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INTRODUCTION

Originally formed in 1969, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) between the County of Butte and the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville and the Town of Paradise.

BCAG is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors comprised of representatives from the County and the five incorporated cities/town located within the political boundary of Butte County, California. Incorporated cities include Biggs (population 1,900), Chico (Population 100,331), Gridley (population 7,191), Oroville, the County Seat (population 19,085), and Town of Paradise (population 10,142). Unincorporated Butte County has a population of 53,662 making the total countywide population 206,778. The BCAG Board of Directors is comprised of ten members, including the five currently serving Butte County Supervisors and one current council representative from each of the cities and Town of Paradise.

BCAG delivers the Overall Work Program and all contained elements, tasks and products under Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) Number 74A1609 (Effective 1/1/25 – 12/31/2034) and an MOU for Comprehensive Federal and State Transportation Planning and Programming (2017). Annually, the OWP is prepared to comply with BCAG's federal and state agencies' regulatory funding requirements which include description, tasks, products, and budget for each work element. Fund sources and line-item budget revenues and expenditures for each work element are determined in accordance with the objectives and tasks of each work element. These revenues and expenditures, along with other non-OWP amounts, are stated in BCAG's Budget and adopted by the board.

FTA Triennial Review FY 2023 – FY 2026

On September 22, 2023, BCAG received its *FY 2023 Triennial Review Final Report* conducted by the Federal Transit Administration covering FY 2019/2020 – FY 2021/2022. The Triennial Review focused on compliance in 23 areas. Deficiencies were found in the following four areas describing 10 specific deficiencies.

- Financial Management and Capacity (codes F5-1)
- Satisfactory Continuing Control (SCC9-1, SCC9-2)
- Procurement (P4-1, P11-1, P12-4, P19-2, P20-2)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE4-1, DBE11-1)

Prior to receiving the above Final Report correspondence, documentation was submitted closing P19-2 and P20-2. On October 15, 2024, the FY 2023 Triennial Review Closeout was received, indicating that all documentation had been submitted as requested to support the closing of all findings stated above and no further action or change in processes were required. *(See Appendix 4).* BCAG will continue to recognize the conclusions, findings, corrections and resolutions of the *FY 2023 Triennial Review Final Report* in implementing the 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget. The next Triennial Review is scheduled to begin in the final quarter of FY 2025/26.

2026/27 OWP Organization

The 2026-27 Overall Work Program is organized into four (4) sections as follows:

SECTION 1 Organizational – Organizational and staff structure, planning priorities and challenges, roles and responsibilities, boundary area descriptions, institutional and interagency relationships and consultation, public participation outreach processes

SECTION 2 Planning Functions, Goals, Factors and Focus Areas

SECTION 3 OWP Budget and Work Element Descriptions, Tasks and Product Delivery.

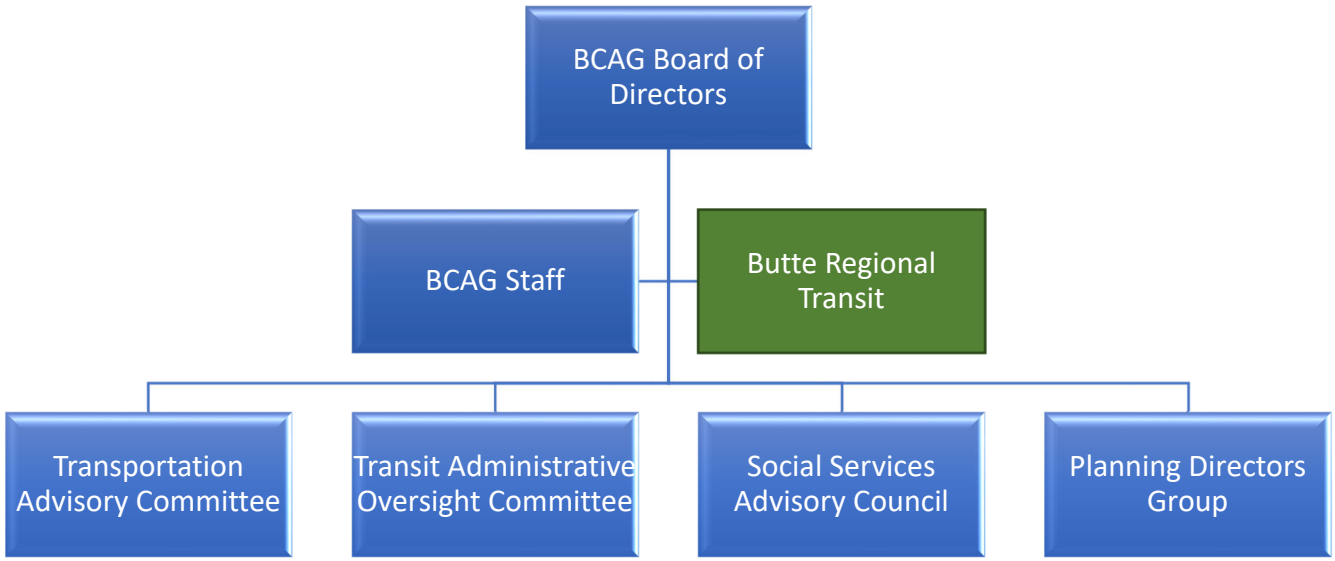
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SECTION 1 – Organizational

