

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2019

## Acronyms for Butte County Association of Governments

ACRONYM	MEANING
AB	Assembly Bill
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers
AFR	Accident Frequency Ratio
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
ARB	Air Resource Board
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Location
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments
CALCOG	California Association Council of Governments
CARB	California Air Resource Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
CON	Construction
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTIPS	California Transportation Improvement Program System
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DOT	Department of Transportation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EMFAC	Emissions Factors
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
FY	Fiscal Year
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Program
GhG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIC	Geographical Information Center
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positional Satellite
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IIP	Interregional Improvement Program
IPG	Intermodal Planning Group
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS	National Air Quality Standards
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (Also NOAA Fisheries)

ACRONYM	MEANING
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (Also NMFS)
OWP	Overall Work Program
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Document
PDT	Project Development Team
PEER	Permit Engineering Evaluation Report
PL	Federal Planning Funds
PPH	Passengers Per Revenue Hour
PLH	Public Lands Highway
PPM	Planning Programming & Monitoring
PPNO	Project Programming Number
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
PUC	Public Utilities Code
R/W	Right of Way
RFP	Request for Proposals
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RHNP	Regional Housing Needs Plan
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RTAC	Regional Target Advisory Committee
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SCEA	Sustainable Community Environmental Assessment
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
SDP	Strategic Deployment Plan
SHOPP	State Highway Operation Protection Program
SSTAC	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
STA	State Transit Assistance
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAOC	Transit Administrative Oversight Committee
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TE	Transportation Enhancements
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPP	Transit Priority Project
TSGP	Transit Security Grant Program
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
WE	Work Element



## BCAG Board of Directors

August 22, 2019  
9:00 a.m.



### BCAG Board Room

326 Huss Drive, Suite 100  
Chico, CA 95928

#### Live Stream

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCHidik5N5lu0dU8NwhK3hIw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHidik5N5lu0dU8NwhK3hIw)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time the item is taken up by the Board of Directors. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair, state your name and address for the record, and keep remarks brief.

### CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the July 25, 2019 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting (Attachment) – **Victoria**
4. Approval of Revised Findings of Apportionment for 2019/20 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds and Reallocation (Attachment) - **Julie**
5. Approval of the Project List for the 2019/20 FY California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program (Attachment) – **Julie**
6. Approval of Revisions to BCAG Contracts/Purchasing Policy Manual and B-Line - Butte Regional Transit Procurement and Procedures Manuals (Attachment) - **Andy**
7. Approval of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Appointments (Attachment) – **Cheryl**
8. Approval of Resolution 2019/20-02 Authorizing the Federal Funding under FTA Section 5310 (49U.S.C. Section 5310) with Caltrans (Attachment) - **Sara**

### ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – *If Any*

### ITEMS FOR ACTION

9. Approval of Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Bus Replacement Purchase (Attachment) – **Andy**
10. Public Hearing for 5310 BCAG's 5310 Grant Application to Determine if There Are Local Non-profit Agencies able to Provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service (Attachment) - **Sara**

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11. Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Post Camp Fire Service Requests (Attachment) - **Andy**
12. Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) Update (Attachment) - **Chris**
13. 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development (Attachment) – **Jon**

## ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

14. 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

15. The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2019, **at the BCAG Board Room.**

*Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to items of the business referred to on the agenda are on file at the office of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG).  
Persons with questions concerning agenda items may call BCAG at (530) 809-4616.*

***Any handouts presented by speakers are to be distributed to the Board by the Clerk of the Board.***

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #3

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
JULY 25, 2019**

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 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Nathan Wilkinson	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Randall Stone	Mayor	City of Chico
Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Mayor	Town of Paradise

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Ray Borges	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Sara Muse	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans  
Linda Furr, League of Women Voters  
Steve Schoonover, Chico E-R

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Johan Castellanos, Action News Now Telemundo

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the May 23, 2019 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Approval of FY 2019/20 Preliminary Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims**

On motion by Board Member Lambert and seconded by Board Member Teeter the Consent Agenda was approved with Board Member Stone abstaining from Item 3.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **5: Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Fare Increase for Butte Regional Transit Fixed Route and Paratransit Services**

Staff informed the Board that they have conducted the public outreach and comment process regarding a passenger fare increase and requested the Board open a public hearing as the final step of the process of increasing fares.

Board Member Ritter asked if Staff had received a letter from the Disability Action Center about the increase, as it was sent to several board members. Staff informed her that they had not received that letter but that most of the comments about the increase were positive and accepted that this was needed in order to keep service operational. There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the necessities of the fare increase as well as accessibility issues for low-income residents relying on complementary paratransit services. Staff explained that this increase is only 17% and is only taking place because it is projected that without it farebox recovery will be 17% below what is needed in the 2019/20 fiscal year, which will jeopardize TDA funding in the future.

The Board opened a public hearing and there was no comment from the members of the public who were present. The Board then closed the public hearing and voted on the fare increase for the fixed route and paratransit services.

On motion by Board Member Teeter and seconded by Board Member Lambert, proposed fare increase for Butte Regional Transit fixed route and paratransit services was unanimously approved.

**6: Request by Assemblyman Gallagher to Provide Letter of Support for Housing Infrastructure Funding in Chico**

Staff informed the Board that Assemblyman Gallagher is spearheading an effort to secure funding for the widening of Bruce Road in Chico. Staff requested that the Board approve a letter of support for the assemblyman's efforts.

