



BCAG Board of Directors

Agenda Item #3 – Consent

Date: June 25, 2026

Subject: APPROVED Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors May 28, 2026

Contact: Ashley Carriere, Administrative Assistant

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 9:02 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
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Zach Brown	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Eric Smith	Councilmember	City of Oroville

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae (Zoom)	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Transportation Analyst
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Victoria Proctor	Transportation Analyst
Sara Cain	Transportation Grants Manager
Kong Yang	I.T. Manager
Ivan Garcia	Program Director

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OTHERS PRESENT

Dawson Stroud	Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison
Jesse Horgan	Chico State (In-Person)
John Stonebraker	Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)
Conner Azavin-Burdine	Community Member
Elisha Arteaga	Community Member
Christopher Griffin	The Ferguson Group
Dave Harden	Brendan Ottoboni-Public Works
Michael Miller	The Ferguson Group
Gabriela Montes	Transdev
Bill Smith	Transdev
Brendan Ottoboni	The Ferguson Group

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Meeting minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors April 28, 2026 – **Ashley**
4. Approval of the Ferguson Group Agreement- BCAG Federal Lobbying Platform 2026 – **Andy**
5. Approval of Final Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments- Julie
6. Approval of **Resolution 2025/26-11** Final Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims – **Julie**

On motion by Board Member Lassonde and seconded by Board Member Johnson, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved

ITEMS FOR ACTION –

7: Approval of Butte Regional Transit FY 2026/27 Service Plan and Budget

Staff presented the Final FY 2026/27 B-Line Service Plan and Budget, noting that BCAG, as owner and operator of Butte Regional Transit (B-Line), is responsible for preparing the annual operating and capital budget. The Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC) reviewed

the draft budget on March 5, 2026, and recommended no changes. The proposed operating budget totals \$14,566,471, representing an increase of \$1,103,056 (8.2%) over the previous fiscal year. Staff also provided updates on fixed-route, microtransit, paratransit, and planned Chico-to-Sacramento interregional transit services.

- TAOC reviewed the draft budget and requested no modifications.
- FY 2026/27 operating budget totals \$14,566,471.
- Budget increase of 8.2% compared to FY 2025/26.
- Paradise microtransit pilot launched in May 2026.
- Future microtransit in Chico and Oroville is under evaluation.
- Chico–Sacramento interregional service is anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Goldstein, approval Butte Regional Transit FY 2026/27 Service Plan and Budget was approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-

8: Butte Regional Transit 3rd Quarter 2025/26 Report

Staff presented key operational performance data for the four service modes of the Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) system: Rural Fixed Route, Urban Fixed Route, Rural Paratransit, and Urban Paratransit. The quarterly review was conducted to monitor system performance, identify emerging issues, and manage expectations for future service delivery.

Staff reported that ridership declined across all four service modes compared to the third quarter of FY 2024/25. Operating expenses remained generally in line with budget expectations, with the exception of Rural Paratransit, which experienced lower-than-budgeted expenses due to a significant reduction in service hours.

Performance metrics presented included farebox recovery, revenues and expenses compared to budget, ridership changes, and passengers per hour. Staff also reported on safety and customer service indicators for the quarter

This item was presented for information purposes.

9: Butte Regional Transit Routing Study Update

Staff reported on the ongoing fixed-route study being conducted in partnership with **Jarrett Walker & Associates** to evaluate transit services in the cities of Chico and Oroville.

The study is intended to assess existing fixed-route operations and identify opportunities to improve service efficiency, accessibility, and responsiveness to community needs.

Staff provided an update on the first two public outreach events, which were held during the week of May 18, 2026. A brief staff report summarizing the outcomes of the outreach activities was presented to the Board.

The outreach events gathered public input regarding current transit services, rider experiences, and priorities for future service improvements.

This item was presented for information purposes.

10: 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Development & Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program

Staff reported that the Programming Director has initiated development of the 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and issued a call for new projects under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.

Staff explained that the FTIP identifies all transportation projects requiring federal transportation funding or approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Staff also reviewed the purpose of the CMAQ Program, which provides funding for transportation projects and programs that help meet federal Clean Air Act requirements. A call for projects was issued with a funding target of \$10 million over the next four federal fiscal years. New CMAQ projects selected through this process will be incorporated into the 2027 FTIP.

The FTIP is being developed in coordination with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and in accordance with BCAG's Public Participation Plan. Staff noted that the proposed FTIP is scheduled for Board adoption on August 27, 2026.

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 10:03 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments