

## □ Spring 2025 Newsletter □



## 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Projects

Some bigger projects are underway in Gridley and Oroville!

The **State Route 162 Project** in Oroville is moving forward with the completion of ADA sidewalks and crossings. This project spans from the Feather River Bridge near Highway 70 all the way through town to Foothill Blvd. Next up Caltrans will be rehabilitating the roadway and includes new Class 2 bike lanes. This \$28 million project is funded with BCAG's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds, local City of Oroville funds and Caltrans' State Highway Operations and Protection Program funds. Look for major changes coming Spring/Summer 2026.

For the **State Route 99 Gridley Rehabilitation Project**, BCAG partnered with the City of Gridley and Caltrans to add a new bike & pedestrian path from the north end of Gridley all the way to the south end along the east side of the highway. Caltrans rehabilitation of the highway was a great opportunity to work together to bring much needed safety improvements for those needing to walk or bike for their required trips. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for May 1, 2025, so we may start to see some major work starting this summer! Project costs for these improvements is about \$29 million.

Project info can be found on Caltrans' websites [State Route 162 Project](#) or [State Route 99 Gridley Project](#). Please reach out to Ivan Garcia, Programming Director for BCAG, at [atigarcia@bcag.org](mailto:atigarcia@bcag.org) with any questions or comments about these ongoing projects!

## Spring 2025 Outreach Events

Spring is in full swing! Outreach has picked up with the warmer days and many community events on the horizon!

### April

- 4/10 - Chico Thursday Night Market (Opening Night!)
- 4/24 - Chico USD Adult Transition Center Fair
- 4/26 - Paradise Gold Nugget Days Parade (w/ a BUS!)

### May

● 5/2 - Chico Stuff the Bus Food Drive  
(at Les Schwab, 201 East Ave - 6a to 6p - bring non-perishable food items by anytime to fill the bus and help the community)

- 5/8 - Chico Thursday Night Market
- 5/10 - Oroville Feather Fiesta Days
- 5/17 - Gridley Red Suspenders Day
- 5/22 - Chico Jarvis Gardens Community Info Meeting

### June

- 6/12 - Chico Thursday Night Market
- 6/14 - Oroville Juneteenth Celebration



Come on out and chat with us or let us know if your organization might benefit from an info meeting or class led by B-Line! You can email Amy White at [awhite@bcag.org](mailto:awhite@bcag.org) for more information or if you would like us to consider attending your agency or community event in the future.

# B-Line Holiday Schedule



This spring the only holiday with no B-Line service system wide is **Memorial Day (Monday, May 26, 2025)** Otherwise, the months of April, May and June have no system-wide holiday service closures. All fixed routes and paratransit services are a GO!!

Riders can always visit the ["Hours/Holidays" page](#) on the B-Line website for reminders and updates of service hours, etc.

BCAG Admin offices will be closed on the following days:

Memorial Day - Monday - 5/26/25  
Juneteenth - Thursday - 6/19/25

Please give B-Line Customer Service a call at (530) 342-0221 for additional information.

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## Recent Changes to Routes 5, 32 & 52

Effective Saturday, 3/1/25, the following changes went into effect within the B-Line fixed route system.

Route 52 (Chico Airport) was discontinued. Also known as the Chico Airport Express route, this area is expected to be served by our new microtransit service in the next 12-18 months. The system stop farthest north on Cohasset will now be at E. Lassen serving Routes 2 and 15.

Route 32 (Biggs/Gridley/Chico) now has a run in both directions in the morning and evening.

Route 5 (East 8th Street) has 30 minute headways during peak times.

[The "Schedules" page has been updated with this information.](#) A required hearing was held regarding Route 52 on 2/27/25 according to B-Line policy. Other changes are a system enhancement and did not require hearing. Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns by emailing us at [info@bcag.org](mailto:info@bcag.org) or call (530) 809-4616 with any questions or comments about these changes.



## Have You Heard? We are "Building A Better B-Line"!

At a recent Board meeting, staff outlined plans to enhance B-Line transit services and build ridership in the coming 18 – 24 months.

This is the beginning of a project called 'Building a Better B-Line.' Planned changes are based on recent studies recommending the reallocation of services, use of evolving technologies, and marketing to better meet the needs of riders. By reducing or eliminating underutilized services, B-Line will be able to expand service where riders really need it. Changes are starting now and will be implemented over the next 18 to 24 months.

Some changes have already been put into place. Additional enhancements to service will include:

- The opening of a new Paradise Transit Center on Birch Street between Almond Street and Black Olive Drive, served by Routes 40 and 41, to provide a more comfortable waiting area for passengers.
- New validators on buses to enhance the use of Token Transit, a smartphone app that allows riders to pay their fare with their mobile device.
- Introduction in April 2025 of a new "Passenger Portal" that will make accessing its paratransit service easier for eligible seniors and people with disabilities. Customers will be able to schedule their own trips using a computer or smartphone app. While riders will still have the option of calling to schedule trips, it is expected that this change will significantly reduce phone wait times and give riders an option for how they schedule rides.
- On July 1, 2025, B-Line plans to expand the paratransit service to include intercity trips. Details for this change are still being finalized.
- Later this summer, B-Line will launch a new theme and logo systemwide to refresh and enhance the agency's look!

Other changes planned in 2026 and the following months include:

- Introduction of microtransit - an app-based, on-demand service that will allow riders to request

rides within several defined zones. The microtransit service replaces some routes with lower use rates with a service that is more convenient for riders and more efficient to operate.

- Introduction of zero emissions buses into service.
- Bus stop upgrades, repairs, and revisions to improve service efficiency and accessibility.
- Routing revisions, including removal of underutilized stops, and timing adjustments.
- Consideration of the possibility for service between Chico and Sacramento.

For more information on B-Line services and changes being implemented, please visit the B-Line website pages at [www.blinetransit.com](http://www.blinetransit.com) or [planmyride.blinetransit.com](http://planmyride.blinetransit.com) or email B-Line at [info@blineline.com](mailto:info@blineline.com)

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

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