There was general discussion between Staff and the Board regarding the specifics of the assemblyman's efforts to secure \$15 million in funding for the widening project, as well as the housing projects that this infrastructure improvement would enable. The improvements would trigger construction of 350 single family homes and between 150-200 affordable housing units in Chico.

On motion by Board Member Stone and seconded by Board Member Teeter, Assemblyman Gallagher's request for a letter to support housing infrastructure funding in Chico was unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7: Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) Update**

Staff presented the Board with an update on the Butte Regional Conservation Plan, which has been in development on behalf of the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Chico, and Oroville, the County of Butte, Caltrans District 3, Western Canal Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Biggs West Gridley Water District, and Butte Water District.

The final BRCP and EIS/EIR were submitted to the state and federal agencies at the end of June 2019. Staff showed the Board a short video outlining the plan for the public, which was positively received. There was general conversation between the Board and Staff regarding potential savings and impacts of the plan.

**8: Draft Policy Element for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**

Staff informed the Board that it needs to update the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by December 2020. Because of this necessary update, staff is adding in a policy element regarding emergency preparedness.

There was general discussion about the oversight that goes into creating the RTP and SCS and the Transportation Advisory Committee that provides feedback for these policies. Board Member Ritter suggested adding emergency response personnel to the TAC in order to create a more realistic and better policy regarding emergency preparedness.

This item was presented for information purposes only.



**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**9: There were no items from the floor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #4



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #4 Consent

August 22, 2019

### **APPROVAL OF REVISED FINDINGS OF APPORTIONMENT AND REALLOCATION FOR 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS**

**PREPARED BY:** Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

**ISSUE:** Based on estimates of fund balance expected in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) as of the close of Fiscal Year 2018-19, BCAG, as the Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) has determined a revised Findings of Apportionment can be made.

**DISCUSSION:** The County Auditor makes an annual estimate of the anticipated LTF funds that will be made available to the County through local sales taxes. In FY18/19, the actual receipts were approximately \$800,000 higher than estimated and contributes to an un-apportioned balance of LTF. This was likely increased sales in the county subsequent to the Camp Fire.

In addition to previous and current LTF reserve funding from FY 18/19 and FY 19/20, Butte Regional Transit (BRT) is requesting \$900k of additional LTF from the un-apportioned balance for required bus replacements (Agenda Item #7). This allocation of un-apportioned balance will be combined with other funding sources to initiate the purchase of 6 clean diesel buses.

The above stated funding reallocation will not adversely impact apportionments to the jurisdictions and retains an un-apportioned balance of \$1.4 million in LTF funds for future and/or unforeseen needs within BRT. Staff has informed the Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC) comprised of the jurisdictions contributing funds to the transit system and has received no concerns regarding the use of the un-apportioned balance for the purchase of the clean diesel buses. Attachment 1 identifies the revised apportionment by claimant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests the Board approve the revised 19/20 Findings of Apportionment to be applied to the purchase of 6 clean diesel buses.

Key staff: Julie Quinn, BCAG Chief Fiscal Officer  
Iván García, Programming Manager

**STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND (STA)  
and  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF)  
Fiscal Year 2019/20  
Findings of Apportionment**

8/22/2019

**STA - Total Funds = \$ 2,330,517**

Jurisdiction	PUC 99313	PUC 99314	2019/20 Allocation
<b>BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT</b>	\$ 2,122,590	\$ 120,509	\$ 2,243,099
<b>BUTTE CO</b>			\$ -
<b>BIGGS</b>			\$ -
<b>CHICO</b>			\$ -
<b>GRIDLEY FLYER</b>	\$ 86,000	\$ 1,418	\$ 87,418
<b>OROVILLE</b>			\$ -
<b>PARADISE</b>			\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,208,590	\$ 121,927	<b>\$ 2,330,517</b>

STA Source: Estimate of State Controller's Office January 31, 2019

**LTF - Total Funds = \$ 10,333,151**

Jurisdiction	Population	Pop %	2019/20 Allocation
	<b>0</b>		
<b>BCAG/Admin</b>	N/A	N/A	\$ 550,000
<b>BC AUDITOR/Admin</b>	N/A	N/A	\$ 10,000
<b>BRT CAPITAL</b>			\$ 2,100,000
<b>BRT OPERATIONS</b>	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,008,866
<b>BUTTE CO</b>	81,707	35.90%	\$ 2,428,113
<b>BIGGS</b>	1,913	0.84%	\$ 56,849
<b>CHICO</b>	92,348	40.57%	\$ 2,744,335
<b>GRIDLEY</b>	6,937	3.05%	\$ 206,149
<b>OROVILLE</b>	18,144	7.97%	\$ 539,191
<b>PARADISE</b>	26,572	11.67%	\$ 789,648
<b>TOTAL</b>	227,621	100.00%	<b>\$12,433,151</b>

LTF Source: Butte County Auditor's Office estimate for FY 19/20 plus \$1,300,000 Fund Balance

Source: Population - Department of Finance Report E-1 for Jan 1, 2018

FY 19-20 Agency Apportionments for STA and LTF				Change in TDA
AGENCY	STA	LTF	TOTAL	from Initial 19/20
<b>BCAG</b>		\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	
<b>AUDITOR</b>		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
<b>BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT</b>	\$ 2,243,099	\$ 5,108,866	\$ 7,351,965	\$ 900,000
<b>BUTTE CO</b>		\$ 2,428,113	\$ 2,428,113	
<b>BIGGS</b>		\$ 56,849	\$ 56,849	
<b>CHICO</b>		\$ 2,744,335	\$ 2,744,335	
<b>GRIDLEY</b>	\$ 87,418	\$ 206,149	\$ 293,567	
<b>OROVILLE</b>		\$ 539,191	\$ 539,191	
<b>PARADISE</b>		\$ 789,648	\$ 789,648	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,330,517</b>	<b>\$ 12,433,151</b>	<b>\$ 14,763,668</b>	<b>\$ 900,000</b>