BCAG Organizational and Staff Structure

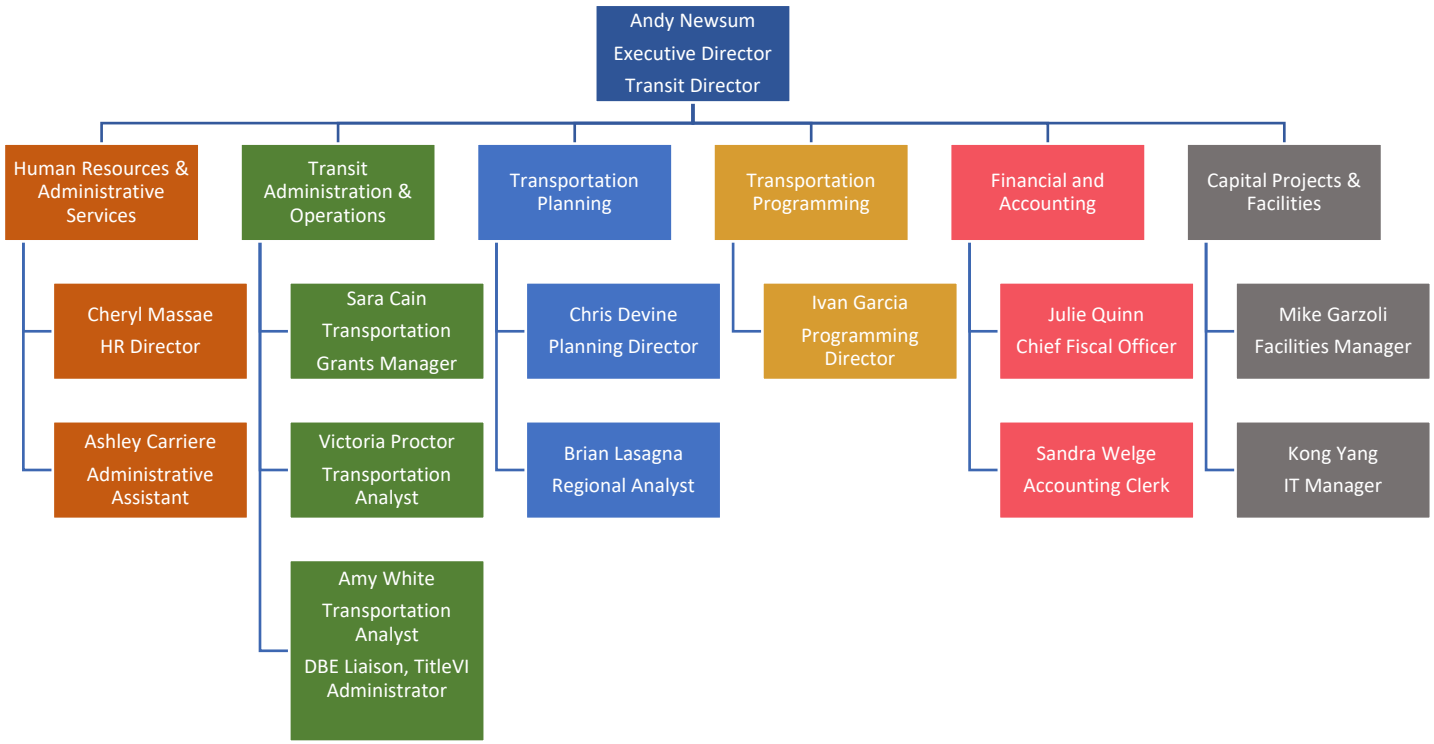
BCAG is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors. The BCAG Board of Directors includes the five Butte County Board of Supervisors and five representatives, one each, from the five incorporated cities/town within Butte County. The BCAG Board of Directors is responsible for policy decisions under the authority of BCAG, as the designated MPO and RTPA for Butte County and is also the policy and administrative board for Butte Regional Transit. As the policy board for Butte Regional Transit, the BCAG Board of Directors acts under the advisement of the BCAG Executive Director who performs the duties of the Transit Director and under the annually, and separately prepared and adopted Butte Regional Transit Service Plan and Budget.

