



**Butte County Association of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Jay Coughlin
Mary Neumann
Ron Ullman
Michael Harding
David Wilkinson
Judy Barclay (10:18 am)

Butte County DESS
Passages
Citizen-Oroville
We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
Citizen-Chico
Citizen-Chico

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marta De Los Santos
Linda Cartier
Debra Connors
Kristy Malloy
Jeannie Schroeder
Talmadge House
Tara Sullivan Hames
Marcella Seay
Seth Klobodu
Larry Pohlada
Connie Stahl

Mains'l Services Inc.
Citizen-Chico
Citizen-Chico
Paradise Medical Group
Mains'l Services Inc.
Disability Action Center
Butte 211
Citizen-Magalia
California State University, Chico
Citizen-Chico
Citizen-Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Cheryl Massae
Amy White
Sara Cain
Victoria Proctor
Iván García

Human Resources Manager
Assistant Planner
Transit Manager
Associate Planner
Programming Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Dianne Wilkinson

Citizen-Chico

The following minutes are a summary of the SSTAC meeting.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) was held in person and via Zoom on January 22, 2024. Staff listed were present at the BCAG office at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California. The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was recorded on Zoom, and made available to the public via YouTube.

Item #1 – Introductions

The meeting started off with each person present stating their name and agency, if any, they are affiliated with. All attendees logged in to the meeting via Zoom.

Item #2 – SSTAC Minutes – Minutes from January 9, 2023

No comments were received. On motion by Councilmember Coughlin, seconded by Staff Member García, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2024/25

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. The annual public UTN hearing took place prior to the regular BCAG Board Meeting on December 7, 2023. Although there are unmet transit needs, there were no unmet transit needs that were found under the definition to be reasonable to meet. Therefore, no findings were made.

Staff walked the council through the comments received and answered general questions about the nature of the document and how comments were solicited. Staff emphasized that

Motion to approve was initiated by Andy Newsum, additionally motioned by Councilmember Coughlin and seconded by Councilmember Sullivan-Hames. The Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2023/24 was unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

Fare Structure Changes

Staff updated the Council on the updates to simplify the fare structure for the B-Line. The 2-ride passes, and student/youth passes have been removed from circulation. This simplifies the fare structure so that there are only two options for fixed route (regular and discount) and removes underutilized passes from sale.

Staff did note that some organizations are unhappy with the change, however there are other pass types that can fill the gap of the 2-rides. Token Transit is also an option for purchasing single rides for later use, and the 10-ride pass is still available for those who want it. Staff also sells 1-ride Regional passes to agencies upon request.

Route Optimization Study Updates

The Routing Study has been completed and Staff updated the Council on the changes that have been started as a result of that Study. Of note, the re-routing of Route 17 was highlighted. It now travels southbound on Fair Street rather than Martin Luther King Jr, to better service the Jesus Center and businesses along Fair Street. Feedback on this change has been largely positive.

Further changes as a result of the Routing Study are planned for implementation in Fiscal Year 2024/25 and beyond.

Other Items

Mr. García updated the Council on the annual updates for the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS), which is a general plan for transportation growth over the next 20 years. He encouraged the Council to bring forward any projects or potential projects that they notice around the area that could be beneficial to improving any mode of transit, including pedestrian walkways, bike paths, and streets and roads.

Councilmember Barclay joined at this time. Staff took the opportunity to review everything that was missed and record comments. Councilmember Barclay identified the bridge at Mangrove and E Lindo as a safety concern for pedestrians. It is not ADA compliant and adds unnecessary risk and length to trips taken by those in wheelchairs or mobility aids.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.