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #5



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #5 Consent

August 22, 2019

### APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE FY 2019-20 CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (SGR) PROGRAM

**PREPARED BY:** Julie Quinn, CFO

**ISSUE:** The project list for the FY19-20 State of Good Repair allocations are prepared and submitted for approval.

**DISCUSSION:** As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, BCAG has been given the responsibility to compile, approve and submit to the Department of Transportation, an annual list of eligible projects from transit operators in the region to be funded with State of Good Repair annual allocations. As specified in SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, effective January 1, 2018, the State of California imposes a transportation improvement fee, which is a supplemental charge on the registration of vehicles. A portion of the revenues generated from this fee establishes the SGR Program. SGR funds are made available for eligible capital projects that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair.

Estimates of annual funding are provided by the State Controller's Office. Allocations to operators are based on population and farebox revenues. For Fiscal Year 2019-20 the estimated allocation is \$324,671, with \$197 available to Gridley and \$324,474 available to Butte Regional Transit. Both transit operators have submitted their proposed projects to be funded with 2019-20 SGR allocations. BCAG staff have reviewed the project eligibility and now submit the listing for board approval.

Below are the operator proposed projects and funding requested:

Butte Regional Transit	\$ 324,474	Bus Replacement
Gridley Taxi Service	\$ 197	Bus Maintenance

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests the BCAG Board approve the FY 2019-20 SGR by Resolution 2019/20-05.

Key Staff: Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Iván García, Programming Manager



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO 2019/2020-05**



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**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE FY 2019-20 CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (SGR) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, establishing the State of Good Repair (SGR) program to fund eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital project activities that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair; and

**WHEREAS**, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive and distribute State Transit Assistance – SGR funds to eligible local agencies for eligible transit capital projects;

**WHEREAS**, BCAG is distributing SGR funds to eligible local agencies under its regional jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the regions share of SGR funds for fiscal year 2019-20 is estimated by the State Controller's Office to be \$324,671; and

**WHEREAS**, BCAG concurs with and approves these funds for the following purposes:

Butte Regional Transit	\$ 324,474	Bus Replacement
Gridley Taxi Service	\$ 197	Bus Maintenance

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify for these funds, the Butte County Association of Governments is required to submit a proposed project list to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on an annual basis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Butte County Association of Governments hereby approves the SB1 State of Good Repair Project List for FY 2019-20; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Butte County Association of Governments that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit capital projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Butte Regional Transit (BCAG) Deputy Director and the Gridley City Manager are hereby authorized to submit a request for Scheduled Allocation of the SB1 State of Good Repair Funds and to execute the related grant applications, forms and agreements.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #6



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #6 Consent

August 22, 2019

### APPROVAL OF BCAG CONTRACTS/PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL AND BLINE – BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT PROCUREMENT AND PROCEDURES MANUALS

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

**ISSUE:** Updates and revisions to the BCAG Contracts/Purchasing Policy and Butte Regional Transit Procurement and Procedures Manuals have been completed for FY 19/20.

**DISCUSSION:** Contracts, goods and services for BCAG and BLine are obtained through the application of 2 similar and distinct documents (linked below for your convenience):

- BCAG Contracts/Purchasing Policy and Procedure Manual (<http://www.bcag.org/documents/BCAG%20BOD/Item%20-6%20BCAG%20Purchasing%20Manual%20revised%20-8-19-.pdf>)
- BLine – Butte Regional Transit Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual (<http://www.bcag.org/documents/BCAG%20BOD/Item%20-6%20BLine%20Procurement%20Manual%20rev.%208-19.pdf>)

Changes and revisions to both documents are necessary to address current addresses, contacts, increased limits of purchasing authority and associated procedures as defined by the Federal Transit Administration and State Public Resources Code. Small Purchase limits have been raised to provide more flexibility in obtaining needed goods, services and equipment for activities common to both BCAG and BLine. Specific changes are identified as follows:

- Change of current address for the place of business
- Change of current contacts and Board Members
- Increase in limit of Small Purchases from \$25,000 to \$150,000

The Small Purchase limit increase is beneficial for the daily operations of BCAG and BLine. Competitive quotes for goods and services that are well understood or defined is more efficient as opposed to a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Invitation for Bid (IFB) which are better suited for services and contracts exceeding \$150,000 in value. Small Purchase examples are represented by goods, services, repairs and labor affiliated with IT, computers, electrical, lighting, landscaping, shop equipment, signage, parking lots and other similar items.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending the BCAG Board of Directors approve the revisions to the BCAG Contracts/Purchasing Policy and Butte Regional Transit Procurement and Procedure Manuals.

Key Staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #7



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7  
Consent

August 22, 2019

### **APPROVAL OF SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) APPOINTMENTS**

**PREPARED BY:** Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager

**ISSUE:** Appointments to the BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) are required to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors.

**DISCUSSION:** The attached roster identifies all members of the SSTAC and lists the categories that are required by the Transportation Development Act, Section PUC 99238.

