

Appendix 4

Public Involvement Documentation – Summary

BCAG undertook an extensive Public Participation Process in developing the development of the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. In accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan, BCAG held an extensive public outreach process prior to and during the development of the 2023 FTIP. The region continues to be challenged with the impacts of COVID 19 and social distancing requirements and or recommendations. To conduct meaningful and accessible public input, BCAG continued to explore innovative engagement events or activities to solicit public input.

Traditional and historical project development methods for the FTIP includes consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee comprised of the cities, county, Caltrans, the air district, public health, the university, and other interested individuals. Typical outreach also includes reaching out to each of the local Tribal Governments in Butte County and to communities traditionally underserved.

What's new or different considering the pandemic challenges? Beginning in January 2022, BCAG engaged in a public education campaign to educate and inform the public of BCAG's planning and programming responsibilities (including the 2023 FTIP) to provide an opportunity for the public to communicate any transportation concerns and priorities, including transit needs. BCAG participated in "[CORE](#)" ([Community Organized Relief Effort](#)) vaccine clinic events and public health fairs held in Butte County. CORE is a non-profit organization that brings immediate aid and recovery to underserved communities across the globe. CORE focuses on equity by bringing relief directly to those who need it most. With this effort of community engagement, BCAG partnered with CORE and Butte County Public Health to educate and inform the public of what BCAG does, its funding programs, planning activities and what current projects underway. The public was encouraged to participate in its various planning efforts and to communicate any transportation issues or concerns. Staff attempted to educate interested individuals of the functions of BCAG and how their input and concerns were important to the planning process. Communication topics included the following planning and programming projects below and their relationship to each other.

- 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Development
- North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan Development
- Update to BCAG'S Public Participation Plan
- Butte Regional Transit – Unmet Transit Needs Process

- Senate Bill 1 Planning Funds
- Active Transportation / Non-Motorized
- Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP)

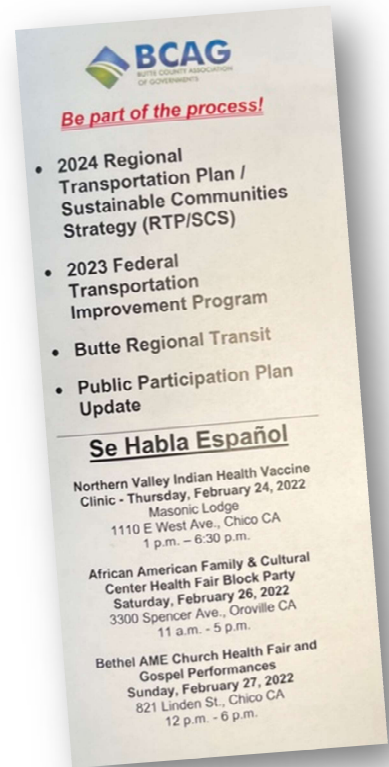
In addition, BCAG had bicycle maps, bus stickers and informational flyers on its plans and programs. Staff also gave away free one ride Regional Transit tickets to encourage new transit ridership. By including various projects and roles BCAG undertakes, the public was more attentive and engaged in the conversations.

Events Summary - Staff participated in a series of five public health events in Chico, Gridley and Oroville

- Bethel AME Church – Vaccine Clinic and Health Fair. Saturday, January 29, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Northern Valley Indian Health Vaccine Clinic , Thursday, February 24th from 1pm-6:30pm
- Masonic Lodge- 1110 E West Ave, Chico, CA 95926
- [African American Family & Cultural Center Health Fair Block Party](#)
- Saturday, February 26th from 11am-5pm, 3300 Spencer Ave, Oroville, CA 95966
- [Bethel AME Church Health Fair and Gospel Performances](#)
- Sunday, February 27th from 12pm-6pm, 821 Linden St, Chico CA 95928
- Butte County Public Health Vaccine Clinic – Gridley Public Library, Friday, February 25, 2022 from 3pm to 5 pm. 299 Spruce St., Gridley, CA 95948.

The 2023 FTIP includes 5 new STIP projects which primarily benefit bicycle & transit modes. This is highlighted because the remaining 16 (21 total projects) are carryover from the 2021 FTIP. All BCAG meetings are open to the public and because of social distancing recommendations by the Public Health Department and Governor Newsom, the workshops were made available through zoom. Notice of the workshops were placed in Butte Regional Transit fleet including display ads in English, Spanish and Hmong. In addition, BCAG's Interagency Consultation Review Group were also consulted in matters concerning air quality conformity. Local Native American Tribal Governments were contacted via formal government-to-government correspondence. Copies of the outreach efforts are attached. In addition, Caltrans assisted in the distribution of the draft document for review and comment. Notices were placed in the local newspaper and the process was worked through BCAG's advisory committees and Board of Directors meetings, all of which are public. In addition to specific workshops, BCAG has welcomed input throughout the process, however, typical input came from Caltrans. Once material was drafted, it was made available for review and comment at BCAG's website.

