropolitan transportation planning process. A minimum of 45 calendar days is required to be provided prior to the BCAG Board adopting the new Plan. Public notices were placed in the local newspapers and on all of the B-Line transit buses during the week of November 5, 2007.

The draft document was distributed to each Butte County Public Library and notice of its availability was sent to specific state and federal agencies, the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee, BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and the Coordinated Transportation Working Group.

A copy of the complete document is available at BCAG's web page at:
http://www.bcag.org/_planning/PPP.html.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board open the public hearing to receive comments on the Public Participation Plan. If no significant comments are received, staff recommends the Board approve the Public Participation Plan by Resolution 2007/08-06.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager
Cheryl Massae, Personnel & Admin Services Manager
Kristy Bonnifet, Assistant Planner



AGENDA

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL of the
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
&
COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**

**Monday – January 7, 2008
2:00 p.m.**

BCAG - Conference Room
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100
(530) 879-2468 (BCAG)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.
FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND OR PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

COPIES OF STAFF REPORTS OR OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (BCAG). PERSONS WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS MAY CALL BCAG TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ITEM DESCRIBED ON THE AGENDA.

ITEM

STAFF

3. Minutes from September 17, 2007 Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval.

4. BCAG Public Participation Plan Development

Ivan Garcia

Requesting support of staff's recommendation to BCAG Board for Public Participation Plan approval.

5. Transit Update

Transit staff

Verbal update of B-Line by transit staff

6. Introduction and Approach to the Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan

Heather Menninger
A-M-M-A

Informing group of project delivery approach for development of the Butte County Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

7. Other Items



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item #4 Information

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: December 31, 2007

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN - DEVELOPMENT

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

DISCUSSION: As a result of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), BCAG is required to prepare a Public Participation Plan (PPP). On November 1, 2007 staff informed the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and Coordinated Transportation Working Group that the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) was available for review and comment.

An announcement was placed in the local newspapers, posted on the B-Line Transit fleet and posted on BCAG's web page for review and comment. Hard copies of the draft document were also sent to the local libraries.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the SSTAC support staff's recommendation to the BCAG Board of Directors to approve the Public Participation Plan at their January 24, 2008 meeting.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager
Cheryl Massae, Personnel Manager
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Public Notice

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County and its incorporated cities. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a Public Participation Plan (PPP) in response to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The goal of this plan is to achieve greater public input and to make interested members of the public aware of all opportunities for input in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

The public is invited to review and comment on the draft Public Participation Plan document available at each of the Butte County Public Libraries or at BCAG's web page at: <http://www.bcag.org/planning/PPP.html>.

A minimum of 45 calendar days is required to be provided prior to the BCAG Board adopting the new plan. The BCAG Board of Directors has scheduled a public hearing to receive comments and approve this Public Participation Plan at their regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Chico Council Chambers. Comments and questions can be directed to Mr. Iván García, Programming Manager for the Butte County Association of Governments at 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928. Comments may also be phoned in at 530-879-2468, or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org

Ivan Garcia

From: Ivan Garcia

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 10:58 AM

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Cc: Cheryl Massae; Kristy Bonnifet

Subject: Draft BCAG Public Participation Plan

E – MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2007

TO: See Distribution List

FROM: Ivan Garcia, BCAG Programming Manager

SUBJECT: Draft Public Participation Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) has developed a **DRAFT** Public Participation Plan (PPP) document and is available on-line for your review and comment. BCAG is scheduled to adopt the PPP at its December 27, 2007 Board of Directors meeting. A complete document is available at all Butte County Public Libraries. If you prefer a hard copy, please give me a call or send me an email and one will be provided to you.

Please click on the following links to view or print the document:

- Public Participation Plan Web Page: http://www.bcag.org/_planning/PPP.html
- PPP Document: http://www.bcag.org/_planning/documents/PPP/Draft_BCAG_PPP_Nov_07.pdf

- Appendix A Only: http://www.bcag.org/_planning/documents/PPP/Appendix_A_1.pdf

A public hearing notice to adopt the PPP will be posted in the local newspapers, BCAG's website and the B-Line Transit Fleet. Comments will be accepted up to the Board meeting. Once adopted, the BCAG Board may amend the document at any time.

If you have any comments or questions, please give me a call directly or send me an email.

Distribution List:

BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee
FTIP Programming Managers
Neighboring Regions
Interested Parties

Thank you.

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## **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS** **2008 Regional Transportation Plan & BCAG's Public Participation Plan**

BCAG is soliciting public input into the development of its Public Participation Plan (PPP). The purpose of the PPP is to outline procedures that BCAG will use to solicit involvement of the public, government agencies and other stakeholders in the development of transportation plans and programs by BCAG.

In addition, BCAG is soliciting public input regarding the development of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is BCAG's long term vision on potential transportation projects for the region. The RTP is a financially constrained document covering all modes of transportation. The public is strongly encouraged to learn how the RTP ties into other planning and programming documents for the region and to participate in the development of the Plan.

**Chico**  
**Tuesday, October 2, 2007**  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
Chico Municipal Center  
(Conference Room #1)  
421 Main Street  
Chico, CA

**Oroville**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2007**  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
Oroville Council Chambers  
(Conference Room #1)  
1735 Montgomery Street  
Oroville, CA

**Paradise**  
**Friday, October 12, 2007**  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
Paradise Senior Center  
(Lunchroom)  
877 Nunneley Road  
Paradise, CA

**BCAG & BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTING  
INFORMATION ON THE 2008/09 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS  
STARTING AT 4 P.M. AT THE LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE**

For further information about these meetings, or if you have comments but are unable to attend, please contact Ivan Garcia at:

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# Regional Transportation Plan & Public Participation Plan

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## Public Outreach Workshop



October 2, 2007 Chico

October 3, 2007 Oroville

October 12, 2007 Paradise

# STATION 1

## PURPOSE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The purpose of the public workshop is to inform the public of the development of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Public Participation Plan (PPP). The public is encouraged to review the components of the RTP and provide input early in the planning process.

This is the public's opportunity to tell us what you think our needs are for transportation and what public outreach techniques should be included in BCAG's Public Participation Plan.

The focus of these workshops is to:

- Provide an early opportunity for input
- Discuss the purpose of the RTP
- Discuss the goals of the PPP
- Identify what will be updated
- Discuss BCAG's roles & responsibilities

*Highways / Streets & Roads*

*Bikes/Pedestrians*

*Transit*

*Rail*

*Aviation*

## STATION 2

# WHAT IS BCAG?

The Butte County Association of Governments is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County.

### **BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The Board of Directors includes one representative from each of Butte County's five incorporated cities and town, and all five representatives of the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

### **BCAG's RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ✓ Secure state and federal transportation funds available to the region, and ensure timely delivery of transportation projects and programs within the region.
- ✓ Responsible for preparation of all regional transportation plans and programming documents necessary to secure state and federal funding
- ✓ Ensure public participation in the planning process and conformity to air quality goals
- ✓ Administrator of B-Line Transit System
- ✓ Conduct planning projects that mutually benefit cities, town and county

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Participation Plan is intended to provide and document the direction for public involvement activities to be conducted by BCAG.

Objectives of the Public Participation Plan (PPP):

- ☑ Raise level of understanding of the transportation planning process in Butte County and identify how interested citizens can participate.
- ☑ Maximize opportunity for public involvement in the transportation process.
- ☑ Maintain contact with interested citizens and key stakeholders throughout the process of developing MPO plans and projects.

The public is encouraged to inform BCAG staff on what would be helpful in addressing the objectives of the Public Participation Plan.

**Public Participation Plan webpage:**

**[www.bcag.org/\\_planning/PPP.html](http://www.bcag.org/_planning/PPP.html)**

## QUESTIONS ?

*This is your opportunity to raise any questions and provide comments regarding the development of the Regional Transportation Plan & Public Participation Plan.*

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RTP or PPP** - Ask the nearest staff person for assistance or if you prefer, take a brochure, provide your comments on the back side and return it to BCAG. You can also contact Mr. Iván García directly at 879-2468 or email: [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org) for more information.

**WHEN WILL THE DRAFT PLAN BE COMPLETE?** - A draft RTP is scheduled to be completed by January 2008. Once completed, copies will be distributed to each of the local public libraries, the public works departments and will also be available online at BCAG's website at [http://www.bcag.org/\\_\\_planning/2008\\_RTP.html](http://www.bcag.org/__planning/2008_RTP.html). Additional public workshops will be held as the Plan is developed. A draft Public Participation Plan will be available by October 22, 2007.

**HOW DO I STAY INVOLVED?** - Sign up to be included in the distribution of all materials pertaining to the RTP or PPP. As information is posted on BCAG's website including notification of future workshops, you will be automatically notified by email or mail. All information will be posted on BCAG's website at:

**Regional Transportation Plan webpage:** [www.bcag.org/\\_\\_planning/2008\\_RTP.html](http://www.bcag.org/__planning/2008_RTP.html)  
**Public Participation Plan webpage:** [www.bcag.org/\\_\\_planning/PPP.html](http://www.bcag.org/__planning/PPP.html)

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING  
SPACE TO PROVIDE INPUT.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
YOUR PARTICIPATION.

