



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
July 27 ,2023**

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 Reynolds 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

Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Rose Tryon	Vice Mayor	Town of Paradise
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember	City of Biggs

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner
Brian Lasagna	Regional Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

Nichole Farley- Explore Butte County
Dawn Stroud

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the May 25, 2023 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of Resolution 2023/24-03 of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Authorizing the Executive Director and Transit Manger to Execute and File All Pertinent Material Concerning the Federal Transit Administration 5310 Program**
- 5. Approval of Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) Membership**
- 6. Approval of 2024-26 Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal**

On motion by Board Member Tryon and seconded by Board Member Reynolds, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

7: Public Hearing and Approval of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #3

BCAG is required to amend the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This includes a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination which required a public hearing.

The purpose of the amendment is to add new projects and amend an existing project. One new project is capacity increasing and requires a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination.

The details regarding this amendment were discussed and include three projects: Town of Paradise-Roe Rd Extension Project, Butte County- Cohasset Road Widening and Fire Safety Project, and Town of Paradise-Go Paradise/Skyway Link Project.

This item was presented to the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee and circulated to the Interagency Consultation Review group.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Tryon, Public Hearing and Approval to of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #3 was unanimously approved.

8: Public Hearing and Approval of 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Amendment #1

The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy is required to be amended to ensure consistency with the short range 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment #03.

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure consistency between the long-range plan (RTP/SCS) with the short-range program (FTIP) and to update the Air Quality Emissions Analysis and Conformity Determination.

BCAG staff updated the appropriate appendix tables to ensure projects in the FTIP are in alignment with the RTP/SCS. Since the 2023 FTIP Amendment #03 includes a new non-exempt project, the amendment includes a new air quality emissions analysis and conformity determination.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, Public Hearing and Approval to of 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Amendment #1 was unanimously approved.

9: Public Hearing for BCAG’s FTA Section 5310 Grant Application to Determine there are Local Non-Profit Agencies Able to Provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service

A public hearing to determine if there are any non-profit agencies readily available to provide transit service to elderly and disabled was held, as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Upon completing the hearing, BCAG will proceed to solicit federal funding under the 5310 Program.

On motion by Board Member Tryon and seconded by Board Member Ritter, Public Hearing for BCAG’S FTA Section 5310 Grant Application to Determine there are Local Non-Profit Agencies Able to Provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10: Sustainable Communities Strategy-Progress Report

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MPO) for the Butte County region.

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BCAG, in coordination with the BCAG Planning Directors Group and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), has prepared an SCS Progress Report which looks at several indicators included in the 2020 RTP/SCS, and the progress made to date.

A complete copy of the SCS Progress Report is available on Butte County Association of Governments [website](#) .

This item was presented for information purposes.

11: Update on North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan

BCAG received \$500,000 in grant funding from Caltrans to study expanding passenger rail service northward from the Sacramento area to Butte County. This study is continuing to move forward.

BCAG staff is working with its project partners and consultant team at AECOM to continue moving the North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan (NVPRSP) forward.

Staff updated the Board on all recent project updates.

This item was presented for information purposes.

12: 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development and Schedule

BCAG staff is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2023, for the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The 2024 STIP will cover the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024 (FY 24/25-28/29). The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program.

Every two years, Caltrans prepares a Fund Estimate identifying the amount of funding available to regions for new projects.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

13: 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.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:57AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments