



BCAG Board of Directors

Agenda Item #3 – Consent

Date: September 24, 2026

Subject: APPROVED Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors August 27, 2026

Contact: Ashley Carriere, Administrative Assistant

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.

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. All members who joined via Zoom disclosed their location.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Eric Smith	Alt. Councilmember	City of Oroville
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
Anita Wilks	Councilmember	City of Biggs
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico

MEMBERS ABSENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Director
Amy White	Transportation Analyst
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Victoria Proctor	Transportation Analyst
Sara Cain	Transportation Grants Manager
Kong Yang	I.T. Manager
Chris Devine	Planning Director
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director

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OTHERS PRESENT

Dawson Stroud	Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison
John Stonebraker	Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)
Michael Miller	
Jamie Cannon	Butte County Admin
Vincent Rupena	
Pheobe Sager	Community Member
Gabriela Montes	Transdev GM
Bill Smith	Transdev Safety Manager

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.** Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2026 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
- 4.** Approval of Resolution 2026/27-02 Acceptance of Project List for FY 2026/27 California State of Good Repair Program
- 5.** Approval of Resolution 2026/27 -03 FY 2026/27 Preliminary Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims
- 6.** Approval of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Appointments 2026
- 7.** BCAG/BRT Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual Updates
- 8.** Approval of Resolution 2026/27-04 Approving the Project List for F 2026 Low or No Emission Grant Program

On motion by Board Member Durfee and seconded by Board Member Goldstein, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

9: Approval of Butte Regional Transit Mobility Aid Policy

Staff presented the proposed policy regarding the accommodation of mobility aids on the B-Line fixed-route system. The item originated from a passenger request in September 2025 to allow a child to remain seated in a stroller while riding the bus. Following the passenger's appeal and presentation to the Board in December 2025, the Board directed staff to review the existing policy, potential accommodations, and associated liability considerations.

Staff conducted extensive research and consultation with Transdev and BCAG counsel. The review also considered inquiries regarding bicycles, push carts, wagons, strollers, and other rolling devices.

The proposed policy is based on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Staff explained that strollers and similar convenience devices are not considered ADA mobility aids and therefore do not have the same priority as wheelchairs or other mobility aids used by persons with mobility disabilities. ADA-designated

securement areas must remain available to eligible riders, and non-ADA devices must be removed from the securement area when needed by an ADA rider.

Staff also presented the liability analysis, noting that the greatest risks involve denying access to ADA riders, improperly using wheelchair securement equipment, and inconsistent enforcement of policies. Staff indicated that a clear policy, appropriate operator training, and enforcement of ADA priority would reduce these risks.

The proposed policy would establish consistent guidelines for accommodating mobility aids and similar devices while maintaining ADA requirements, current safety standards, and appropriate protections for the transit operator.

On motion by Board Member Goldstein and seconded by Board Member Ritter, approval of the Butte Regional Transit Mobility Aid Policy passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10: Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity

Staff presented the draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination, which were made available for public review. The required 30-day public review period began August 13, 2026, and concluded September 14, 2026. The Board of Directors was scheduled to consider adoption of the 2027 FTIP on September 24, 2026.

Staff explained that the 2027 FTIP covers four federal fiscal years, FFY 2026/27 through FFY 2029/30, and serves as the region's short-term plan for the use of federal, state, and local transportation funding. All projects included in the FTIP must also be included in the current Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Existing projects from the 2025 FTIP that were not expected to be obligated by September 30, 2026, were carried forward into the draft 2027 FTIP.

The draft FTIP programs **36 projects totaling approximately \$310 million** in federal, state, and local funds. Major funding categories include \$105 million through the Caltrans State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP), \$33 million for the Town of Paradise Road Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects, and \$37 million in Active Transportation Program-funded projects. Performance measure investments include approximately \$158.9 million for safety, \$86.6 million for pavement and bridge condition, \$183.1 million for freight movement, congestion and reliability, and \$51.2 million supporting Butte Regional Transit.

Staff also reviewed proposed new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programming, including construction funding for the City of Chico Garner Lane and Esplanade Roundabout Project, right-of-way funding for the Butte County Autry Lane South Safe Routes to Schools Project, right-of-way and construction funding for the City of Gridley Cherry Street Sidewalk Improvements Project, and right-of-way funding for the City of Gridley Fairview Gap Closure Project. Preliminary engineering for these projects had previously been advanced through CMAQ funding.

A public workshop and an Interagency Consultation Review group meeting were held during the review period to review the Air Quality Conformity Determination. The 2027 FTIP was developed in consultation with required state and federal agencies and the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan.

This item was presented for information purposes.

11: Butte Regional Transit Routing Study Outreach

Staff provided an update on the fixed-route network study being conducted with Jarrett Walker & Associates for the cities of Chico and Oroville. Public outreach on the draft network maps began August 18, 2026, with comments being collected through an online survey available in English and Spanish.

The outreach efforts will include pop-up events in Chico and Oroville, as well as flyers on B-Line buses, at transit centers, on the B-Line website, and through social media.

Public outreach will continue through the end of October. Staff will then return to the Board with an update and request the Board's direction regarding the next phase of development.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

12: Members of the public may present items to the BCAG Board of Directors, but no action will be taken other than placement on a future agenda.

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

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