



AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL of the BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS & COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

**Monday – August 25, 2008 11:00 a.m.
Butte County Public Health Department – Tahoe Room
202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville CA**

**Tuesday – August 26, 2008 1:00 p.m.
BCAG Conference Room
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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ITEM

STAFF

3. Minutes for March 06, 2008

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval

4. 2008/09 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council - Membership

Ivan Garcia

Informing group of SSTAC membership for 2008/09 and terms expiring June 30, 2009.

5. BCAG Transit Update

Ivan Garcia

Informing group of current planning efforts concerning transit

6. Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan–Project Development

Kristy Bonnifet

Informing group of adopted Coordinated Plan and application received for JARC and New Freedom funding from Work Training Center

7. 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Development

Ivan Garcia

Informing group of 2008 RTP Document, Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Environmental Impact Report.

8. Unmet Transit Needs Definitions

Ivan Garcia

Discussing current adopted definitions of an “unmet transit need” and “reasonable to meet” for consideration of amending.

9. Other Items



ITEM # 3

**Butte County Association of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
&
Coordinated Transportation Working Group
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes
For March 06, 2008**

The following minutes are a summary of the SSTAC and CTWG.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) and Coordinated Transportation Working Group (CTWG) meeting of the Butte County Association of Governments was held at their office, 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA. The meeting started at 2:00 p.m.

Item #1 – Introductions

Self introductions were made.

Item #2 – Oral Communication

No comments were received.

Item # 3 – February 19, 2008 Minutes

No comments were received. The minutes were accepted by the group.

Item #4 –2008/09 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) - Call for Applicants

Staff identified the SSTAC terms ending June 30, 2008. Staff informed the SSTAC that a “call for applicants” notice was placed in the local newspaper for new appointments by the BCAG Board. Terms for the SSTAC are for three years. A copy of the SSTA application was included in the agenda packet.

Item #5 – Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan – Project Development & Workshops

Staff informed the group of the progress and schedule concerning the development of the Coordinated Plan. Staff informed the group regarding observations of public workshops held in Chico, Oroville and Paradise in which over 30 agencies participated. In addition, staff presented the delivery schedule leading to adoption of the plan.

Item #6 – B-Line Paratransit Application Process

The purpose of this agenda item was to inform the group that BCAG would be working to address issues raised concerning the length of the existing ADA certification process. A significant issue was the fact that not everybody who wanted Paratransit services was also seeking ADA certification. Staff indicated BCAG would be working the ADARIDE to determine a preferred approach while ensuring all data was housed at one location.

Item #7 – Spare the Air Week for 2008

Staff informed the group of the scheduled planned activities for the Spare the Air Week scheduled for April 27 – May 3, 2008. Staff said all fixed routes would be free to ride. Guest speakers were also scheduled to make presentations on select routes. In addition to free bus rides, saving money on gas, and learning interesting tidbits from the guest speakers, those who ride during the week would also be eligible for a prize drawing including a folding bike, monthly bus passes, and more.

Item #8 –Needs Assessment for the 2008/09 Fiscal Year

Staff presented the Transit Needs Assessment for the 2008/09 fiscal year. Staff summarized the process undertaken and presented the format of the Assessment. Staff indicated that testimony received suggested that the adopted definitions be revisited. Staff indicated that changing the definitions would be presented to the SSTAC at a future meeting.

Staff requested the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council support staff's recommendation to the BCAG Board of Directors to accept the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for the 2008/09 fiscal year and find that there are no Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet. The SSTAC supported staff's recommendation to the Board.



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item #4 Information

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: August 15, 2008

2008/09 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) – Membership

PREPARED BY: Iván García, Programming Manager

DISCUSSION: The Public Utilities Code Section 99238 requires specific membership to be represented on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The purpose of the SSTAC is to advise staff on matters concerning transit and other transportation issues affecting people who most rely on public transportation. The SSTAC meet on an as needed basis throughout the year primarily during the annual Unmet Transit Needs process. The SSTAC is a direct advisory council to the BCAG Board of Directors. The term of each appointment is 3 years. The council members meet on an “as needed” basis approximately 2-4 times per year during the work day.

