



AGENDA

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

**Monday – June 7, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

Meeting will be held on Zoom via video conference call, or call in only for audio

**Butte County Association of Governments
326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. SSTAC Minutes – September 28, 2020**
- 3. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2021/22**
- 4. Transit Updates and Other Items for discussion**



ITEM # 2

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

Monday, September 28, 2020 at 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS
Radley Ott	Butte County Public Works
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211
Mary Neumann	Passages
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico
Talmadge House	Disability Action Center
Michael Harding	We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
Kristy Malloy	Paradise Medical Group

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.
Ron Ullman	Citizen-Oroville
Cameron Wise	Work Training Center
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant

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 remotely over Zoom on September 28, 2020, while Staff was present at the BCAG office at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California.

Item #1 – Introductions

The meeting started off with each person present via Zoom or conference call stating their name and agency, if any, they are affiliated with.

Item #2 – SSTAC Minutes – Minutes from May 16, 2019

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

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2020/21

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. Due to decreased attendance at the public meetings, this year only one public meeting took place at the BCAG Board Meeting on April 23, 2020. 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.

The need for expanded Paratransit service was discussed, however this service is not part of the unmet transit needs process for Fixed Route service.

On motion by Councilmember Coughlin, seconded by Councilmember House, the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2020/21 were unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

B-Line Mobile Pass

Staff announced that mobile passes are now available through the Token Transit app. This will allow agencies to purchase passes directly for clients and send them to their phones, and it allows a remote purchasing option for those unable to get to a sales station.

COVID Response

Staff discussed the impact that the COVID-19 outbreak had on transit ridership. As a result of the CARES Act, fares were able to be free for a period of seven weeks, which helped drivers and riders maintain social distance.

GPS Tracking on Fareboxes

The GPS tracking on the fareboxes is now up and running, which will allow staff to see where people are riding the bus. This will be especially helpful in re-vamping the routes for the Oroville area.

2020 RTP/SCS Development

Information regarding this program is available on our website. Staff is gathering data and completing the update now. This plan includes BCAG's general plan for all mode of transportation, population, employment and housing updates. Staff stated there is a list SSTAC members and the public can sign up for to receive updates regarding the 2020 RTP/SCS. It is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2020.

No other items were presented.



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee

Item #3 Action

June 7, 2021

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2021/22

PREPARED BY: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment each year as the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County.

DISCUSSION: Each year, BCAG must identify any unmet public transit needs that may exist in Butte County in order to receive state funding. If unmet transit needs are found, a further determination must be made as to whether those needs are reasonable to meet. All unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet must be met before TDA funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Testimony was collected during a 30-day outreach period where the public could provide input via mail, email, phone, as well as an online comment form on the B-Line web page. The outreach period culminated with a public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. This 30-day period to gather comments, along with this final public hearing, was promoted in local newspapers, on all transit buses and on the Internet at both the BCAG and B-Line web site, as well as on the Butte Regional Transit Facebook page. In addition, the notice was emailed to community social service agencies. Attached is the Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment – 2021/2022. The Assessment examines transit dependent groups, adequacy of existing transit services, a detailed summary of the public testimony received during this year's outreach process, and staff's analysis of whether the testimony meets the definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet.

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.

Based on the testimony and analysis with the adopted definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet, the BCAG Board of Directors is **required** to make one of three findings:

1. There are no unmet transit needs,
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet,
3. There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

Findings for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year

Based on the testimony received and on staff's analysis with the adopted definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet, BCAG staff is recommending that the following finding be made by the BCAG Board of Directors:

There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

This recommendation will be presented to the BCAG Board of Directors at the June 24, 2021 Board meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council support staff's recommendation to the BCAG Board of Directors to accept the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for the 2021/22 fiscal year and find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Key staff: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner
 Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager
 Victoria Proctor, Administrative Assistant



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Item #4 Information

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TRANSIT UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PREPARED BY: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

- Transit Funding Overview
- B-Line Mobile Pass Update
- Route Optimization Study
- Other Items