Feedback Received: Most of the comments were positive in nature and the public simply appreciated staff going out to the community in making a genuine effort to solicit input. Comments were given in generalization statements such as, “we need more bike projects, better roads”. Unfortunately it was not uncommon for the public to communicate their concern with the homeless gathering along bus stops and bike paths.



Outreach to Low Income Communities:



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is currently updating its Public Participation Plan (PPP). This plan defines BCAG's public participation process for its transportation planning and programming projects. BCAG is also required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement program (FTIP) every two years and a long-range Region Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that have federal transportation funding or require some type of federal approval whereas the RTP/SCS is a long-range plan. In addition, BCAG will be developing a new North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan. Prior to the update or preparation of these documents, BCAG will be attending three Community Health Fair events to provide the public an opportunity to learn about these activities in person. BCAG will also be hosting a zoom workshop on March 7, 2022.

- **WHAT? PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO LEARN ABOUT BCAG'S PPP, FTIP, RTP/SCS, Rail or Transit Activities**

- **WHEN AND WHERE? COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIRS AT:**

CHICO Northern Valley Indian Health - Vaccine Clinic and Health Fair
Thursday, February 24, 2022, 1 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Masonic Lodge – 1110 W. East Ave., Chico CA 95926

OROVILLE African American Family & Cultural Center (AAFCC) Block Party
Saturday, February 26, 2022, 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.
3300 Spencer Ave, Oroville, CA 95966

CHICO Bethel AME Chico – Community Family Reunion
Sunday, February 27, 2022, 12 P.M. to 6 P.M.
821 Linden St., Chico CA 95928

- **CAN'T MAKE IT AND WANT TO LOOK ONLINE OR WHO TO CONTACT?**

All information will be posted at BCAG's webpage at: WWW.BCAG.ORG.
Please contact Mr. Ivan Garcia at 530-809-4603 or email: igarcia@bcag.org.
Please check the website for [zoom workshop](#) on March 7, 2022.

******Se Habla Español**** NOTICIA PUBLICA**

Si Ud. esta interesado en participar en el proceso de transportacion de Butte County Association of Governments, estas invitado a asistir una junta para aprender de los actividades, documentos y proyectos en su comunidad. Sea parte de el proceso!

FREE

VACCINE CLINICS AND HEALTH FAIRS IN FEBRUARY

NORTHERN VALLEY INDIAN HEALTH - VACCINE CLINIC AND HEALTH FAIR

Thursday, February 24th | 1pm to 6:30pm

Masonic Lodge | 1110 W East Ave, Chico, CA 95926

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY & CULTURAL CENTER - BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, February 26th | 11am to 5pm

3300 Spencer Ave, Oroville, CA 95966

BETHEL AME CHICO - COMMUNITY FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, February 27th | 12pm to 6pm

821 Linden St, Chico, CA 95928

PUBLIC EVENT

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) will be attending CORE's Vaccine Clinics and Health Fairs in February alongside Butte County Public Health. Come learn about BCAG's planning and programming activities including:

**Regional Transportation Plan/
Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Butte Regional Transit

North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan

Public Participation Plan

Can't make it? All information will be posted online at www.bcag.org. Please contact Ivan Garcia at BCAG at 530-809-4603, email at igarcia@bcag.org if you have any questions. If you are interested in participating or to be included in any of our project email distribution lists, please let us know.

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January 26, 2022

The Honorable Glenda Nelson, Chairperson
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Subject:

- 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Development
- 2024 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy
- BCAG Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments
- BCAG 2022 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 secure and 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 1 and as Chair representing BCAG.

BCAG is committed to developing Government-to-Government relationships with the Tribal Governments within the Butte County region. BCAG would like to extend an invitation to your Tribe to attend and participate on 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 commenced the development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and 2023 Federal Transportation

Improvement Program (FTIP) 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/SCS will cover the period between 2024 and 2050. All projects selected for programming into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) are required to be included in the RTP.

BCAG is also responsible for preparing, adopting and submitting a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTIP is a programming document that identifies all transportation projects and programs that are funded with federal transportation funds or require some type of approval from the FHWA or FTA in Butte County. This programming document covers a four federal fiscal year cycle and is updated every two years. Projects identified in the FTIP typically include:

- streets and roads
- highways
- transit
- safety
- bridge reconstruction
- active transportation projects
- other programs that receive federal dollars or require some type of federal approval

BCAG is also reviewing its policy for Government-to-Government consultation with federally recognized Native American Tribal Governments. This policy document is required by the Federal Transit Administration and Federal highway Administration. Attached to this letter is BCAG's current policy for your review and comment.