A call for applicants will be advertised in the local newspapers in March for terms expiring on June 30, 2009. Attached for information is the current membership of the SSTAC with the various categories identified.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None. This item is presented for the group’s awareness.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager
Kristy Bonnifet, Assistant Planner

**Butte County Association of Governments
2008/09 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**

	Name	Agency	Category Filled							Term ends
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		# required →	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	
1	Cameron Wise	Work Training Center				X				June 30, 2009
2	Diane Cooper	Peg Taylor Center			X					June 30, 2009
3	Jo Anne Hurley	Citizen-Oroville	X							June 30, 2009
4	Mary Neumann	Passages Adult Resource Ctr.			X	X	X			June 30, 2009
5	Shawn O'Brian	Butte County Public Works						X		June 30, 2009
6	John L. McCash	Feather River Tribal Health, Inc.	X				X			June 30, 2010
7	William A. Moline	Butte County DESS - CALWORKS					X			June 30, 2010
8	Jay Harris	Independent Living Services		X		X				June 30, 2011
9	Michael Worley	At Large Appointment				X			X*	June 30, 2011
10	Joyce Wolf	Citizen-Oroville	X	X						June 30, 2011
11	Mike Crump	Butte County Public Works						X		June 30, 2011

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



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item #5 Information

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: August 18, 2008

BCAG TRANSIT UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Iván García, Programming Manager

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Council and Working Group with a B-Line Transit System update.

- ADA Paratransit Application – The application form used by ADARIDE.COM for ADA certification was significantly reduced from its original length.
- Bus Stop Improvement Plan – A Request for Proposal has been circulated to advertisement agencies. BCAG hopes to have new shelters underway by Spring 2009.
- FTA Section 5310 Application – BCAG will be submitting an FTA 5310 grant to Caltrans for 6 new paratransit vehicles. Based on the criteria for funding, BCAG believes the funding will be approved. Approval typically occurs around February.
- BCAG Ridership Survey Data Complete – Staff will give a verbal summary of the result of the transit ridership survey results.
- BCAG Market Based Transit Plan – A pending grant application is awaiting a decision by Caltrans whether or not funding will be approved. BCAG hopes to have a decision soon after the state budget is approved.
- New Fixed Route Buses - 8 New 40' Orion CNG Buses have arrived and will be in full service by the end of the month.
- Paratransit Fleet Electronic Fareboxes – BCAG intends to equip the paratransit fleet of vehicles with the same type of electronic fareboxes as fixed route in the 2008/09 fiscal year.

- Chico Bike Map Complete – Reflects bike paths including highlighted transit routes. Maps are available at all local bike shops, the Chico Municipal Center and the BCAG offices.

Key Staff: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner
 Kristy Bonnifet, Assistant Planner
 Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item #6 Information

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: August 18, 2008

APPROVED 2008/09 COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR BUTTE COUNTY

PREPARED BY: Kristy Bonnifet, Assistant Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation, in order to be eligible for certain FTA funding.

DISCUSSION: Projects funded with FTA Section 5310 (Elderly Persons & Persons with Disabilities), 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute) or 5317 (New Freedom) programs must be derived from a Coordinated Plan. BCAG's 2008/09 "Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan" meets these requirements for funding eligibility under SAFETEA-LU. Funds available under the SAFETEA-LU programs are matched by local human service resources and other funding to leverage more transportation for targeted individuals.

The overall goal of the Plan is to identify and prioritize projects eligible for Federal funding to address transportation needs of 1) persons of low income, 2) persons with disabilities and 3) seniors.

