



BCAG Board of Directors

Agenda Item #3 – Consent

Date: February 26, 2026

Subject: APPROVED Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors January 22, 2026

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The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG’s office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico
Steve Crowder	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Eric Smith	Councilmember	City of Oroville

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Zach Brown	Councilmember	City of Biggs
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director (Zoom)
Amy White	Transportation Analyst
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Transportation Analyst
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Sara Cain	Transportation Grants Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director

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OTHERS PRESENT

Lance Atencio
Dawson Stroud
John Stonebraker
Elle Carey

Transdev
Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison
Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)
Transit Happy (Zoom)

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Moment of silence for Doug LaMalfa**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2025 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
6. Authorization for Executive Director to Establish Bank Account for Administration of Butte Regional Transit Stripe Purchases
7. Approval of Contract Amendment for Butte Regional Transit Systems Analysis

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION –

8: Approval of Resolution 2025/26-05 Transit Revenue Diversification Strategy to Protect Fixed Route, Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride Services

Staff presented an overview of BCAG’s public transportation services across Butte County, including fixed-route transit, ADA paratransit, dial-a-ride, and specialized mobility services for seniors and persons with disabilities.

BCAG Board was informed that these essential services are increasingly at financial risk due to structural declines and volatility in traditional funding sources, including Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenues and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, which are tied to gasoline and diesel consumption.

Staff explained that operating costs—particularly for paratransit and dial-a-ride services—have risen substantially. These services are critical for maintaining access to healthcare, employment, and daily living needs for elderly and disabled residents, yet they represent some of the most expensive forms of public transportation to operate.

The proposed Resolution provides policy direction and administrative authority for staff to proactively develop a diversified portfolio of potential revenue solutions.

On motion by Board Member Kimmelshue and seconded by Board Member Goldstein, Approval of Resolution 2025/26 Transit Revenue Diversification Strategy to Protect Fixed Route, Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride services, was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9: 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Development & Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality-Call for Projects

The Programming Director presented a proposal to initiate development of the new 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and to solicit new projects for funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.

Staff explained that the purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects within the region that require federal transportation funding or approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

To support development of the 2027 FTIP, staff will concurrently issue a new call-for-projects for CMAQ-funded projects to be included in the FTIP. A total programming target of \$10 million has been identified for the new 2027 FTIP period.

The FTIP will be developed in consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee. The proposed schedule anticipates adoption of the new 2027 FTIP by the BCAG Board on August 27, 2026.

This item was presented for information purposes.

10: Chico to Sacramento Intercity Bus Service Update

Staff provided an update on ongoing efforts to implement a new intercity bus service between Chico and Sacramento.

Staff reported receiving a revised bus procurement quote that includes several items omitted from the original proposal. Orders are expected to be placed by the end of the month. Delivery timelines remain estimated at eight to ten months.

The initial bus order is expected to include four 32-seat cutaway vans, allowing for an initial service level of nine round trips per day. Depending on realized ridership levels, staff may pursue the purchase of two additional vehicles, which could include either additional cutaway vans or coach buses.

Staff continues coordination efforts with multiple partner agencies, with assistance from the Transit Happy/AMMA consultant team. Recent meetings included discussions with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA), during which staff reviewed the proposed bus service and discussed agreement terms.

Bus procurement is expected to be finalized by the end of the month, with delivery anticipated in fall 2026. Staff will continue working with Transit Happy/AMMA on preliminary marketing and outreach efforts.

Ongoing coordination will continue with numerous agencies, including:

- San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA)
- Amtrak
- Caltrans
- Amtrak Capitol Corridor JPA

- California State University, Chico
- Oroville Hospital
- Yuba-Sutter Transit
- City of Sacramento
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)
- Redding Area Bus Authority
- Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

These efforts will ensure service alignment and execution of required agreements. Staff will continue to keep the Board of Directors informed as implementation progresses.

This item was presented for information purposes.

11: Butte Regional Transit Stroller Policy Update

Staff presented information regarding the current stroller policy for Butte Regional Transit's B-Line system. The B-Line Rider Rules of Conduct state: "*Strollers must be closed and stowed while in transport.*"

Application of this policy has historically been managed through Transdev operations, including driver training to ensure operators communicate stroller requirements to riders.

In September 2025, a rider submitted a formal request to modify the policy to allow riders with child-occupied strollers to board the bus and permit the child to remain seated in the stroller while the bus is in motion, with the rider physically holding the stroller.

Staff previously evaluated the request and, based on discussion of current and perceived safety concerns associated with modifying the policy, no changes were made at that time.

The complainant subsequently filed an appeal and attended the December 2025 Board meeting, where they addressed the Board and demonstrated the process required under the current policy.

Following the presentation, the Board directed staff to further evaluate what modifications to the policy would require and to assess any potential operational, safety, liability, or service impacts associated with such changes.

Staff will continue reviewing the matter and return to the Board with findings and recommendations.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

12: Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

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