



AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL of the BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Monday – January 9, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

Meeting will be held on Zoom via video conference call, or call in only for audio

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83225872052?pwd=eGxDMkxMQUVIajVsN2JpVFNzVXVaQT09>

**Meeting ID: 832 2587 2052 Passcode: 820396
Call in number: +1 669 900 6833**

**Butte County Association of Governments
326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA**

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- 1. Introductions**

 - 2. SSTAC Minutes – May 2, 2022**

 - 3. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2023/24**

 - 4. Transit Updates and Other Items for discussion**



ITEM # 2

Butte County Association of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 at 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS
Mary Neumann	Passages
Talmadge House (1:05 pm)	Disability Action Center
Ron Ullman	Citizen-Oroville
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.
Michael Harding	We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
David Wilkinson	Citizen-Oroville

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211
Kristy Malloy	Paradise Medical Group

STAFF PRESENT

Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Victoria Proctor	Assistant Planner
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Sara Cain	Associate-Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

Dianne Wilkinson	Citizen-Chico
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The following minutes are a summary of the SSTAC meeting.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) was held in person and via Zoom on May 2, 2022. Staff was present at the BCAG office at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California along with David and Dianne Wilkinson.

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Item #1 – Introductions

The meeting started off with each person present via Zoom or conference call stating their name and agency, if any, they are affiliated with.

Item #2 – SSTAC Minutes – Minutes from June 7, 2021

No comments were received. On motion by Councilmember Coughlin, seconded by Councilmember Neumann, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2022/23

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. The annual public meeting took place at the BCAG Board Meeting on March 24, 2022. Although there are unmet transit needs, there were no unmet transit needs that were found under the definition to be reasonable to meet. Therefore, no findings were made.

There was general discussion between the Council and Staff regarding specific needs that were included in the assessment. Notes of clarification were made regarding when some of these unmet needs might be addressed even though they are not currently reasonable to meet. Specifically, the needs around service to the Oroville hospital were brought up, as well as better service for the VA Clinic in Chico.

On motion by Councilmember Wilkinson, seconded by Councilmember Coughlin, the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2022/23 were unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Study Update

Staff informed the Council that a study has been underway for the last year regarding the need for non-emergency medical transportation within Butte County. As the SSTAC has been a part of the outreach process by the consultant on this study, most members were already aware. Staff let the Council know that they are getting ready to submit alternatives to the Board of Directors for BCAG at the scheduled June 2022 meeting.

Route Optimization Study Update

Staff updated the Council on the routing study that's currently underway. There has been a delay in getting started so the projected end date has been pushed back to Spring 2023. There was discussion regarding what this study will accomplish and specific areas of interest.

Request for Mains'I and BCAG Meeting

Councilmember Schroeder requested that Staff set up a meeting with Mains'I travel trainers at their request. Staff is happy to oblige and will coordinate after the meeting to arrange something.

No other items were presented. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm



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Item #3 Action

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UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2023/24

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment each year as the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County.

DISCUSSION: Each year, BCAG must identify any unmet public transit needs that may exist in Butte County in order to receive state funding. If unmet transit needs are found, a further determination must be made as to whether those needs are reasonable to meet. All unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet must be met before TDA funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Testimony was collected during a 30-day outreach period where the public could provide input via mail, email, phone, as well as an online comment form on the B-Line web page. The outreach period culminated with a public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. This 30-day period to gather comments, along with this final public hearing, was promoted in local newspapers, on all transit buses and on the Internet at both the BCAG and B-Line web site, as well as on the Butte Regional Transit Facebook page. In addition, the notice was emailed to community social service agencies. Attached is the Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment – 2022/23. The Assessment examines transit dependent groups, adequacy of existing transit services, a detailed summary of the public testimony received during this year's outreach process, and staff's analysis of whether the testimony meets the definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet.

If the Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, the affected jurisdiction must satisfy those needs before any TDA funds may be expended for non-transit purposes.

Based on the testimony and analysis with the adopted definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet, the BCAG Board of Directors is **required** to make one of three findings:

1. There are no unmet transit needs,
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet,



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Item #4 Information

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TRANSIT UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PREPARED BY: Amy White, Assistant Planner

- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Study
- Route Optimization Study
- Other Items