The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan was approved by the BCAG Board of Directors at the July Board meeting. Approval of the plan was required in order to remain eligible for grant funding opportunities for the 2008/09 fiscal year. The Draft Plan was made available to interested parties by email for review and comment prior to Board approval. The BCAG Board may amend the draft plan at any time. Minor comments were received to include the Gridley Golden Feather Flyer paratransit service. Comments received from Gridley have been incorporated into the Plan. No additional comments were received.

Table 8-2 of the Coordinated Plan is a matrix that presents the coordinated goals in relation to guiding objectives and the possible strategies by which those objectives can be implemented. The Coordinated Plan does not identify specific projects. So long as the proposed project is consistent with the attached Table 8-2, the project will be eligible for FTA Sections 5310, 5316 and 5317 funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None. This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Kristy Bonnifet, Assistant Planner
Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

**Table 8-2
Butte County Coordination Plan Recommended Goals, Objectives and Suggested Strategies**

VISION: TO IMPROVE MOBILITY FOR BUTTE COUNTY SENIORS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PERSONS OF LOW INCOME THROUGH COORDINATED PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS	
GOAL 1.0: FACILITATING LEADERSHIP AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
1.1 Establish a regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA capability to provide leadership on coordination around specialized transportation needs in Butte County.	1.1.1 Identify lead agency for regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA.
	1.1.2 Define roles and responsibilities of the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA for the near-term and the longer term.
	1.1.3 Establish a strategic oversight committee inviting highest level agency representation with BCAG with large human service agencies funding transportation services that could include: County Depts. of Public Social Services, Behavioral Health and Public Health as well as non-profits First Five, Far Northern Regional Center, North Valley Catholic Social Services.
	1.1.4 Establish mechanisms to promote coordination including elements such as updating annually the resource inventory, establishing coordination working groups and periodic newsletters.
	1.1.5 Continue to expand the planning partners base and grow membership in the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA structure; establish ongoing mechanisms for communication via email, surface mail and other strategies, using this feedback as one tool for updating the annual inventory.
	1.1.6 Promote the visibility of the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA and its function as a resource to its planning partners, utilizing all possible methods of communication.
1.2 Establish the Regional Mobility Manager's role in "growing" and strengthening projects responsive to the coordination vision, its goals and objectives.	1.2.1 Work at the agency and project levels to promote and identify potential coordination projects , assisting planning partners in designing effective projects and pursuing funding.
	1.2.2 Establish a technical assistance capability for the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA to provide support to human services transportation agencies related to service efficiency, effectiveness and safety.
1.3 Promote agency-level mobility managers within agencies and within social service systems through the Call for Projects and through outreach by the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA.	1.3.1 Identify, promote and develop agency-level mobility managers as internal transportation advocates and information resources.
	1.3.2 Establish formalized relationships between the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA and the agency-level mobility managers to ensure collaboration.
	1.3.3 Identify specific action areas and activities by which the Regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA and the agency level mobility managers can work together to promote the coordination Vision and Goals.
1.4 Develop visibility around specialized transportation issues and needs, encouraging high-level	1.4.1 Conduct a biennial summit, to include highest leadership levels within the county, and all stakeholder partners to promote coordination successes, collaborative activities and to address outstanding policy issues in specialized transportation.