The SSTAC is required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to work with staff during the annual unmet transit needs process. The purpose of the SSTAC is to review testimony obtained through public workshops conducted during the annual unmet transit needs process, and to provide the BCAG Board of Directors with an unmet transit needs finding. The SSTAC also provides a forum to address other issues facing transportations' disabled citizens. The BCAG Board may make at-large appointments at any time.

A call for applicants was advertised in local newspapers in June/July 2019 as well as on the BCAG website and the B-Line buses.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Board approve the appointments of Linda Cartier (Citizen-Chico), Talmadge House (Disability Action Center) and Mary Neumann (Passages), as identified in the attached roster.

Key Staff: Cheryl Massae, Human Resources Manager  
Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

**Butte County Association of Governments  
2019-20 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**

Name	Agency	Category Filled							Term ends
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	# required →	2	4	5	5	4	2	0	
W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS					x			June 30, 2020
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico		x						June 30, 2020
Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.			x	x	x			June 30, 2020
Cameron Wise	Work Training Center					x			June 30, 2021
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.			x	x	x			June 30, 2021
Michael Harding	We Care A lot Foundation/FNRC		x	x	x				June 30, 2021
Ron Ullman	Citizen - Oroville	x	x						June 30, 2021
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211			x	x	x			June 30, 2021
Radley Ott	Public Works						x		June 30, 2021
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico	x	x						June 30, 2022
Talmadge (Goldie) House	Disability Action Center	x	x	x					June 30, 2022
Mary Neumann	Passages						x		June 30, 2022

**Category Listings as per PUC Section 99238**

- 1 - potential transit user who is 60 years of age or older
- 2 - potential transit user who is disabled
- 3 - representatives of the local social service providers for seniors
- 4 - representatives of local social service providers for the disabled
- 5 - representatives of local social service provider for persons of limited means
- 6 - representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency
- 7 - at-large appointment

\* Citizen nominated by a Jurisdiction

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #8



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #8 Consent

August 22, 2019

### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019/20-02 AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5310) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**PREPARED BY:** Sara Muse, Associate Senior Planner

**ISSUE:** Under FTA Section 5310, project funds are available for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses that support public transportation services beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the ADA designed to assist individuals with disabilities with accessing transportation services, including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff has utilized prior Section 5310 grants to fund paratransit vehicle purchases and for operating expenses for Dial-A-Ride services that are beyond those required by ADA. These funds, if awarded, will apply to B-Line's FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 budgets.

One of the goals for FTA Section 5310 projects is to provide public transportation services to overcome existing barriers facing seniors and individuals with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation into society. Lack of adequate transportation is a primary barrier to work for individuals with disabilities. If funded, this project will be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for Butte County. The 5310 grant application requires a Board Resolution be included.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2019/20-02 for the proposed FTA Section 5310 Grant Program Application for Butte County.

Key Staff: Sara Muse, Associate Senior Planner  
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Jim Peplow, Senior Planner





**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO 2019/2020-02**



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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C.  
SECTION 5310) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency responsible for transportation planning in Butte County; and

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, BCAG desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of paratransit service in Butte County; and

**WHEREAS**, BCAG has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies); and

**WHEREAS**, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan, adopted by BCAG in July 2008, identify transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults and people with low-incomes; provide strategies for meeting those local needs and prioritized transportation services for funding and implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Primary Program Goal, “to improve the target populations’ mobility in Butte County through coordinated partnerships and projects”; and

**WHEREAS**, the BCAG Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan lists as the Primary Planning Process Goals, (1) to identify and promote partnerships to address specialized transportation needs; (1) to identify possible projects that can respond to identified needs and emerging gaps in services; and (3) to

encourage new partnerships for the development of these projects and application for funding to the Call of Projects, under the Coordinated Planning Process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the BCAG Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Executive Director or Deputy Director to file and execute applications on behalf of BCAG with the Department to aid in the financing of capital projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.IG), as amended.

That the Executive Director or Deputy Director is authorized to execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, or Associate Senior Planner is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5310 projects.

That the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5310 projects.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #9



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #9 Action

August 22, 2019

### APPROVAL OF BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT (B-LINE) BUS REPLACEMENT PURCHASE

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

**ISSUE:** Replacement of compressed natural gas (CNG) fleet vehicles with clean diesel fleet vehicles.

**DISCUSSION:** Butte Regional Transit (BRT) has 8 CNG buses identified for replacement in the last quarter of FY 20/21. Increasing maintenance issues related to these vehicles is requiring the consideration of replacement sooner in the 20/21 fiscal year. The replacements will be six (6) clean diesels at cost of \$517k/each or \$3.1 million total with expected delivery in the first quarter of FY 20/21. Funding for the 6 buses will be as follows:

- \$600k from FY2018/2019 and FY2019/2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) State of Good Repair (SGR)
- \$1.6 million from FY2018/2019 and FY2019/2020 Transit Development Act/Local Transportation Funds (TDA/LTF) reserved budgeting within Butte Regional Transit (BRT)
- \$900k in un-apportioned balance of FY19/20 TDA/LTF within BRT.

The above stated funding will not adversely impact apportionments to the jurisdictions and retains an un-apportioned balance of \$1.4 million in LTF funds for future and/or unforeseen needs within BRT. Staff has informed the Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC) comprised of the jurisdictions contributing funds to the transit system and has received no concerns regarding the use of the un-apportioned balance for the purchase of the clean diesel buses.