Lastly, BCAG is reviewing its own Public Participation Plan (PPP) which documents how this agency interacts with the public in relation to its planning and programming requirements. BCAG intends to fold in the Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments to the PPP.

All information related to the PPP can be found on-line at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/-Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html>.

A hard copy of the 2016 PPP is also attached. Prior to any changes, BCAG welcomes any input you may have.

Honorable Glenda Nelson
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As we develop and update BCAG's RTP/SCS, FTIP, Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments and its Public Participation Plan, **we welcome any input you may have. BCAG would welcome the opportunity for staff to provide your Tribe with a workshop on these activities or any other item concerning BCAG at your convenience.** For your awareness, BCAG owns and operates Butte Regional Transit as well.

All material concerning these items are posted on the Internet at BCAG's website at: <http://www.bcag.org/> as they are developed.

It is the intent of this agency to review its participation process every two years prior to the development of the FTIP and RTP/SCS. If you have any questions please give me a call or you can contact Mr. Jon Clark, Executive Director of BCAG at 530-809-4616, or Mr. Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist at the same number or by email directly at igarcia@bcag.org. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Bill Connelly, Chair
Butte County Association of Governments

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Attachments:

- BCAG Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments
- BCAG 2019 Public Participation Plan (Currently being updated)



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DATE: July 20, 2022

TO: Freight Industries Which May Conduct Business in Butte County

FROM: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

SUBJECT: Butte County 2024 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy & Development of the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Sir/Madam

Your contact information was provided to the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 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 secure and program transportation funds within the region.

The purpose of this correspondence is to reach out to the freight industry in an effort to make you aware of BCAG's transportation planning and programming process. Currently, BCAG is developing its long range "Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy" (RTP/SCS) for Butte County. The RTP/SCS 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/SCS will cover the period between 2024 and 2050. All projects selected for programming into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) are required to be included in the RTP/SCS.

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every two years. Projects identified in the FTIP typically include:

- streets and roads
- highways
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- safety
- bridge reconstruction
- active transportation projects (bicycle and pedestrian projects)
- other programs that receive federal dollars or require some type of federal approval

BCAG staff will be hosting an online public workshop on the development of the plan on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 4 p.m. Attached is a public notice for this “zoom” workshop. If unable to participate our staff can provide other opportunities at your convenience.

As we develop and update the 2024 RTP/SCS and the 2023 FTIP, **we welcome any input you may have. BCAG would welcome the opportunity for staff to provide you with a workshop on these activities or any other item concerning BCAG at your convenience.** For your awareness, BCAG owns and operates Butte Regional Transit as well.

The safe transportation of freight is extremely important to the region, the local economy and the State of California. For this this reason, we are reaching out to provide you the opportunity to communicate any concerns you wish to provide for consideration into BCAG’s transportation plans and programs. BCAG has a strong working relationship with the local municipalities in Butte County, Caltrans and state and federal partners.

All material concerning these items are posted on the Internet at BCAG’s website at: <http://www.bcag.org/> as they are developed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call directly or email me at igarcia@bcag.org. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Ivan Garcia, Programming Director
Butte County Association of Governments

Attachment: Public Notice with Zoom Link
Distribution: Via Email

PUBLIC NOTICE

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An informational zoom workshop will be held to inform the public of BCAG's planning and programming projects including the relationship of the long range RTP/SCS to the short range FTIP. This zoom meeting will focus on the development of BCAG's FTIP. The FTIP cover at least a four-year period and contain a priority list of projects grouped by year. If you would like to learn more about what projects are programmed over the next four federal fiscal years, you are welcomed to attend. All relevant material is posted at:

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html>

Due to COVID-19 concerns and social distancing recommendations, the workshop will be conducted via zoom. The public will be able to ask questions during the Zoom workshop, and/or email comments. The workshop will be recorded for future viewing or reference. A power point will be presented with the opportunity to participate and ask questions.

Zoom Workshop Date & Time:
Thursday, August 4, 2024
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87956716075?pwd=NklZdmhRaXVyOVIUV09pZFdDVExlZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 5671 6075
Passcode: 285251
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All documents are available for review on the Internet <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html>
Comments or questions on the projects can be directed to Mr. Iván García, Programming Director for BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by email at igarcia@bcag.org. Comments can also be mailed to BCAG at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928.

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