



BCAG Board of Directors

Agenda Item #3 – Consent

Date: January 22, 2026

Subject: DRAFT Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors December 11, 2025

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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
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico
Zach Brown	Councilmember	City of Biggs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

STAFF PRESENT

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

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OTHERS PRESENT

Lance Atencio	Transdev
Emma Sager	Member of the public
Phoebe Sager	Member of the public
Connor Azarin-Gurdine	Member of the public
Anthony Mangonon	AECOM
Daniell Krause	AECOM
John Stonebraker	Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)
Jim Lightbody	AECOM

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the October 23, 2025 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Transit Capital Reserve Funds for Branding Bus Wraps.

On motion by Board Member Goldstein and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the Consent

Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

5: Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 2025 26-04-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)-for Butte County

The Board considered the adoption of the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for Butte County. BCAG is required to adopt an RTIP every two years for submission to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2026 RTIP must be submitted to the CTC by December 15, 2025. A draft RTIP had been completed and made available for public review.

Staff noted that at the September 25, 2025 Board meeting, the Board was informed that one project had been submitted for programming consideration: the Eaton Road/State Route 99 Southbound Roundabout Project, submitted by the City of Chico to address cost increases. The draft 2026 RTIP includes this project, as well as a Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM) project to support BCAG activities.

The BCAG Board Chair opened the public hearing to receive comments on the 2026 RTIP.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the public hearing and approval of Resolution No. 2025 26-04, was unanimously approved.

6. 2026 Unmet Transit Needs Butte Regional Transit Public Hearing

The Board considered the annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) public hearing for Butte County. As the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, BCAG is required to conduct an annual UTN process, which includes at least one public hearing to solicit comments on unmet transit needs within the county.

Staff reported that the 30-day outreach and public comment period began on October 23rd and was promoted through multiple channels, including signage on fixed-route buses, social media advertisements, newspaper notices in Chico, Oroville, Paradise, and Gridley, and a targeted email distributed to BCAG's outreach list. All comments received during the outreach period would be given equal consideration.

Staff explained that the purpose of the UTN process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet are addressed before TDA funds are allocated for non-transit purposes, such as streets and roads. Following the public hearing, testimony will be analyzed to determine whether any identified needs meet the adopted definitions of "Unmet Transit Need" and "Reasonable to Meet." The resulting Transit Needs Assessment will be reviewed by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), which will provide recommendations to the BCAG Board of Directors.

The BCAG Board Chair opened the public hearing. There were two members of the public present who gave comments.

On motion by Board Member Pittman and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the 2026 Unmet Transit Needs Butte Regional Transit Public Hearing, was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Chico to Sacramento Intercity Bus Service Update

The Board received an informational update on progress toward implementation of a new intercity bus service between Chico and Sacramento. Staff reported continued advancement on multiple fronts, including planning updates, coordination with partner agencies, marketing and outreach efforts, and preliminary bus procurement activities. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed as progress continues.

Staff reported that updates to the 2022 Chico to Sacramento Intercity Transit Strategic Plan study have been completed and posted on the BCAG website. Key changes included eliminating the previously proposed Sacramento-to-Stockton segment and focusing exclusively on service between Chico and Sacramento, with stops in Oroville, Marysville, and Plumas Lake.

Updated elements of the study included the timetable, ridership estimates, fleet requirements, fare assumptions, capital and operating costs, and funding strategies.

This item was presented for information purposes.

8: B-Line Marketing Plan Update

The Board received an informational update on the implementation of the B-Line Marketing Plan. Staff reported that several major elements of the plan have been completed, with continued coordination underway to support future service enhancements.

Staff reported that beginning in spring 2025, a full redesign of the B-Line logo and branding package was completed.

Staff reported that a rebranding launch event was held on October 1, 2025. The event provided an opportunity for staff to engage with local media and transit users. Approximately 35 to 40 community members attended.

Promotion for the event included newspaper and radio advertisements, outreach through a local Spanish-language radio station, and a Facebook advertising campaign. The Facebook campaign included content in Spanish and Hmong and reached approximately 5,000 people.

Staff also noted that a video capturing highlights of the launch event was produced and made publicly available.

This item was presented for information purposes.

9: Butte Regional Transit 1st Quarter 2025/26 Report

The Board received an informational report on the first quarter performance of the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) system for Fiscal Year 2025/26. Staff presented key operational and financial performance data for the four modes of service within the system: Rural Fixed Route, Urban Fixed Route, Rural Paratransit, and Urban Paratransit.

Staff explained that ridership data is reported monthly to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), while financial data is reported annually to both the FTA and Caltrans. Quarterly review of performance data allows staff to identify emerging issues, monitor trends, and manage expectations for future performance.

Staff reported that ridership decreased in three of the four service modes when compared to the first quarter of FY 2024/25. Operating expenses were reported to be in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

10: 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 10:08 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

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