political and agency leadership.	1.4.2 Promote the inventory database as a coordination tool , possibly in concert with 211/ 511 processes, encouraging participation and use at all levels and utilizing both web-based and paper products.
1.5 Address physical infrastructure needs that assist pedestrians and thereby aid transit.	1.5.1 Work with local jurisdictions to improve pedestrian access to bus stops, including sidewalks and curb cuts.
	1.5.2 Continue and expand as feasible, existing programs of placement of bus stop amenities , including bus benches and bus shelters, focusing on highest use areas, transfer locations and terminus or other areas with long waits between vehicle runs.
GOAL 2.0 BUILDING SERVICES	
2.1 Promote the <u>QUANTITY</u> of public transit, paratransit and specialized transportation services provided.	2.1.1 Review policies for pass and bus ticket purchase and pass distribution and develop voucher program strategies to increase the availability of fares subsidized for the lowest income individuals.
	2.1.2 Expand availability of public transit services into later evening and earlier morning timeframes; increase Saturday and Sunday services; increase service frequencies on highest use routes with attention to inter-community routes.
	2.1.3 Pursue pilots for “same-day, immediate needs” for those specialized users who required some limited same-day service capability.
	2.1.4 Continue dialog with secondary and post-secondary education systems to identify potential coordinated transportation projects, potentially for support services and possibly for direct service delivery.
2.2 Promote the <u>QUALITY</u> of public transit, paratransit and specialized transportation services provided.	2.2.1 Strengthen service provision capabilities of human services transportation providers, through projects that promote coordinated driver training opportunities, technology solutions, communication improvements, coordinated maintenance and vehicle back-up capabilities, pooled insurance opportunities and other such strategies.
	2.2.2 Pilot trip brokering and vehicle resource sharing capabilities, through CTSA leadership, to increase the ability of existing transportation resources to provide more trips.
	2.2.3 Develop volunteer-based, coordinated projects that can address some special needs include
	2.2.4 Promote coordinated systems solutions to special needs groups such as dialysis patients, youth from outlying communities, low-income workers traveling to/from third-shift jobs, incarcerated homeless among others.
	2.2.5 Support fleet improvements , including replacement of capital with lift-equipped and newer equipment.
2.3 Develop strategies for improving transportation solutions to outlying, low-density areas of the County.	2.3.1 Promote pilot solutions to address the following corridors or areas of travel and others that may be identified through collective data gathering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gold Country Casino in Kelly Ridge ○ Oroville to Palermo ○ Between Oroville and Yuba/ Sutter ○ Thermalito to Gridley, Thermalito to Oroville And:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Berry Creek and Buckeye ○ Concow, Deadwood, Yankee Hill ○ Areas around Lake Oroville, including Feather Falls ○ Palermo ○ Kelly Ridge
<p>2.4 Promote coordinated responses for those support services that will strengthen and enhance community transportation services.</p>	<p>2.3.2 Collect data to document such isolated trip needs, at the case manager level, to better report the type, quantity and timing of trip needs from specific geographic areas.</p> <p>2.3.3 Collect data to document and therefore possibly address the mobility needs of “hidden populations” including agricultural workers and others.</p> <p>2.4.1 Explore support service opportunities such as for shared vehicle maintenance, joint procurement of parts and fuel, and vehicle back-up, among other options.</p> <p>2.4.2 Explore coordinated insurance options, including insurance pools and volunteer driver insurance to assist small agencies.</p> <p>2.4.3 Develop procedures to improve the accuracy of reporting of human services transportation trips to ensure full “credit” for trips provided by this sector.</p>
<p>GOAL 3.0 ENHANCING INFORMATION PORTALS</p>	
<p>3.1 Develop information portal tools for wide distribution of information.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Invite through the Calls for Projects strategies that establish, promote, enhance and extend transit and specialized transit information portals.</p> <p>3.1.2. Build upon existing B-Line information pieces and create additional information tools oriented to direct human service agency staff, aiding them in accessing specialized transportation services on behalf of their consumers.</p> <p>3.1.3 Improve methods of information distribution by working through the SSTAC, survey database and other strategies to get transit information into more consumer and agency personnel hands.</p> <p>3.1.4 Ensure that the regional Mobility Manager/ CTSA’s information tools are maintained and kept current with service changes, establishing standardized mechanisms by which public operators and Measure A providers advise the Mobility Manager(s) of anticipated service changes.</p> <p>3.1.5 Integrate available and planned transportation information resources with attention to 211/ 511 opportunities in relation to the information needs of the target populations and their caseworkers, working through existing, regionally-oriented information systems.</p>
<p>3.2 Actively promote travel training, mobility training and bus buddy opportunities to a wide range of audiences, including consumers and their agency representatives.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Invite through the Calls for Projects mobility training strategies that establish, promote, encourage and implement any travel training experience that encourages users and prospective users to ride public transit. Programs may be geared towards any subgroup of the target population and focus on building consumers’ skills and agency personnel transit knowledge.</p> <p>3.2.2 Hold periodic transit workshops, distributed geographically</p>