BRT staff applied for and received funding for one (1) electric bus (approx. \$900k) from the state Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) yet did not receive requested funding for one (1) electric bus from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (LoNo). Staff will continue to pursue funding for electric buses, as replacements to the aging fleet, to meet the electric bus fleet vehicle mandate for the State of California. The purchasing of clean diesel vehicles does not negate the need nor affect our strategy to achieve fleet electrification on State mandated timelines.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending the BCAG Board of Directors approve the purchasing of 6 new clean diesel buses utilizing above stated funding sources.

Key Staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

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ITEM #10



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #10 Action

August 22, 2019

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR BCAG'S FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE LOCAL NON-PROFIT AGENCIES ABLE TO PROVIDE ADA COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

**PREPARED BY:** Sara Muse, Associate Senior Planner

**ISSUE:** BCAG is required to hold a public hearing to determine if there are any non-profit agencies readily available to provide transit service to the elderly and disabled.

**DISCUSSION:** Federal Transit Administration regulations require that a public hearing be held to determine if there are other nonprofit agencies that are readily available to provide paratransit service to the elderly and disabled in Butte County. If an agency identifies itself as a potential transit provider eligible for FTA Section 5310 Program funds, BCAG cannot pursue these funds. However, upon completion of the hearing, if there are no agencies available, BCAG may proceed to provide transit service and solicit federal funding.

The attached resolution authorizes the Executive Director to file and execute applications, assurances, and agreements with Caltrans for FTA Section 5310 funding. BCAG staff is applying for FTA Section 5310 grant funds to purchase five replacement paratransit vehicles.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 2019/20-04 authorizing the Executive Director to file and execute the FTA Section 5310 program on behalf of BCAG with the applicable state and federal agencies.

Key Staff: Sara Muse, Associate Senior Planner  
Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO 2019/2020-04**



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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE ALL  
PERTINENT MATERIAL CONCERNING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT  
ADMINISTRATION 5310 PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to award grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital assistance projects for public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act;

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for public transportation projects;

**WHEREAS**, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) desires to apply for said financial assistance to purchase paratransit vehicles for use in Butte County;

**WHEREAS**, BCAG has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region, including social service agencies;

**WHEREAS**, BCAG held a public hearing on August 22, 2019 to determine if there are any other nonprofit agencies readily available to provide the proposed service;

**WHEREAS**, it was found as a result of the public hearing held on August 22, 2019, that there are no other nonprofit agencies that are readily available to provide proposed service to the elderly and disabled in Butte County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the BCAG Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director or a designee to execute and file all required applications, contracts, and documents necessary for obtaining financial assistance and administration of the FTA Section 5310 program with the applicable State and Federal agencies.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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ITEM #11



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #11 Information

August 22, 2019

### **BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT (B-LINE) POST CAMP FIRE SERVICE REQUESTS**

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Newsum, Deputy Director

**ISSUE:** Requests for service to temporary housing facilities throughout Butte County and adjacent regions following the Camp Fire.

**DISCUSSION:** BCAG and B-Line staff have been meeting and coordinating with several related yet independent groups consisting of FEMA, Cal OES and short/long-term local fire recovery efforts and organizations. Following the Camp Fire, B-Line has received many requests to serve various areas with both fixed route and complementary paratransit service. Many of these locations are not situated on or near existing fixed routes nor are they in locations typically served by paratransit.

B-Line staff is attending meetings and workshops with various groups and organizations to better understand what can be accommodated within existing routing services and what level of modified service needs consideration.

Accommodating needs within existing service is preferable and requires good communication of what is available and an understanding of what is needed. B-Line staff has been very clear in stating that accommodating additional or modified needs requires more detail. Specifically: who and how many people need these services? What needs do they have? When do they need the service? And, where is the service needed?

Understanding the details of requested services will help B-Line staff determine the cost of any additional services. Before B-Line can service additional requests, there needs to be a good understanding of how the costs will be reimbursed to the system. B-Line farebox recovery ratio for both the fixed route and paratransit systems is at the absolute minimum necessary to continue state and federal subsidization of both systems. Increasing hours without a proportional collection of fares will jeopardize system funding.

B-Line staff is committed to continue working with all the recovery efforts and understanding how public transit can serve the needs of displaced and relocated survivors.

**Key Staff:** Jon Clark, Executive Director  
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
Julie Quinn, Chief Fiscal Officer

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ITEM #12



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## Item #12 Information

August 22, 2019

### **BUTTE REGIONAL CONSERVATION PLAN (BRCP) UPDATE**

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Devine, Planning Manager

**ISSUE:** BCAG is facilitating the development of the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) on behalf of the Cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, and Oroville, the County of Butte, Caltrans District 3, Western Canal Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Biggs West Gridley Water District, and Butte Water District (BRCP Permit Applicants).

**DISCUSSION:** As the Board is aware, the Final BRCP and EIS/EIR were submitted to the state and federal agencies on June 28, 2019 for final inspection and publication in the Federal Register. This process requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Sacramento Regional Office to forward the documents to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) in Washington D.C. for their review and approval.

BCAG was recently informed by USFWS staff that under the current federal administration, support of the local Congressional representative is required before the USFWS Regional Office will submit documents to the DOI. Because there continues to be concerns regarding the BRCP with the Butte County Farm Bureau and Chico Building Association affecting Congressman LaMalfa's support, the director of the USFWS Regional Office will not forward the documents to the DOI.

