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2025 FTIP Adoption

The BCAG Board of Directors adopted the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) And Air Quality Conformity Determination for Butte County at their September 26th meeting. The FTIP identifies all transportation projects in the region that have federal transportation funds or require approval by the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration.



Included in the plan is \$283.9 million in federal, state, and local funds that will be used to work towards completion of 25 area projects. The Town of Paradise's Roe Rd Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects represent \$96.8 million of the total dollars programmed. Additionally, the four performance measure (PM) areas associated with this plan include:

PM 1 - Safety:
\$196.6 million for projects to improve safety conditions

PM 2 - Pavement and Bridge Condition:
\$50.3 million in projects that have pavement rehabilitation or improve the condition of bridges

PM 3 - Freight Movement, Congestion and Reliability:
\$254.6 million in projects to improve congestion such as capacity projects that include active transportation

Transit:
\$47.778 million for projects to support Butte Regional Transit

The 2025 FTIP is consistent with both the current 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy as well as the draft 2024 RTP/SCS scheduled for adoption in December. The complete FTIP document with project details and appendices is posted online at: <https://www.bcag.org/PlansProgramsModel/FTIP/index.html> .

Once adopted, the BCAG Board can amend the FTIP at any time. Please direct any questions to Ivan Garcia at igarcia@bcag.org.



RTP/SCS Available for Public Viewing with Public Hearing on December 12th

BCAG is required to prepare and update the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years. The

documents can be accessed online at:

<https://www.bcag.org/PlansProgramsModel/RTP--SCS/2024-RTPSCS-Update/index.html>.

The draft 2024 RTP/SCS contains the following:

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

The RTP/SCS also requires an accompanying environmental document called a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). Both completed documents have been available since 9/18/24 for a public review period of 45-days (SEIR) and 55-days (RTP/SCS) via the BCAG website and at the public libraries in Chico, Gridley, and Oroville. The review period will end on 11/12/24.

The draft 2024 RTP/SCS reflects extensive community input received during the development of the draft plan over the past two and a half years. This included a virtual community workshop, participation at community events, and completion of a community survey identifying community preferences for

transportation and land use options in the region. Additional community outreach will occur through December 12th, including RTP/SCS information posted on B-Line vehicles in English, Spanish and Hmong, and distributing information at a variety of community events throughout the region.

BCAG will be providing an additional virtual community workshop on October 15, 2024, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.. [Click here to access the BCAG webpage that contains the Zoom meeting link for the workshop.](#)

The public is notified that a public hearing prior to approval is scheduled for December 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board of Directors Board Room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100. [Click here to access the agenda and Zoom meeting link for the December 12th BCAG Board Meeting, which includes the public hearing at 9 a.m.](#)

The 2024 RTP/SCS is scheduled for approval at the December 12th BCAG Board of Directors meeting. Please direct any questions to Chris Devine at cdevine@bcag.org.

New B-Line Vehicles On the Way



This summer B-Line received six new buses for use within the fixed route system. B-Line patrons will notice a few differences with these vehicles as they roll into service over the next few months. At 32-feet in length, they are slightly smaller than the traditional buses. And their new blue color scheme is sure to turn heads!

Keep an eye out for this and other changes coming to the system over the next year or two, including electric vehicles, microtransit options and improved ways to pay fare. We are looking forward to offering this fresh take on getting around with public transit!



Fall 2024 Outreach Events

Summer is officially done and we loved seeing you out and about! Looking forward to meeting more of you over the next few months!

- September 26th (Thursday) - Chico Downtown Market
- September 28th (Saturday) - Oroville Salmon Festival
- October 12th (Saturday) - Oroville Hmong New Year Festival
- October 17th (Thursday) - Chico State Kristina Chesterman Bike Event
- October 25th (Friday) - Paradise BCPH Community Gratitude Fair
- October 31st (Thursday) - Chico Downtown Treat Street
- November 2nd (Saturday) - Gridley Día de Los Muertos
- November 8th (Friday) - Gridley BCPH Community Gratitude Fair
- December 5th (Thursday) - Chico KRRCR Stuff the Bus Toy Drive □

Please email Amy White at 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

In observance of the following holidays, B-Line services will not be operating. BCAG/B-Line offices and the Chico Transit Center will also be closed. (October/November/December).

November 28th (Thursday) - Thanksgiving Day
December 25th (Wednesday) - Christmas Day

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



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*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.*

B-Line Website

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