	<p>across the county, to keep human services personnel current with available transportation resources and information tools, and apprise them of upcoming changes to the public transit network.</p>
<p>3.3 Evaluate and report on transportation pilots, to identify successes and less-than-successful initiatives and modify plans accordingly.</p>	<p>3.3.1 Identify, promote and train human service organizations in standardized reporting that accurately counts transportation services provided.</p> <p>3.3.2 Establish performance goals, as set by participating agencies, against which to measure performance, report on these and adapt service plans where actual performance indicates adjustments is needed.</p>



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item #7 Information

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: August 18, 2008

2008 Regional Transportation Plan Development

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: BCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every 4 years to identify the region's long-range transportation plan for a 20 year minimum horizon.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the RTP is to identify BCAG's transportation project priorities for all modes of transportation over the next 27-years through 2035. The RTP then serves as the foundation for developing the future Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP document) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP document). The RTP can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors.

Staff has completed the draft RTP document and air quality conformity analysis and determination for review and comment. In addition, a public review draft of the Environmental Impact Report is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The RTP has been distributed to all Butte County Public Libraries, each of the cities and County, each of the Butte County Rancherias, Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, EPA, Butte County Air Quality Management District and posted on BCAG's website at www.bcag.org. A notice on the development of the RTP was also sent to an extensive list of potential interest groups provided by Caltrans. A public notice has been placed in the local newspaper as well. Various public workshops were held early in the development of the RTP and throughout the process.

The RTP was developed in consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee which includes each of the cities and County, Butte County Rancherias, citizen representatives, BCAQMD and Caltrans. In addition, staff held two Interagency Consultation Review meetings with the Air District, Caltrans, FHWA and the EPA to ensure BCAG was appropriately addressing the regional emission analysis requirements.

The entire RTP document is available for review on BCAG's webpage at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/2008-RTP/index.html>. Hard copies of the RTP are available upon request. The attached table summarizes the regional STIP priorities included in the Plan that are within BCAG's financial projections.

2008 RTP Review Schedule (*subject to change*)

- August 14, 2008 Circulate Draft to BCAG Advisory Committees
- August 15, 2008 Distribute Draft Document to Butte County Public Libraries – Place Public Notice in Local Newspaper
- August 25 & 26, 2008 SSTAC / CTWG Meeting
- September 4, 2008 BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee
- September (TBD) RTP Community Workshops (Chico, Gridley, Oroville, Paradise)
- September 25, 2008 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
- November (TBD)
- December 4, 2008 – BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee
- December 11 or 18, 2008 – Final Documents presented to Board
- January 22, 2009 or February 26, 2009 – 2008 RTP Adoption including Air Quality Conformity Determination and Environmental Impact Report

Attached is a summary of projects that have been included in the draft Regional Transportation Plan and in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for the next four federal fiscal years. In addition, staff has attached the draft STIP Regional Priorities within the financial constraints for the long range period of the Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None. This item is presented for information and comment.