BCAG, USFWS and CDFW staff are continuing to coordinate with these stakeholder groups to seek a resolution to any remaining concerns. Several meetings are being scheduled for the later this month. Until these issues can be rectified, the Final BRCP and EIS/EIR will continue to remain with the USFWS Regional Office in Sacramento.

A summary of key changes to the final BRCP that were made previously to address concerns raised by agricultural and development interest groups is provided below.

#### Key changes to final BRCP due to agricultural interest groups' input:

1. Revised Giant Garter Snake Conservation Strategy to reduce footprint of conservation lands in rice-dominated agricultural area of county and to increase the flexibility of implementation. Key changes included:
  - a) Reduced total rice conservation goal from:
    - 37,990 acres in the 2012 preliminary public draft BRCP, to
    - 23,767 acres in the 2015 formal public draft, to

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- 12,250 acres in the 2019 final BRCP (a 68% decrease since 2012)
  - b) Allowed for marsh restoration projects to substitute for rice protection at a ratio of 1 acre of restored marsh for every 5.2 acres of rice, owing to the substantially greater density of snakes in restored marsh than rice, provided at least 11,000 total acres of rice are protected;
  - c) Allowed protected fields to be fallowed for one season up to every 5<sup>th</sup> year and allowing up to 10% of protected rice lands to be fallowed in a single year.
2. Reduced the total amount of conservation on agricultural lands (rice, irrigated pasture and irrigated croplands) from:
    - a. 42,830 acres in the 2012 preliminary public draft BRCP, to
    - b. 26,962 acres in the 2016 formal public draft BRCP, to
    - c. 16,780 acres in the 2019 final BRCP (a 61% decrease since 2012)
  3. Reduced the total acres of the conservation component of the BRCP from:
    - a. 86,556 acres in the 2012 preliminary public draft BRCP, to
    - b. 60,717 acres in the 2016 formal public draft BRCP, to
    - c. 45,728 acres in the 2019 final BRCP (a 47% decrease since 2012)
  4. Reduced Number of Covered Species from 38 to 25 (dropped 13 covered species).
  5. Allowed acquisition of agricultural lands via conservation easements or fee title, still only from willing sellers (the public draft only allowed conservation easements).
  6. Extended BRCP “incidental take” coverage to private ranches and farms for small-scale maintenance activities such as water pipe repair or installation, maintaining existing irrigation ditches, and on-farm road maintenance.
  7. Directed emergent wetland restoration projects to locations away from active rice farms when feasible to prevent introducing new colonies of blackbirds that can cause damage to rice farms by eating ripening rice heads or mature rice seeds.
  8. Clarified role of the four participating water and irrigation districts on the BRCP Board of Directors – each district will have a representative on the Board along with the other permittees.

### Key changes to Final BRCP due to development interest groups’ input:

1. Revised Butte County Meadowfoam Conservation Strategy. Key changes included:

- Eliminated “Chico Butte Meadowfoam Preserve” (Chico hardline preserve) and substituted a more flexible and feasible criteria-based reserve design with no maps;
  - Eliminated Secondary Habitat from the species model but retained these areas as where surveys will be required (in addition to suitable habitat) to find additional occurrences if they exist;
  - Removed Chico Municipal Airport and Stonegate project lands (in Chico) from the BRCP permit area, reduced available BCM conservation;
  - Revised conservation acreage targets to ensure they are feasible; land acquired to protect BCM similar to public draft BRCP; and
  - Increased “take” of suitable BCM habitat in certain areas to ensure all covered activities can be implemented.
2. Cost and funding updates – all BRCP cost and funding assumptions were updated. Key changes included:
- Adjusted all costs, except for land acquisition, for inflation to 2018 dollars (the 2016 Public Review Draft used cost data from 2011);
  - Adjusted land acquisition costs to reflect current prices for open space acquisitions in fee title or conservation easement;
  - Reduced amount and cost of land acquisition due to lower impacts and less acquisition of rice lands;
  - Substantially reduced costs for long-term monitoring due to 13 fewer covered species and more focused monitoring requirements for remaining covered species;
  - Added a 10% contingency to management and monitoring costs to account for uncertainty;
  - Updated and clarified state/federal funding contributions;
  - Expressed state/federal funding in dollars and acres; and
  - Updated state and federal funding sources (some are now gone, while others are new).
3. Reduced Number of Covered Species from 38 to 25 (dropped 13 covered species).
4. Refined and Simplified Avoidance and Minimization Measures to improve readability, clarified when AMMs are required and when they are not, clarified survey requirements, and eliminated AMMs for the 13 dropped covered species.
5. Adjusted Permit Area and Added Flexibility to Urban Permit Areas. Key changes included:
- Removed Stonegate project lands (in Chico) from the BRCP permit area but retained them in the Plan Area. Project proponent requested removal—seeking own ESA compliance through Section 7 consultation with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

