

<p><b>APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APRIL 22, 2021</b></p>
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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 as well as online at YouTube.com.

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 IN PERSON**

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5

**MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Rose Tryon	Alternate	Town of Paradise
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Chris Devine	Planning Manager
Julie Quinn	Chief Financial Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Lance Atencio, Transdev  
Mike Wallace, Fehr & Peers

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Resolution 2020/2021-10 Authorizing Federal Funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation for the FY 2021 5311 Program
5. Approval of Resolution 2020/2021-11 Authorizing Federal Funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation for the FY 2021 5311(f) Program
6. Approval of the Final 2020/21 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims

On motion by Board Member Teeter and seconded by Board Member Kimmelshue, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**7: Approval of 2021/22 BCAG Overall Work Program & Budget**

Staff presented the Board with the finalized version of the OWP that was presented in draft form at the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting. There were minor changes between the draft and final forms of the budget, which is updated yearly to include the specific work elements that address state and federal planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects and administration for Butte Regional Transit. An overview was included in the memo, and a complete version of the 2021/22 OWP is available on the BCAG website.

There was general conversation between Staff and the Board regarding the changes from the draft form of the document. On motion by Board Member Kimmelshue, seconded by Board Member K Reynolds, the 2021/22 Overall Work Program & Budget was unanimously approved.

**8: Approval of 2021/22 Butte Regional Transit Service Plan & Budget**

Staff presented the final Service Plan and Budget for Butte Regional Transit's 2021/22 Fiscal Year. A draft budget was already presented to the Board at the March 25, 2021 Board meeting.

There was general discussion about the specifics of the service plan and budget. There were no changes to the budget as presented in March 2021. Staff did expand upon parts of the budget that had raised questions in March, to make sure that all Board Members felt comfortable passing the service plan and budget.

On motion by Board Member K Reynolds, seconded by Board Member Lucero, the Butte Regional Transit Service Plan and Budget for 2021/22 was unanimously approved.

**9: Public Hearing for BCAG’s Federal Funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C Section 5311) CRRSAA with California Department of Transportation**

Staff informed the Board that they are applying for FTA FY 2021 5311 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds to construct the Paradise Transit Center. As part of this application, a public hearing is required to receive comments from the public on the project.

Staff has been working with the Town of Paradise for the past several years in order to construct a transit center at the intersection of Cedar and Almond Streets. Design documents are currently being finalized and are expected to be complete this year.

Board Chair Connelly opened the public hearing after no objection from the Board. No comments from the Board or the public were received in that time. On motion by Board Member Lucero, and seconded by Board Member K Reynolds, the public hearing for CRRSAA funding was unanimously closed.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**10: Project Delivery Services for Fire Victim Trust**

Staff informed the Board that they have been approached by the designated counsel representing the Fire Victim Trust to be considered as an entity capable of providing settlement resources to private roads damaged by fires determined to have been caused by PG&E assets. Since private roads are not managed by either the county, town or city, those local jurisdictions would not be able to administer funds and oversee the rebuilding of those roads. BCAG is currently being considered if it is an acceptable alternative non-profit entity.

There was active discussion between the Board and Staff regarding this idea in general. Staff reiterated several times that currently they are just in talks with counsel and no commitments to the project would be made without Board approval. In an effort of transparency and clarity, Staff prepared a draft scope of work that was attached to the memo and sent to counsel for the trust, as well.

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Board Member Teeter specifically has concerns about the level of transparency with the trustee and other lawyers involved in specific lawsuits against PG&E. The question of how this is equitable to those who lost their houses or other real property, was brought up by numerous Board Members. Board Alternate Tryon and others requested that no decision be made until Board Member Jones could provide her opinion on the matter. There was debate as to whether or not BCAG is the appropriate non-profit to perform this work, or if it's just too complicated and out of Staff's current scope of work.

This item was presented for informational purposes only. Staff will provide updates as needed on the progression of conversation with counsel for the Trust.

**11: Post Camp Fire Study and Transit & Non-Motorized Plan Final Update**

Staff has been preparing the Post Camp Fire Study and an update to the Transit & Non-Motorized Plan since the fall of 2019 with consultant Fehr & Peers. This work has now been completed and is ready for review. Final documents can be found in full on the project website.

Mike Wallace from Fehr & Peers was on hand to present the key findings of the study and recommended updates to the Transit & Non-Motorized Plan, which had last been updated in 2015. He presented information on how regional growth forecasts have changed, as well as how travel patterns both inside and outside Butte County have changed as a result of the Camp Fire.

There was general discussion between Staff, Mr. Wallace, and the Board regarding these findings. Specifically, the question was raised by Board Member Lucero if the COVID-19 pandemic was taken into account during document creation. Data collection had been mostly completed by the time the pandemic started to affect transit, so it is not reflected heavily in these numbers and documents. A Routing Optimization Study has just begun with Staff and a different consultant team, which will take into account COVID-19 and the resulting shifts in transit ridership and needs.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

**Attest:**

*Jon Clark, Executive Director*

*Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*

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