



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**\*\*\*Thursday\*\*\* – April 4, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**

**IN PERSON AT THE BCAG CONFERENCE ROOM OR**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

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| <b><u>ITEM</u></b>   | <b><u>STAFF</u></b>            |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>3. Minutes from February 1, 2024 TAC meeting</b>  | Ivan Garcia<br>Approval        |
| <b>4. Programming Updates</b><br><br>Status of Programming new CRP, CMAQ and STIP Projects   | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>5. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Development Updates</b><br><br>RTP Project List and SCS Updates   | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>6. Transportation Development Act – Apportionments For FY 24/25</b><br><br>Informing committee of Preliminary Apportionments  | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>7. 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program</b><br><br>Informing committee of development of the 2025 FTIP   | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>8. Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)</b><br><br>Informing committee of new funding opportunity for planning, design and construction of projects                        | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>9. BCAG Outreach and Community Involvement</b><br><br>Informing committee of scheduled outreach and community events  | Ivan Garcia<br>Information     |
| <b>10. Butte County SS4A Safety Action Plan</b><br><br>Presentation by Butte County Public Health Department of development of the Butte County Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan | Kerri Vanderbom<br>Information |
| <b>11. Caltrans District 03 Updates</b><br><br>Caltrans Local Assistance updates   | Caltrans<br>Information        |
| <b>12. Other Items</b>   | All                            |



## BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

## Item # 5 Information

April 4, 2024

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**PREPARED BY:** Iván Garcia, Programming Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) every 4 years. The 2024 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be adopted at the December 12, 2024, Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** The 2024 RTP/SCS is BCAG's long range regional transportation plan for 2024 to 2045. The RTP/SCS serves as the foundation for the development of the short-range Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors as needed.

The 2024 RTP/SCS contains the following:

1. RTP Document – including all required components (Policy, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Action and Financial)
2. Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination – demonstrating that the projects in the RTP conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements.
3. Environmental Impact Report – complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

The Sustainable Communities Strategy is being presented as a separate agenda item.

**DRAFT PROJECT LIST:** Staff worked with each of the local jurisdictions and Caltrans to develop the project list for the RTP/SCS. All projects will remain draft until the RTP/SCS is adopted by the BCAG Board in December 2024. The projects are currently being included in BCAG's regional travel model. The included projects are anticipated to be funded within the timeframe of the RTP/SCS and in some cases, are identified as unconstrained, indicating funding is not within BCAG's financial projections. Projects are categorized by type including Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Maintenance and Operations, or Capacity Changing. Jurisdictional "Draft" project lists have been posted online at: <https://www.bcag.org/Projects/RTP--SCS/2024-RTPSCS-Update/index.html>.

A total of 247 projects are currently included in the "Draft 2024 RTP/SCS". Projects have been sorted and posted by jurisdiction/agency:

- [Biggs Projects](#)
- [Chico Projects](#)
- [Gridley Projects](#)
- [Oroville Projects](#)
- [Paradise Projects](#)
- [Butte County Projects](#)
- [BCAG / B-Line Projects](#)
- [Caltrans District 3 Projects](#)

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

The SCS is designed to support the integration of land use, housing, and transportation for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicles to meet regional emission reduction targets assigned to BCAG for the Butte County region. This includes the goal of a 7% reduction in per capita GHG emissions by the year 2035 as required by the California Air Resources Board.

The next update of the RTP/SCS is scheduled for adoption by the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2024. Development of the 2024 SCS is well underway and continues to be on track for approval at the end of the year. An updated project schedule has been included in **Attachment #1**.

### Current Work

Current work on the SCS includes the development of four land use and transportation scenarios. Finalization of modeling work for the four scenarios is moving forward with the consultant teams at Fehr and Peers and PlaceWorks, with the goal to achieve the GHG reduction targets identified by CARB for the BCAG region. This work is also being coordinated with BCAG member jurisdictions through the Planning Directors Group and Transportation Advisory Committee. Community input on scenario development was received last fall with an online survey and community workshop.