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- Added flexibility to “take” allowance within UPAs—Permittees can share overall “take” allowance if some jurisdictions do not grow as much as estimated; and
  - Modified Section 8.9.1 (Minor Modifications) to allow future changes to Urban Permit Areas to be approved via the streamlined “minor modification” process which improves the ability of the BRCP to adapt to future general plan updates.
6. Reduced the total acres of the conservation component of the BRCP from:
    - a. 86,556 acres in the 2012 preliminary public draft BRCP, to
    - b. 60,717 acres in the 2016 formal public draft BRCP, to
    - c. 45,728 acres in the 2019 final BRCP (*a 47% decrease since 2012*)
  7. Added a fee exemption for minimum parcel sizes (1-acre or less) to Section 9.3.1.1 of Chapter 9;
  8. Added a new section to Section 9.3.1.1 (Temporary Impact Fees) that allows for reduced fee payment for certain temporary impacts;
  9. Added a new section to Section 9.3.1.1 (Land in Lieu of Fees) allowing for private landowners or Permittees to dedicate all or a portion of their property in lieu of paying BRCP fees;
  10. Added a dispute resolution process to Chapter 8 (Section 8.4.5) to provide direction during implementation in the event there is a dispute between project proponent and Permittee staff regarding interpretation of the BRCP;
  11. Clarified the timing of mitigation fee payment in Chapter 9 (Section 9.3.1.1);
  12. Added a new section to Chapter 8 (Section 8.4.4) defining “previously approved projects” that will not be subject to the BRCP;
  13. Added a new section to Chapter 8 (Section 8.4.5) defining “pipeline projects” that will not be subject to the BRCP; and
  14. Updated the “opt-out” provision (Section 8.4.6) and added Table 8-4 providing an acreage cap that projects opting out of the BRCP cannot exceed.

BCAG staff will continue to keep the Board informed regarding this issue.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Chris Devine, Planning Manager  
Jon Clark, Executive Director

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ITEM #13





## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #13 Information

August 22, 2019

### **2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) DEVELOPMENT**

**PREPARED BY:** Jon Clark, Executive Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 31, 2019 identifying the regions project recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

**DISCUSSION:** BCAG staff is developing the 2020 RTIP identifying project recommendations for the 2020 STIP. The STIP is comprised of two (2) programs:

- 1) Regional Improvement Program (RIP). Projects nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG
- 2) Interregional Improvement Program (IIP). Projects nominated by Caltrans.

The RIP program comprises 75% of the STIP programming capacity and the IIP program comprises the other 25%. The STIP is updated every two-years and is under the authority of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

Prior to adoption of the STIP, the CTC prepares a *Fund Estimate (FE)* identifying funding levels for each county; referred to as “County Shares”. County Shares serve as the funding target for projects nominated by the regions in their respective RTIPs. The 2020 STIP will identify projects and funding for the five-year period of 2020/21 through 2024/25

Preparation of BCAG’s 2020 RTIP is being developed in consultation with the BCAG member agencies, Yuba County, the Sacramento Area Association of Governments (SACOG), Caltrans and the CTC staff. BCAG staff will have a Draft 2020 RTIP completed by October 2019 and will present a Final 2020 RTIP to the BCAG Board of Directors for their approval at the December 12, 2019 Board meeting.

## DRAFT 2020 RTIP PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS & ISSUES

The Fund Estimate for Butte County identifies a maximum County Share programming target of \$7,955,000, this represents the maximum amount of RIP funding the Commission may program in Butte County.

***Current 2018 STIP projects continuing in the 2020 STIP - (see attached SR 70 Corridor Map for Project Reference)***

**1) State Route 70 Passing Lane (Ophir Road to Palermo Road)**

Project includes widening to four lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes) and is currently under construction.

**Funding** = **\$48,600,000** - \$33 million (*State Highway Operations and Protection Program - SHOPP*), \$7.2 million (*IIP funds*), \$7.2 million (*RIP funds*)

**2) State Route 70 Passing Lane (Palermo to Cox Lane)**

Project includes widening to four lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes) and is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2020.

**Funding** = **\$50,900,000** - \$36.9 million (*SHOPP*), \$6.6 million (*IIP funds*), \$6.6 million (*RIP funds*).

**3) State Route 70 Passing Lane (East Gridley Rd to Butte/Yuba County Line)**

Project includes widening to four lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes) and is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2021.

**Funding** = **\$65,900,000** - \$44.1 million (*SHOPP*), \$10.9 million (*IIP funds*), \$10.9 million (*RIP funds*).

**4) State Route 70 Passing Lane Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County (Yuba/Butte County Line to Laurellen Road)**

BCAG programmed \$4 million in RIP funds to Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County for preparation of environmental documents for widening to four-lanes. Caltrans has a \$102.8 million SHOPP project programmed for Segments 4 & 5 that includes widening to two-lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (3 total lanes).

Funding to construct widening to the ultimate 5 lane facility for Segments 4 & 5 is not programmed, \$32 million is needed to complete this widening. Development of the environmental documents is scheduled to begin in 2020.

**Funding** = **\$106,800,000** - \$102.8 million (*SHOPP*), \$4 million (*RIP funds*).

**5) Midway Bridge Replacement across Butte Creek**

Project is located on the Midway south of White Ave and crosses Butte Creek and Butte Creek Overflow. The project would replace 2 bridge structures with one longer bridge to address flooding and structural deficiencies. Funding for this project includes \$13,991,000 from the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and \$1,499,000 in RIP funding (the RIP funding is for the local match requirement).

Due to environmental issues which included investigating new route alignments, the County was unable to meet its original project delivery deadline for this project, so the RIP funding has lapsed. Staff is recommending as part of the 2020 RTIP that the \$1,499,000 in RIP funding be reprogrammed as the local match for this project.

