



## Summer 2024 Newsletter



### Final Rail Plan Approved

The BCAG Board of Directors approved the final North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan at their May 2024 meeting. The plan is available on the project website [www.northvalleyrail.org](http://www.northvalleyrail.org). Key findings in this plan include the identification of a preferred corridor with service to Chico on the Union Pacific Railroad Valley Subdivision. An initial starter service of four round trips per day is achievable in the mid-term (within 10 years), with potential to expand to hourly service by the year 2050. Approximate travel time between Chico and Sacramento was identified as 90-minutes, with fare costs ranging between \$25 and \$35.

Total project costs could be up to \$530 million (year of expenditure dollars), which includes development of the environmental document, design and engineering work, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs associated

with the required stations and track improvements. The cost estimate will be refined going forward as coordination with Union Pacific Railroad and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority advances. Funding is expected to come from state and federal funding programs; for reference, the Valley Rail program has received a total of \$1.6 billion in state funding to date.

### 2025 FTIP Update

#### 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

BCAG has initiated the development of the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP is a programming document that identifies all transportation projects in Butte County that will be funded by federal, state, and local funding sources within the short-term horizon that require federal approval.



Projects identified in the FTIP include those for:

- highways
- streets and roads
- transit
- transportation-related safety projects
- bridge reconstruction
- active transportation
- congestion mitigation and air quality improvement

All FTIP material and amendments are developed in consultation with the appropriate local, state and federal agencies, the public, the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the BCAG Board, as required. A complete draft will be available for review by August 1, 2024. The BCAG Board is scheduled to adopt the FTIP at their September 26, 2024, Board meeting. Comments or questions regarding the FTIP can be directed to Ivan Garcia, BCAG Programming Director, by email at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org) or by phone at the BCAG offices at 530-809-4616.

For more information, visit the BCAG "[FTIP](#)" page or by [clicking here](#).

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## B-Line Looking for S.S.T.A.C. Members



Applications for the next appointment cycle of the BCAG/B-Line S.S.T.A.C. committee are being currently being accepted. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 12, 2024.

The S.S.T.A.C. provides input on public transit issues. Meetings are held 1-2 times per year via Zoom and in person at the BCAG office.

Any community member of Butte County can apply to serve for a 3-year term. We encourage participants from the many cultural, social, and socio-economic groups in our area to join BCAG/B-Line in continuing to improve the services that public transit provides.

The committee reviews the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process for Butte County, reviews other transit issues and provides recommendations for improvement.

For more info or to apply, follow the link below:

<https://www.bcag.org/About-BCAG/Committees/SSTAC/index.html>

You can also call the office at (530) 809-4616 or send an email to [vproctor@bcag.org](mailto:vproctor@bcag.org).

We look forward to hearing more from you!

Si necesita ayuda en español, llame a nuestra oficina en (530) 809-4616.

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## Summer Outreach Events

Staff enjoyed connecting with the community in the spring months at events like the Chico Downtown Market, the Juneteenth Celebration in Oroville and Red Suspenders Day in Gridley! We look forward to meeting more of you in August and September (no July events scheduled this year).

August 15th (Thursday) - Chico Downtown Market

September 26th (Thursday) - Chico Downtown Market

September 28th (Saturday) - Oroville Salmon Festival

Please email Amy White ([awhite@bcag.org](mailto:awhite@bcag.org)) if you would like us to consider attending your agency or community event in the future.

## Holiday Service

B-Line services will not be operating and BCAG offices will be closed in observance of following holidays (July/August/September).

July 4th (Thursday) - Independence Day  
September 2nd (Monday) - Labor Day

Please give us a call at (530) 809-4616 for additional information.



*BCAG is a Joint Powers Authority of the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley,  
and Oroville, the Town of Paradise, and the County of Butte.  
BCAG is the operating administrator for Butte Regional Transit, known as B-Line.*

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