



AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL of the BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Tuesday – September 17, 2013
1:00 p.m.**

Butte County Association of Governments – Conference Room
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA

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.

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ITEMS FOR ACTION AND INFORMATION

STAFF

3. SSTAC Minutes – January 8, 2013
4. Unmet Transit Needs and Proposed Fare Increase Public Workshop Schedule
5. Other Items

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ITEM # 3

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

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 3:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn O'Brien	Butte County Public Works
Jeannie Lee Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc
Mary Neumann	Passages Adult Resource Ctr.
William A. Moline	Butte County DESS – CALWORKS
Joyce Macomber	Citizen-Oroville
Cameron Wise	Work Training Center
Dorothy Churchill	Citizen-Chico
Cindy Jones	Butte County Public Works (3:45)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Trainor	Citizen-Gridley
Bernard Beerman	Citizen-Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

None

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 at the BCAG office on January 8, 2013, located at 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100 in Chico, California.

Item #1 – Introductions

Mr. Peplow announced that two transit staff members were no longer with BCAG and that he would be running the SSTAC meeting. Any questions should be directed to him.

Item #2 – Oral Communication

Councilmembers discussed that it would be desirable to have more ticket sales outlets throughout the county, specifically at or near the new Oroville Transit Center. Raley's was

suggested as a potential sales outlet there. Councilmember Moline stated that the Chico DESS would be interested in selling tickets.

Item #3 – SSTAC/CTWG Minutes – October 23, 2012 Minutes

No comments were received. On motion by Councilmember Neumann seconded by Councilmember Moline, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2013/14

Staff discussed the Assessment for FY 13/14. Councilmember Churchill suggested that Passages and the recreation department send people a flyer if they think they would use the Senior Nutrition Lunch Program (formerly at the Dorothy Johnson Center). She said we need to let people know about the lunch and how to get there. Mr. Peplow said he will talk to Community Action Agency for preliminary plans for changes to Route 7.

There was discussion on the Coordinated Transportation Plan and how to coordinate service to Cohasset, Butte College and helpcentral.org. Councilmember Wise asked if a smaller bus could be used to service areas currently not being served. Staff replied that is cost the same as a big bus and would not be feasible.

Councilmember Jones motioned to accept the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for FY 2013/14 with changes to Route 7, seconded by Councilmember Wise, the motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 – Other Items

Councilmember Churchill suggested that there be public input on the bus schedules before new ones are printed. There was discussion by the Councilmembers regarding Route 15 being confusing around the Walmart area with the north and south bound buses.

No other items were presented.



Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee

Item #4 Action

September 17, 2013

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS AND PROPOSED FARE INCREASE PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

PREPARED BY: Cheryl Massae, HR Manager
Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

ISSUE: B-Line will be holding two-part series public workshops in October. The Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process and Proposed Fare Increase public process requires soliciting of comments from the public.

DISCUSSION:

Unmet Transit Needs (UTN)

In Butte County the UTN process entails a comprehensive public outreach program and series of open house style meetings throughout the county, in addition to the public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. At each of the meetings, testimony is solicited regarding perceived unmet transit needs that may be reasonable to meet. The purpose of this process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Once the testimony is obtained, it is analyzed to determine if there are any transit needs that meet the adopted definitions of "Unmet Transit Need" and "Reasonable to Meet". This analysis report, called the Transit Needs Assessment, is reviewed by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), which provides a recommendation for Unmet Transit Needs Findings to the BCAG Board of Directors. If the Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, the affected jurisdiction must satisfy those needs before any TDA funds may be expended for non-transit purposes.

PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

B-Line fares were last increased in the 2009/10 FY, at which time staff recommended that the fares be adjusted every three years in order to keep pace with increased operating costs in order to maintain the required fare box recovery ratios. The attached Table A identifies the fare increase that was approved by the BCAG Board in 2009, and the fare increase that staff and the TAOC is recommending for 2013/14 FY. The proposed fare increase would generate approximately \$120,000 to \$130,000 annually.



Is Transit Taking You Where You Need to Go?

What do you think of a Proposed Fare Increase?