Key Staff Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager
 Chris Devine, Planning Manager
 Brian Lasagna, Associate Planner
 Jon Clark, Executive Director

2009 FTIP Project Summary By Fiscal Year and Fund Type included in RTP

2008/2009 Federal Fiscal Year

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
Biggs	Pedestrian and Bikeway Intermodal sys. Phase 2	0	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		319
County	Butte County Safe Routes To Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	291		291
BCAG	Plan, program and monitor	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		130
BCAG	FH 171 Reconstruction Project - Phase 1	0	0	0	0	0	8,366	0	0	0	0	0		8,366
BCAG	FTA Sec. 5307 Program - B - Line	3,091	0	0	0	0	0	1,538	0	0	0	0		4,629
BCAG	FTA Sec 5311 Program	1,775	0	0	0	0	0	512	0	0	0	0		2,287
BCAG	SR 70 @ Georgia Pacific Way Interchange	134	0	0	0	0	1,034	0	0	0	0	0		1,168
BCAG	Butte 99 Chico Aux Lanes/Intersection Phase 2	0	1,653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,653
BCAG	B Line Farebox Project - Phase 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	0	0	0		220
Caltrans	Butte 99 Gridley Oper. Imprvmnts	0	4,418	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4,418
Caltrans	SHOPP Roadway Preservation Lump Sum	0	0	0	0	29,514	0	0	0	0	0	0		29,514
Caltrans	Ophir Road (Phase 1)	0	8,010	11,490	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		19,500
Caltrans	Butte SR 70 Passing Lane Project	0	1,600	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3,100
Chico	SR 32 from SR 99 to Yosemite	13,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		13,000

2008/2009 Federal Fiscal Year - Continued

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
Chico	SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Project	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		350
Chico	SR 99 Cohasset Interchange Operational Improvement	1,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,650
Chico	SR 99 Eaton Rd Signalization Project	1,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,233
Chico	Bidwell Park Middle Trail Rehabilitation Project	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	233
Oroville	SR 70 and Montgomery Street Beautification Project	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		400
Paradise	Paradise 3 E's - Safe Routes to Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66		66
Paradise	Pearson and Recreation Drive Signalization Project	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		245
Paradise	Pearson Rd Park and Ride Project	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0		223
Various	FTA 5310	50	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0		250
Various	Butte County HSIP Lump Sum	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,137	0		1,363
TOTALS		21,835	16,530	12,990	0	29,514	9,400	2,250	420	0	1,137	357	176	94,608

2009/2010 Federal Fiscal Year

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
BCAG	Plan, program and monitor	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		130
BCAG	FTA Sec. 5307 Program - B - Line	3,091	0	0	0	0	0	1,538	0	0	0	0		4,629
BCAG	FTA Sec 5311 Program	1,775	0	0	0	0	0	512	0	0	0	0		2,287
BCAG	Butte 99 Chico Aux Lanes/Intersection Phase 2	0	9,832	0	23,520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		33,352
Caltrans	SHOPP Bridge Preservation Grouped Projects	0	0	0	0	6,558	0	0	0	0	0	0		6,558
Chico	SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Project	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		150
Various	FTA 5310	122	0	0	0	0	0	488	0	0	0	0		610
TOTALS		5,138	9,962	0	23,520	6,558	0	2,538	0	0	0	0	0	47,716

2010/2011 Federal Fiscal Year

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
BCAG	FTA Sec. 5307 Program - B - Line	3,091	0	0	0	0	0	1,538	0	0	0	0		4,629
BCAG	FTA Sec 5311 Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	512	0	0	0	0		512
Chico	SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0		1,000
Paradise	Pearson and Recreation Drive Signalization Project								130					130
TOTALS		3,091	0	0	0	0	0	2,050	1,130	0	0	0	0	6,271

2011/2012 Federal Fiscal Year

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
BCAG	FTA Sec. 5307 Program - B - Line	3,091	0	0	0	0	0	1,538	0	0	0	0		4,629
BCAG	FTA Sec 5311 Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	512	0	0	0	0		512
Caltrans	SHOPP Bridge Preservation Grouped Projects	0	0	0	0	38,926	0	0	0	0	0	0		38,926
Caltrans	SHOPP Collision Reduction Lump Sum	0	0	0	0	843	0	0	0	0	0	0		843
Caltrans	Butte SR 70 Passing Lane Project	0	1,400	16,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		17,400
Chico	SR 99 Cohasset Interchange Operational Improvement	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,800
Oroville	Spencer Ave B-Line Transit Center Project	452	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,273	0	0	0		1,725
Paradise	Pearson and Recreation Drive Signalization Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,050	0	0	0		1,050
TOTALS		5,343	1,400	16,000	0	39,769	0	2,050	2,323	0	0	0	0	66,885

