



AGENDA

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

**Monday – September 28, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

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

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

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. SSTAC Minutes – May 16, 2019**
- 3. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2020/21**
- 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**

Tuesday, May 16, 2019 at 10:30 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cameron Wise	Work Training Center
W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS
Radley Ott	Butte County Public Works
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico
Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.
Michael Harding	We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
Ron Ullman	Citizen-Oroville
Talmadge House	Disability Action Center
Mary Neumann	Passages Adult Resource Center
Pamela Teeter	Youth for Change
Robert Garcia	Mains'l Services Inc
Shawn O'Brien	Butte County Public Works
William Moline	Butte County – DESS
Mary Neumann	Passages

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant
Sara Muse	Associate Senior Planner

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 at the BCAG office on May 16, 2019, located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California.

Item #1 – Introductions

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

Item #2 – SSTAC Minutes – Minutes from May 8, 2018

No comments were received. On motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Coughlin, with Councilmember Ott abstaining, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2019/20

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. Public meetings were held in Oroville, Chico (Paradise was also held at the Chico meeting due to the Camp Fire) and Gridley. 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.

Service to the Chico Airport was discussed.

On motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Ott, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

MapMyBus (DoubleMap App)

Staff explained how the new app worked and that this app will take the place of Tracker.

Mobile Fare Payments

Staff is hoping to have this in place by Summer 2019.

Fare Increase

A fare increase will need to be implemented in September 2019 in order for Butte Regional Transit to meet the farebox recovery ratio for next year. Staff looks at if an increase is needed every three years.

GPS Tracking on Fareboxes

The GPS tracking on the fareboxes will allow staff to see where people are riding the bus. This will be especially helpful in re-vamping the routes for the Oroville area.

Camp Fire response and service changes

B-Line played an important role in the Camp Fire evacuation and over the next couple of months transporting people between Shelters and the Recovery Centers. Three routes were affected by the fire. After being suspended in the immediate aftermath, routes 40 & 41 resumed reduced service levels, while route 31 has not yet resumed service.

2020 RTP/SCS Development

Information regarding this program is available on our website. Staff is gathering data and completing the update now. This plan includes BCAG's general plan for all mode of transportation, population, employment and housing updates. Staff stated there is a list SSTAC members and the public can sign up for to receive updates regarding the 2020 RTP/SCS. It is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2020.

No other items were presented.



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Item #3 Action

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UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2020/21

PREPARED BY: Jim Peplow, Senior 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 - 2020/2021. 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

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TRANSIT UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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- B-Line Mobile Pass
- COVID response
- GPS Tracking on Fareboxes