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or comments.

**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR  
THE 2008 REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN &  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**Chico:** October 2, 2007 (4-6 p.m.)  
Chico Municipal Center  
Conference Room #1  
421 Main Street, Chico CA

**Oroville:** October 3, 2007  
(4-6 p.m.)  
Oroville Council Chambers  
Conference Room #1  
1735 Montgomery St., Oroville CA

**Paradise:** October 12, 2007  
(4-6 p.m.)  
Paradise Senior Center  
(Lunchroom)  
877 Nunneley Rd., Paradise





## **Butte County 2008 RTP and PPP Development**

### Background

Welcome to one of the public workshops the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is hosting concerning the development of the Butte County 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Public Participation Plan (PPP). As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Butte County, BCAG is charged with the responsibility of preparing the RTP every three years.

The RTP is a long-range, 20-year minimum, comprehensive transportation plan for all modes including: highways, local streets and roads, transit, bicycle, aviation, rail and goods movement.

The purpose of the RTP is to serve as a foundation for the development of the shorter "action" plans called the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which satisfies California transportation planning requirements, and the federal counterpart referred to as the Federal Transportation Improvement

Program or FTIP for all transportation projects that require federal approval. In addition, the RTP is used to demonstrate Air Quality Conformity requirements applicable to Butte County.

The public workshops have been organized into various "Stations" that guide you through the RTP development process. Once the RTP is adopted, it can be amended by the BCAG Board of Directors at any time.

The PPP is your opportunity to help shape how BCAG involves the public and agencies in the regional transportation planning process. This "plan" will define the process.

### Why Public Input?

A key part of BCAG's transportation planning process is to involve the public and solicit input. Public input is very important for the decision making process. The public's knowledge and perspective adds to the overall understanding of the transportation needs of the region.

Your comments and concerns will be documented as part of the RTP and

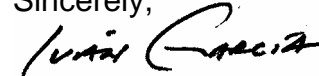
PPP development process. The RTP also documents the BCAG Board's priorities for transportation funding to the region. As such, it is very important to be involved in the transportation decision-making process early on.

### How Do I Provide Input?

Providing input is easy. Simply write BCAG a letter and mail it to 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA, 95928, by email at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org) or by phone at 530-879-2468. You can also use the back of this sheet, and mail it in or drop it off at the end of the public meeting.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,



Iván García  
BCAG Programming Manager



# BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

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September 19, 2007

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is requesting your assistance in the development and improvement of the public participation process we use to engage members of the community on transportation related issues in Butte County.

The BCAG Board adopted Public Involvement Procedures in 2003 that outline the procedures that BCAG uses to solicit involvement of the public, government agencies and other stakeholders in the development of transportation plans and programs by BCAG including the long range Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County. The plan covers a range of topics involving public participation in proposed actions by BCAG including notification procedures, public meetings, comment periods and amendments.

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the highway bill, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). In addition to providing federal funding authorization for a wide variety of transportation programs, SAFETEA-LU introduced additional consultation requirements for the public participation plans developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations, like BCAG.

In response to these new requirements, BCAG is initiating the development of our Public Participation Plan to reflect the enhanced outreach efforts required under SAFETEA-LU. We are also committed to enhancing the development of our **Public Participation Plan** by providing this opportunity for you to comment on the process and methods we use for public outreach. Copies of BCAG's existing Public Involvement Program may be found on our website at:

[http://www.bcag.org/\\_planning/documents/2007\\_FTIP/Public\\_Involvement\\_Procedures.pdf](http://www.bcag.org/_planning/documents/2007_FTIP/Public_Involvement_Procedures.pdf)

or requested by calling (530) 879-2468.

If you are interested in offering your comments on the development of the **Public Participation Plan** please reply to this letter by September 28, 2007. You may fax or email back the attached inquiry form identifying the appropriate staff or indicating you do not wish to receive any further material concerning this matter. If you respond affirmatively, we will add you to an email distribution list for the **Public Participation Plan** and you will receive future emails seeking your input on the plan.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions about our outreach effort, please give Mr. Ivan Garcia of my staff a call at (530) 879-2468 or send an email at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org).