2012/2013 Federal Fiscal Year

Agency	Title	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
County	Local HBRR - Lump Sum	266	0	0	1,399	0	0	0	0	12,854	0	0		14,519
BCAG	FH 171 Reconstruction Project - Phase 2	0	10,130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10,130
Chico	SR 99 Cohasset Interchange Operational Improvement	5,350	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,650	0	0	0		7,000
TOTALS		5,616	10,130	0	1,399	0	0	0	1,650	12,854	0	0	0	31,649

2009 FTIP Period Fund Type Summary (2008/09 - 2001/12)	Local Funds	RIP-State	IIP-State	State Bond	SHOPP	PLH/Demo	FTA Funds	CMAQ	HBP	HSIP	SRTS	Rec Trails	Totals
TOTALS	35,406	27,892	28,990	23,520	75,841	9,400	8,888	3,873	0	1,137	357	176	215,480

Table 6-1
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

STIP - Project and Description	RIP funds Only 2008 dollars in millions	Escalated dollars (Year)
1 SR 70 Ophir Rd Project – Existing Project. Funded and underway. Near Oroville, from just north of the Ophir Road intersection to 0.3 mile south of Route 162. Widen to 4 lanes and construct signals. Phase 1 Only. Total Project cost is \$35.7m. Construction in 2008/09.	\$ 8.01 CON	\$ 8.01 (2009)
2. SR 70 Passing Lane Project – Existing Project. Funded and underway. From 0.7 mile south of East Gridley Rd to 0.4 mile north of Cox Lane. Construct passing lanes. Total Project cost is \$23m. \$20m is from Caltrans.	\$ 3 CON	\$ 3 (2010)
3. SR 99 Chico Auxiliary Lane Project Phase 2 – Existing Project. In Chico, from SR 32 to East 1 st Ave. Construct NB and SB auxiliary lanes. Funded with \$23.5m in SR 99 Bond funds.	\$11.485	\$11.485 (2010)
4. SR 70 Passing Lane - Segment 1. New Project. Terminus at Ophir Rd Project to .1 miles south of Palermo Rd. (2.7 miles) Total estimate for year 2018 is \$39.3m to be jointly funded at 50% with Caltrans.	\$ 12.65 All Components	\$ 19.7 (thru 2018)
5. SR 70 Passing Lane - Segment 2. New Project. Terminus at Segment #1, .1 mile south of Palermo Rd to terminus at north end of SR 70 Passing Lane Project currently under development. (3.13 miles). Total estimate for year 2025 is \$64.1m to be jointly funded with Caltrans	\$ 14.7 All Components	\$32.05 (thru 2025)
6. SR 70 Passing Lane - Segment 3. New Project. Termini at SR 70 Passing Lane Project to Yuba County line. Includes 2 of the 3 bridges, 3 rd bridge is located in Yuba County. (3.37 miles). Total estimate for year 2030 is \$116m to be jointly funded with Caltrans.	\$ 20.8 All Components	\$58 (thru 2030)
7. SR 99 Cohasset Project. New Project. Construct southbound on ramps with operational improvements on the overcrossing over SR99 to address existing congestion. Total estimate for year 2018 is \$20m.	\$ 20 All Components	\$ 31 (2018)
8. SR 99 Eaton Rd Project. New Project. Reconstruct Interchange	Locally funded	
9. SR 99 Neal Rd – Existing Local Project. Signalization Project / Interchange (locally funded, regionally significant)	Locally funded	
10. SR 99 Corridor Projects – New Project. Develop scope for future SR 99 Corridor Project(s) Balance of STIP fund Projections		\$ 16.51 (thru 2035)
11. SR 32 – Existing Local Project. Widen to 4 lanes from SR 32 to Yosemite (locally funded, regionally significant 2.2 miles)	Locally funded	
12. Forest Highway 171 – Existing Project. Reconstruct Roadway from Inskip to Butte Meadows. Project is currently underway and partially funded with RIP, PLH and SAFETEA-LU. Remaining funds are for the RIP portion to complete construction. (9.8 miles)	\$ 10.1 CON	\$10.1 (2012)
13. Plan, Program and Monitor (PPM). PPM funds are used for project delivery of in the STIP.	\$3.5	\$ 3.5
TOTALS	\$129.9	\$193.35