**Funding = \$15,490,000** - \$13,991,000 million (HBP Program), \$1.4 million (RIP funds).

**2020 RTIP ISSUES**

The only project on the State Route 70 Corridor currently not fully funded are Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County, widening of these two segments to four lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes). This final project requires \$32 million

During the past two years, BCAG and Caltrans have had numerous meetings with representatives from Yuba County and SACOG requesting their funding support to finish these last two projects in Yuba County.

Caltrans had proposed the remaining \$32 million shortfall could be shared among the three agencies. Caltrans would contribute \$16 million from the IIP program, Yuba County/SACOG and BCAG would each contribute \$8 million from their respective RIP programs.

To date, Yuba County and SACOG have not provided any indication they will contribute the \$8 million as proposed by Caltrans. For this to occur, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors needs to make a recommendation to SACOG programming the \$8 million in RIP funds, an action they have not taken. BCAG staff has indicated we would recommend the BCAG Board to contribute \$8 million from our region, if Yuba County would do the same.

Fully funding Segments 4 & 5 in the 2020 STIP cycle is critical. If the full project widening is delayed, project costs will increase significantly with an increased risk of further fatalities along this section of the SR 70 corridor.

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With BCAG's 2020 RTIP nearing a Final Draft and with the lack of funding support provided by Yuba County and SACOG for Segments 4 & 5, it is possible these projects will not have a funding plan to be completed.

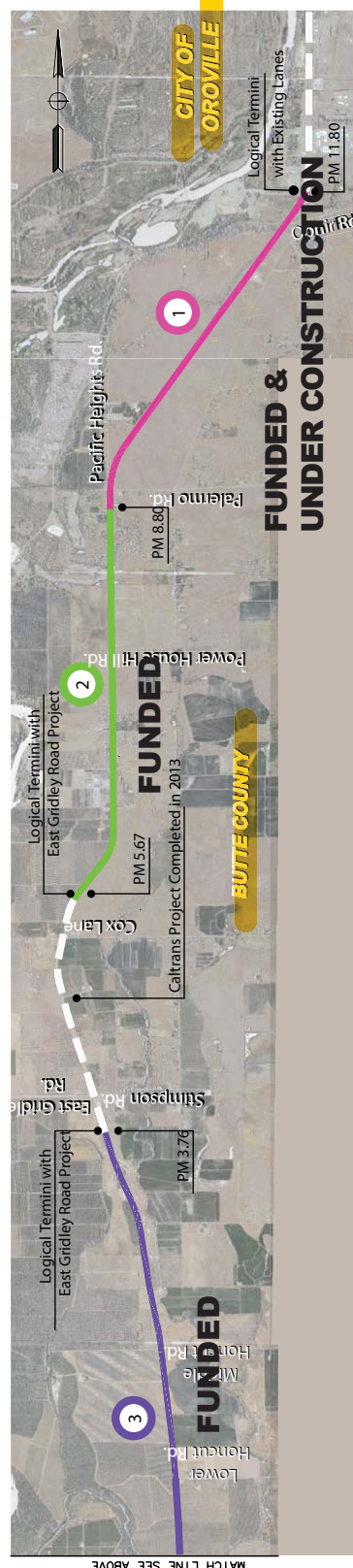
Should funding support from Yuba County and SACOG not occur, BCAG staff will recommend the \$4 million programmed by BCAG for Segments 4 & 5 to develop environmental documents be unprogrammed in the 2020 STIP cycle. These RIP funds could return to Butte County for other project needs.

Staff will continue to work with Caltrans, Yuba County and SACOG on resolving this issue. However, if Yuba County, SACOG and BCAG cannot agree to a funding plan to complete Segments 4 & 5, there is no purpose supporting preparation of the considered environmental documents.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** This item is presented for information and discussion. A complete RTIP document will be presented at the October Board meeting.

Key staff:     Jon Clark, Executive Director  
                  Andy Newsum, Deputy Director  
                  Iván García, Transportation Programming Specialist

# Route 70 Corridor - Marysville to Oroville



Region	Segment	Length (miles)	Funding Source	2018 STIP Programming Recommendations (millions)	SHOPP Safety	IIP	RIIP	DEMO	Comments
Butte County	1	3.0	SHOPP Safety, STIP (IIP-RIIP), DEMO	\$48.6	\$33	\$7.2	\$7.2	Prior	2018 Butte Co. RTIP (IIP/RIIP) Fully Funded
	2	3.1	SHOPP Safety, STIP (IIP-RIIP), DEMO	\$50.9	\$36.9	\$6.6	\$6.6	Prior	
	3	3.5	SHOPP Safety, STIP (IIP-RIIP)	\$65.9	\$44.1	\$10.9	\$10.9		
Yuba County	4	5.9	SHOPP Safety, STIP* (IIP-RIIP)	**\$77.5	\$62.8	*\$6.5	*\$6.5		* \$32 million shortfall needed from non-SHOPP to complete corridor ** Includes \$2M each BCAG RIIP Money
	5	3.9	SHOPP Safety, STIP* (IIP-RIIP)	**\$63.2	\$44	*\$9.5	*\$9.5		
	6	1.0	SHOPP	\$83.2	\$83.2				
	7	0.7	SHOPP	\$104.5	\$104.5				
				<b>\$493.8</b>	<b>\$406.1</b>	<b>\$40.7</b>	<b>\$40.7</b>	<b>\$6.3</b>	Total - All Segments

These segments are considered fully funded and/or programmed

- LEGEND**
- Segment 1
  - Segment 2
  - Segment 3
  - Segment 4
  - Segment 5
  - Segment 6
  - Segment 7
  - Completed