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is requesting comments from the public on unmet transit needs and a proposed fare increase. Members of the public are invited to submit comments by **mail, email, phone, fax, internet or in person** at one of the below meetings.

Public Workshop Schedule

All testimony received is given equal consideration.

- **Paradise**
Monday, **October 7, 2013**, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ~Town Hall, 5555 Skyway
- **Gridley**
Monday, **October 7, 2013**, 6:00 pm ~ Gridley City Hall, Community Room ~ 685 Kentucky Street – Meeting in conjunction with Gridley City Council’s Study Session
- **Oroville**
Tuesday, **October 8, 2013**, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ City of Oroville Council Chambers ~ 1735 Montgomery Street
- **Chico**
Tuesday, **October 8, 2013**, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ~ Butte County Library – Chico Branch ~ 1108 Sherman Avenue
- **Butte County**
Thursday, **October 24, 2013**, 9:00 am ~ Public Hearing held at regular meeting of BCAG, City of Chico Council Chambers ~ 421 Main Street

Please note that workshops will not end until all comments have been received

Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 24, 2013

If you have comments and are unable to attend, please contact BCAG:

Mail: Butte County Association of Governments, 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terr., Ste 100, Chico, CA 95928

Email: jpeplow@bcag.org

Phone: (530) 879-2468

Fax: (530) 891-2979

Si Ud. desea comentar sobre el sistema de transito “B-LINE” que no han sido correspondidos, por favor asista unas de las juntas o escriba sus comentarios.

TABLE A

Proposed B-Line Passenger Fares for 2013/14 FY

2009/10						2013/14			
B-LINE FARE PROPOSAL & APPROVED FARE INCREASE						B-LINE FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL			
		STAFF		APPROVED			STAFF		
		2009 FARE	PROPOSAL	FARES	% Increase			PROPOSAL	% Increase
Cash									
Local	Regular	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.40	40%		\$1.50	7%	
Local	Discount	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$0.70	40%		\$0.75	7%	
Local	Student	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.00	33%		\$1.00	0%	
Regional	Regular	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$1.80	44%		\$2.00	10%	
Regional	Discount	\$0.60	\$1.00	\$0.90	50%		\$1.00	10%	
Regional	Student	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.30	30%		\$1.50	13%	
30 Day Pass									
Local	Regular	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$35.00	17%		\$37.50	7%	
Local	Discount	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$18.00	20%		\$19.00	5%	
Local	Student	\$20.00	\$27.00	\$25.00	25%		\$25.00	0%	
Regional	Regular	\$37.50	\$57.00	\$43.00	15%		\$48.00	10%	
Regional	Discount	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$22.50	25%		\$25.00	10%	
Regional	Student	\$25.00	\$37.00	\$30.00	20%		\$34.00	12%	
All Day Pass		\$2.50	\$4.00	\$3.75	50%		\$4.00	6%	
2 Ride Pass									
Local	Regular	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.80	40%		\$3.00	7%	
Local	Discount	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.40	40%		\$1.50	7%	
Local	Student	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.00	33%		\$2.00	0%	
Regional	Regular	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$3.60	44%		\$4.00	10%	
Regional	Discount	\$1.20	\$2.00	\$1.80	50%		\$2.00	10%	
Regional	Student	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.60	30%		\$3.00	13%	
10 Ride Pass									
Local	Regular	\$9.00	\$13.00	\$12.60	40%		\$13.50	7%	
Local	Discount	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$6.30	40%		\$6.75	7%	
Local	Student	\$6.50	\$9.00	\$9.00	38%		\$9.00	0%	
Regional	Regular	\$11.00	\$18.00	\$16.20	47%		\$18.00	10%	
Regional	Discount	\$5.00	\$9.00	\$8.10	62%		\$9.00	10%	
Regional	Student	\$8.50	\$13.00	\$11.70	38%		\$13.00	10%	
Paratransit		\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.50	25%		\$2.75	9%	
Same Day Request							\$4.00		
Zone 1				\$6.25			\$7.00	11%	
Zone 2				\$8.25			\$9.00	8%	
Zone 3				\$10.25			\$11.00	7%	