Totals regional priorities identified thru horizon of RTP:	\$193.35 million
Financial Projection for STIP funds for Butte County:	<u>\$193.35 million</u>
Balance Remaining:	



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

**Item #8
Information**

Coordinated Transportation Working Group

Date: August 19, 2008

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS DEFINITIONS

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: BCAG has been requested to review the current adopted definitions of an “Unmet Transit Need” and “Reasonable to Meet” used in the development of the annual Unmet Transit Needs Assessment.

BACKGROUND: Transportation Development Act (TDA) law requires BCAG to adopt the definitions for the terms “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet”. These definitions were adopted by the Butte County Association of Governments on April 21, 1994 and amended per recommendation of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council on October 23, 2003. In making a finding on whether or not an unmet need is reasonable to meet, BCAG conducts analysis of all four evaluation criteria listed below.

Unmet Transit Needs Definition

Unmet transit needs are those trips required, but currently not provided, and not scheduled to be provided within Butte County, for individuals dependent on public transit to maintain a minimum standard of living.

Reasonable to Meet Definition

Reasonable to meet shall include all of the following factors:

1. Cost Effectiveness: The cost to provide the service will meet the minimum farebox recovery ratio.
2. Economy: The project can be implemented at reasonable cost.
3. Community Acceptance: Support exists, indicated through the public hearing process.
4. Operational Feasibility: The service must be safe to operate.

Possible Findings for Unmet Transit Needs Process by Board of Directors

The Transportation Development Act Section 99401.5(d) states that the Board shall make one of the following findings:

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

Comments that are NOT defined as an “Unmet Need”

Testimony in the following areas, by definition are **not** considered **unmet transit needs**. They may be legitimate concerns and/or comments and will be directed toward the appropriate departments for further consideration.

1. More bus shelters
2. Equipment issues (i.e. more bicycle racks, new vehicles, fareboxes)
3. Minor route modifications and/or modifications made for convenience
4. Connections outside the County
5. More frequent service

Analysis Requirements and Assumptions

The farebox ratio is the ratio of fares to operating costs for transit service. Farebox ratio for urban fixed route is 20%. For rural fixed route and all paratransit services, the minimum farebox is 10%. These requirements are set by the Transportation Development Act. This is referred to as “minimum farebox recovery ratio”.

DISCUSSION: Staff has reviewed other unmet transit needs definitions used by other agencies and overall, the definitions are similar. A hard copy of the background information surveyed is attached separately to the agenda.

As part of the 2008/09 UTN public workshops, it was suggested that bus shelters be included in the adopted definitions. Currently, staff is working on implementing a Bus Stop Improvement Plan in which an advertising agency would construct and maintain the new shelter in exchange for advertising rights to address these concerns. New shelters are anticipated for the spring of 2009.

In addition, BCAG has a pending grant application at Caltrans for developing a market based transit plan. Approval of the grant is subject to the state budget process. The purpose of the plan is to develop a comprehensive study on how fixed route transit service could be improved for the region with existing resources.

As a result of the transit efforts for the 2008/09 fiscal year, in staff's opinion a better time to revisit the current adopted definitions would be after the 2008/09 fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No action is requested. Staff would like input from the Council regarding staff's suggestions.

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