



AGENDA

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

**Monday – May 2, 2022
1:00 p.m.**

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

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960971434?pwd=cmd5RVMzam1jMkR2ZC9XTXNuaEJGUT09>

**Meeting ID: 839 6097 1434 Passcode: 257712
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 – June 7, 2021**
 - 3. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2022/23**
 - 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, June 7, 2021 at 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211
Mary Neumann	Passages
Talmadge House	Disability Action Center
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico
Kristy Malloy	Paradise Medical Group
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.
Ron Ullman	Citizen-Oroville

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.
Cameron Wise	Work Training Center
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico
Michael Harding	We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
Radley Ott	Butte County Public Works
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Sara Cain	Associate Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

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 remotely over Zoom on June 7, 2021, while Staff was present at the BCAG office at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California.

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 September 28, 2020

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

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2021/22

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 25, 2021. 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 extensive discussion between Staff and the Council regarding the need for non-emergency medical transport in Butte County, as well as service that connects to the surrounding counties. This type of service is separate from what Butte Regional Transit currently offers and would require the devotion of significant resources and study before implementation. It is not covered under this process and is therefore not listed as an unmet need by the definition presented here.

On motion by Councilmember Schroeder, seconded by Councilmember Coughlin, the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2021/22 were unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

Transit Funding Overview

CFO Julie Quinn provided a brief presentation on the different sources of funding for transit. She presented a breakdown of how funding looked before the COVID-19 pandemic, and how the pandemic has changed where funding comes from and how it is used.

B-Line Mobile Pass Update

Staff discussed the implementation of the Token Transit mobile pass. It has been launched fully and is used by a decent amount of fixed route and paratransit riders. The security of the app was discussed as well.

Route Optimization Study

Staff informed the Council that a study has been started that will look in-depth at the offerings of B-Line's fixed route and paratransit services. This study is expected to be complete in Fall 2022 and has the potential to address additional unmet needs outside of this process.

No other items were presented.



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Item #3 Action

May 2, 2022

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2022/23

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Transit 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,
3. There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.



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Item #4 Information

May 2, 2022

TRANSIT UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Assistant Planner

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