Sincerely,

  
Jon Clark  
Executive Director



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September 27, 2007

The Honorable Jim Edwards, Chairperson  
Berry Creek Rancheria  
5 Tyme Way  
Oroville, CA 95966

Subject: Butte County Association of Governments – Projects Under Development:

- 2007/08 Unmet Transit Needs Process
- 2008 Butte County Regional Transportation Plan Development
- Public Participation Plan Development

Honorable Chairperson:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) serving Butte County. BCAG is responsible for developing all state and federal transportation plans and programming documents that are necessary to program transportation funds within the region.

BCAG was formed through a joint powers agreement between the County of Butte and the incorporated Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Oroville, Chico and the Town of Paradise. BCAG is governed by a ten member Board of Directors comprised of the five county Board of Supervisors and one council person from each of the five incorporated cities. I currently serve as the Supervisor for District 2 and as Chair representing BCAG.

BCAG is committed to developing Government-to-Government relationships with the Tribal Governments within the Butte County region. As a reminder, BCAG has extended an invitation to your Tribe to attend our Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which typically meets on a monthly basis. The purpose of the TAC is to review and discuss BCAG's transportation planning activities and issues in a multi-jurisdictional planning forum. Representatives from Caltrans, the cities, town and county participate on the TAC.

BCAG staff has scheduled upcoming workshops throughout Butte County for:

1. 2007/08 Annual Unmet Transit Needs – The purpose of this process is to ensure all unmet transit needs are met before transit funds can be used for other purposes.

2. 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – BCAG is currently developing the long-range RTP for Butte County. This is a federally required long-range transportation-planning document that is updated every four years. The purpose of this document is to identify Butte County's long-term transportation needs for all travel modes. The RTP will cover the period between 2008 and 2035.
3. Public Participation Plan (PPP). The purpose of this plan is to comply with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The goal of this plan is to achieve greater public input and to make interested members of the public aware of all opportunities for input in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

We have attached for your record a public notice that has been placed in the local newspaper informing the public of the upcoming workshops. We welcome any input you may have. If you prefer, I can arrange for BCAG staff to provide your Tribe with a workshop.

All material will be posted on the Internet at BCAG's website at [www.bcag.org](http://www.bcag.org) as it is developed.

If you have any questions please give me a call or you can contact Mr. Jon Clark, Executive Director of BCAG at 879-2468. If you prefer, we can schedule a meeting at your office and at your convenience to discuss these projects. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jane Dolan, Chair  
Butte County Association of Governments

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Attachment: Public Workshop Announcement  
Interest Survey for Public Participation Plan



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We're seeking your input on the following questions. Please use the space provided below.

- What outreach methods have you found effective in notifying people in order to solicit public comment and/or participation in a workshop or meeting?

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 Others (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have ideas on additional outreach techniques/strategies we should look at?

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**E – MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 5, 2007

TO: See Distribution List

FROM: Ivan Garcia, BCAG Programming Manager

**SUBJECT: BCAG's Public Participation Plan Development & 2008 Regional Transportation Plan**

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**ITEM**

**STAFF**

- 3. Minutes from May 14, 2007 Meeting** Ivan Garcia  
For review and approval.
- 4. BCAG Public Participation Plan Development** Ivan Garcia  
Informing group of content and delivery schedule for both Plan
- 5. 2008 Regional Transportation Plan & Public Participation Plan** Ivan Garcia  
Informing group of content and delivery schedules for Plan
- 6. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Membership Update** Kristy Bonnifet  
Informing group of new recruitment efforts for termed vacancies
- 7. Unmet Transit Needs Process for the 2008/09 Fiscal Year** Kristy Bonnifet  
Informing group of public outreach efforts and process for FY 2008/09
- 8. B-Line Fixed Route System Update** Jim Peplow  
Updating group on new farebox system, bus inventory plan and other transit related news
- 9. ADA Certification Process and Paratransit Rider's Guide** Janice Phillips  
Informing group of new certification process and travel training availability
- 10. Public Transit - Human Services Coordinated Plan** Janice Phillips  
Informing group of revised project delivery schedule for Coordinated Plan and Plan contents
- 11. Other Items**



## **BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**

## **Item #4 Information**

### **Coordinated Transportation Working Group**

Date: September 7, 2007

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN - DEVELOPMENT**

**PREPARED BY:** Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

**DISCUSSION:** As a result of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), BCAG is required to prepare a Public Participation Plan (PPP).

Since the purpose of regional planning is to meet public mobility needs, a vital part of this planning effort is involvement of the public. There are many opportunities for public input in the planning process, and this plan will outline and document when and how they take place. The goal of this plan is to achieve greater public input and to make interested members of the public aware of all opportunities for input in the metropolitan transportation planning process. A minimum of 45 calendar days is required to be provided prior to the BCAG Board adopting the new plan. Staff is currently developing an interest survey to identify and document agencies interested in the development of the PPP.