The four (4) scenarios are as follows:

- Scenario #1 – 2020 RTP/SCS (No Project)
- Scenario #2 – Apply new regional growth forecasts and 2023 B-Line Routing Study findings. Land use and transportation strategies unchanged. Consistent with local general plans.

- Scenario #3 – Increase housing mix as well as ratio of forecasted housing in the “Center” and “Established Growth” areas. Emphasis on new housing elements and recent development trends. Updated transportation project list. Consistent with local general plans and new housing elements.
- Scenario #4 – Include additional VMT/GHG reduction strategies to achieve greater reductions towards meeting the CARB target.

**Attachment #2** includes additional information on the four scenarios currently under development. BCAG staff expect to complete the scenario modeling work in the next few weeks and bring forward a recommendation for the preferred scenario to the Planning Directors Group in early April, and the BCAG Board of Directors at the April 2024 Board meeting.

#### Next Steps

Following selection of a preferred scenario by the BCAG Board in April, the next steps in the development of the SCS will include:

- Development of actions and policies that support implementation of the preferred scenario - *spring 2024*.
- Completion of the required equity analysis identifying any disparate impacts of the proposed SCS components in regard to race, color, or national origin as well as any disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on other priority populations including low income and disadvantaged populations - *spring 2024*.
- Completion of draft RTP/SCS document, draft supplemental EIR, and associated public workshops along with required public review period - *late summer/early fall 2024*.
- Final RTP/SCS document and supplemental EIR approval by BCAG Board of Directors - *December 2024*.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Staff will continue public outreach efforts throughout the development of the RTP/SCS. An attached public outreach event schedule is attached. Specific RTP/SCS or EIR public meetings or hearings will be completed as required.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information.

Key Staff: Iván García, Programming Director  
Chris Devine, Planning Director  
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

# BCAG 2024 Sustainable Communities Strategy Schedule

| Tasks   | 2022 |   |   |   | 2023 |   |   |   | 2024 |   |   |   | 2025 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Task 1. Project Initiation</b>   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. Consultant Kick-Off Meeting  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Administrative Coordination  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Task 2. Regional Travel Survey</b>                                     |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. Travel Survey Scoping  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Regional Travel Survey   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Task 3. Prepare Sustainable Communities Strategy</b>                   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. SCS Public Outreach and Coordination                                   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Gather/Develop Required Data to Consider                               |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. Develop Strategies & Scenarios (Land Use, Housing, and Transportation) |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. Identify Policies and Imp. Actions for Preferred Scenario              |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5. Quantify Results   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6. Equity Analysis  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Task 4. Finalize Sustainable Communities Strategy</b>                  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. Administrative Draft Document  |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2. Draft Document   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3. Draft Document Review Meetings   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4. Final Document and Submittal to CARB                                   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Task 5. BCAG Board of Directors Review/Approval</b>                    |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. BCAG Board Meeting   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Public Workshop: 

2024 RTP/SCS Scenario Development

| Strategy                     | Scenario #1<br>2020 RTP/SCS (No Project) | Scenario #2<br>2020 RTP/SCS Update                  | Scenario #3<br>Latest Trends & Transit Oriented Development   | Scenario #4<br>Latest Trends & Transit Oriented Development Plus |
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| <b>Land Use</b>              |  |   |   |  |
| <i>Housing &amp; Jobs</i>    | 2020 RTP/SCS                             | 2020 RTP/SCS<br>(Consistent w/ Local General Plans) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased % of growth in Urban Center &amp; Established Areas                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased % of Multi-Family Units</li> <li>Improved Jobs-Housing Balance</li> <li>Consistent w/ Local General Plans and new Housing Elements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Same as Scenario #3  |
| <i>Regional Growth</i>       | 2020 RTP/SCS                             | 2022-2045 Regional Growth Forecasts                 | Same as Scenario #2   | Same as Scenario #2  |
| <b>Transportation</b>        |  |   |   |  |
| <i>Roads</i>                 | 2020 RTP/SCS                             | 2020 RTP/SCS  | Updated Project List  | Same as Scenario #3  |
| <i>Transit</i>               | 2020 RTP/SCS                             | B-Line Routing Study Implementation                 | Same as Scenario #2   | Same as Scenario #2  |
| <i>Bike &amp; Pedestrian</i> | 2020 RTP/SCS                             | 2020 RTP/SCS  | Updated Project List<br>(Increase Class I, II, & IV bike facility miles)  | Same as Scenario #3  |
| <b>Additional</b>            |  |   |   |  |
|                              |  |   |   | Telecommuting  |
|                              |  |   |   | Telemedicine   |
|                              |  |   |   | Increased Transit Frequency                                      |
|                              |  |   |   | Other (based on results of Scenario #3 )                         |



## BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

## Item # 7 Information

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### 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**PREPARED BY:** Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

**ISSUE:** As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County, BCAG is responsible for biennially preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The 2025 FTIP is required to be adopted and submitted to Caltrans by September 30, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding or other approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The 2025 FTIP will cover the next four fiscal years (FFY 24/25, 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28). The FTIP also identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes. The FTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of federal dollars and other resources for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system and the achievement of federal air quality standards over the next four federal fiscal years.

Existing projects that are not obligated in the current 2023 FTIP will carry forward into the 2025 FTIP as well as the projects adopted in the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The typical funding programs associated with the FTIP include the STIP, State Highways Operations and Protection Program (Caltrans SHOPP), Highway Bridge Program (Local Bridge Program), Federal Transit Administration Programs (Transit), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), Highway Improvement Program (HIP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

This process is primarily developed in consultation with BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee. All projects in the FTIP are required to be included in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and a federal performance measure identified. Development of the FTIP will be completed in accordance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan.

A public workshop for the draft FTIP will be scheduled in June 2024. The draft FTIP document will be presented at the July 25, 2024 Board meeting with adoption at the August 22, 2024 Board meeting. Staff will present the draft 2024 list of FTIP projects at the May TAC meeting.



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Staff will reach out directly to each of the cities and county concerning their respective projects. A new regional emissions analysis will be required for the 2025 FTIP. All information developed will be posted on BCAG's website for the FTIP.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director  
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst



## BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

## Item # 9 Information

April 4, 2024

### BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**PREPARED BY:** Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

**ISSUE:** Staff is providing information on upcoming community outreach efforts involving Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) and BCAG.

**DISCUSSION:** Outreach is vital to engaging with the community on BCAG and B-Line’s planning, programming, and transit services. Participating in community events has proven to be effective with meaningful dialogue with those interested in regional transportation.

Community events provide venues to engage with the public about various planning and programming activities such as the RTIP, FTIP, RTP/SCS, Passenger Rail and transit. Community events enable staff to interact with the public and develop a positive association. For the TAC’s awareness, the 2024 events are as follows, noting “\*” indicates bus on site.

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| <p><b>February</b> (participated)</p> <p>2/17 Oroville AAFCC Block Party</p> <p>2/23 Chico Jesus Center Presentation</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>3/16 Oroville Arbor Day Festival</p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p>4/11 Chico Thursday Night Market (1st night)</p> <p><b>May</b></p> <p>TBD Chico Stuff the Bus Food Drive*</p> <p>5/4 Oroville Feather Fiesta Days</p> <p>5/11 Paradise Chocolate Fest</p> <p>5/18 Gridley Red Suspenders Day</p> <p>5/23 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p><b>June</b></p> <p>6/13 Chico Aging &amp; Disability Fair (CSU)</p> <p>6/15 Oroville AAFCC Juneteenth Celebration</p> <p>6/27 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> | <p><b>July</b></p> <p>Nothing in July</p> <p><b>August</b></p> <p>8/15 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p><b>September</b></p> <p>9/26 Chico Thursday Night Market</p> <p>9/28 Oroville Salmon Festival</p> <p><b>October</b></p> <p>10/4-5 Paradise Johnny Appleseed Days</p> <p>TBD Chico CSU Bus Day (EJ Hall)*</p> <p>TBD Chico CSU Sustainability Day</p> <p>10/31 Chico Downtown Treat Street*</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>TBD Gridley Dia de Los Muertos</p> <p><b>December</b></p> <p>TBD Chico Stuff the Bus Toy Drive*</p> |
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information.