The following is staff's schedule for completing this project:

| Date                                                                  | Item                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 7, 2007                                                     | BCAG TAC Informed                                                                |
| September 21, 2007                                                    | Request for Involvement Distributed to Interest Groups and Noticed in Newspapers |
| October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 | Public Workshops in Chico, Oroville and Paradise                                 |
| October 22, 2007                                                      | Tentative SSTAC/Coordinated Group Meeting                                        |
| October 27, 2007                                                      | BCAG Board Meeting                                                               |
| October 29, 2007                                                      | First Draft Complete                                                             |
| November/December                                                     | BCAG Board Adopts Plan                                                           |
| December                                                              | Submit PPP to FHWA                                                               |

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** None. This item is presented for the committee's awareness. Attached please find the announcement that will be published in the local newspapers and posted on all B-Line buses. Staff will distribute all information concerning the development of the Public Participation Plan to the SSTAC and Coordinated Transportation Working Group.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager  
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## **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

# **2008 Regional Transportation Plan & BCAG's Public Participation Plan**

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| <u>Chico</u>                                   | <u>Oroville</u>                                   | <u>Paradise</u>                       |
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**BCAG & BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTING INFORMATION ON THE 2008/09 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PROCESS STARTING AT 4 P.M. AT THE LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE**

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## **BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**

## **Item #5 Information**

### **Coordinated Transportation Working Group**

Date: September 7, 2007

#### **2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

**PREPARED BY:** Iván García, Programming Manager

**DISCUSSION:** BCAG is required to prepare the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years for Butte County. The RTP is a long-range (20 year minimum) plan that covers all modes of transportation for the region. The RTP serves as the foundation for the preparation of the short range Regional Transportation Improvement Program for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The RTP is scheduled to be adopted on May 22, 2008 by the BCAG Board of Directors.

Development of the RTP will include extensive public outreach and participation. Staff will begin the outreach process in September to solicit early input prior to the development of the plan. Attached are the SAFETEA-LU summary requirements for the RTP and the outline staff intends to follow. Staff will distribute all RTP development material to the SSTAC and Coordinated Working Group as they are developed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** None. This item is presented for the group's awareness. Public workshops for early input are being scheduled at the same venue as the Unmet Transit Needs workshops in an attempt to attract more public input to the process. Attached for the group's awareness is the workshop advertisement. As additional information becomes available, staff will keep the committee informed.

**Key Staff:** Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Iván García, Programming Manager



## **BCAG 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Contents**

The RTP includes the following required elements:

- A Policy Element, which identifies transportation goals, policies, and objectives which meet the needs of the region;
- An Action Element, which sets forth a plan of action to address identified issues and needs in accordance with regional policies;
- A Financial Element, which provides the cost and revenue assumptions necessary for decision makers to implement the RTP; and
- References to environmental and air quality documentation

The RTP addresses the issues listed below

1. Identifies financially constrained Regional Project Priorities;
2. Documents all methods of public participation;
3. Conforms to the State Implementation Plan for achieving Air Quality standards; and
4. Responds to the California Environmental Quality Act.

### 1. Regional Priorities

The RTP describes a balanced multi-modal plan for transportation in Butte County for the future. The adopted plan must contain a description of essential transportation projects, their priorities, estimated project costs and a financial and implementation schedule. In addition, performance measures are required to be used to evaluate proposed projects and how well they meet the Goals and Objectives of the Plan.

### 2. Public Participation

BCAG's Public Participation Plan must provide citizens and interested parties a reasonable opportunity to comment on the RTP prior to its adoption. At a minimum, the RTP will need to document the citizen participation program and the efforts made to recruit and facilitate a broad range of community representation.

### 3. Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Since BCAG is a non-attainment area for air quality standards, a finding of conformity between the RTP and the State Implementation Plan must be prepared.

### 4. California Environmental Quality Act

Each update of the RTP requires an assessment of changes proposed by the update. BCAG intends to prepare a Categorical Exclusion (CE) as was prepared in the 2004 RTP.



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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 10:53 AM  
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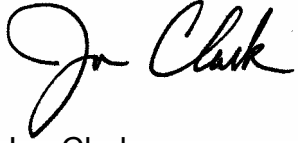
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "C" for "Clark".

Jon Clark  
Executive Director

Attachment: Public Participation Plan Survey

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Mr. Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager  
Butte County Association of Governments  
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100  
Chico CA 95928

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September 7, 2007

**MAILED**  
9/11/07

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