2026/27 BCAG Organizational Structure



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Staff Organizational Structure



Planning Priorities and Challenges

Per 23 CFR 420.308(c), BCAG's OWP includes specific planning priorities that address and incorporate the National Goals in USC 150 (b), 23 USC 135 and 49 USC 5303. Developing an Overall Work Program (OWP) to address the breadth of topics stated in federal and state guidance requires understanding how and why transportation and infrastructure is planned and constructed to address the needs of diverse population centers of incorporated and unincorporated areas of Butte County. With the evolution of federal and state transportation and housing infrastructure investment strategies and guidance built around climate, safety, diversity and equity, BCAG's main planning priorities are focused on accomplishing the following:

- Meet BCAG's obligations and commitments stated in OWP Work Elements
- Communicate federal and state strategies and guidance to our member jurisdictions in a way that helps them meet the infrastructure goals that are important to them, while also addressing measurable transportation congestion management, safety, reliability diversity, equity and climate with applied metrics and criteria

In addressing and articulating the above planning priorities, there are inherent challenges to understand and work on overcoming:

- Butte County is largely rural and experiences traffic congestion mostly at higher levels confined to peak times, within specific member jurisdictions and is generally not sustained or widespread across the region. Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) are inherently difficult to articulate and implement when SCS are applied and can increase congestion and become counterintuitive to climate focused planning.
- BCAG retains no jurisdictional authority over public road and rights of way or jurisdictional general plan development. BCAG is the designated MPO/RTPA with legislative responsibilities non-inclusive of land and infrastructure development.
- BCAG does not control consensus of public opinion and the organizational efforts that support public opinion and local decision making. BCAG provides information and collects public comments to aid limited decision-making authority granted to MPO/RTPA in relation to local jurisdictional authorities and responsibilities.

All of these mentioned items present significant challenges in efficiently moving development and transportation improvements in directions to effectively support all federal and state investment strategies. The work elements, tasks and products in the OWP strive to continue working through these challenges with cooperation from BCAG's member jurisdictions.

BCAG Roles and Responsibilities

BCAG serves in several roles as a single entity described as follows:

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – BCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County, in accordance with the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*" of 2015 and subsequently re-affirmed in the *"Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)"* of 2021. The designation as the MPO for Butte County is also made in agreement with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). BCAG's MPO planning area boundary includes the entire geographic area and boundary of Butte County.

Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) - BCAG is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County, as designated by the Secretary of the California State

Transportation Agency (CalSTA). BCAG and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have formally agreed to a comprehensive, continuous, and cooperative transportation planning process through a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Butte Regional Transit Policy Board & Operator - BCAG is the Policy Board and operator for Butte Regional Transit, "B-Line", a consolidated public transit system serving the incorporated municipalities within the County of Butte with fixed route, Dial A Ride and any other services allowed under the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (SB325) also known as the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971.

Area-Wide Clearinghouse - BCAG is the area-wide Clearinghouse as designated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-95, "Evaluation, Review and Coordination of Federal and Federally Assisted Programs and Projects." Under this designation, BCAG is responsible for local review of proposed federal financial assistance, direction of federal development activities and environmental documents, and coordination with state plans.

Census Affiliate Data Center - BCAG is the US Census affiliate data center within the California State Data Center Program for census-related services to the residents of Butte County. BCAG assists with the coordination of the decennial Census and maintains the Census data information for the member agencies and public.

Butte Regional Transportation Corporation – BCAG established a 501 (c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation in 2013 named the *Butte Regional Transportation Corporation* (BRTC). The purpose for establishing the non-profit public benefit corporation was to allow BRTC and BCAG to utilize funding available under the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) Program administered by the Department of the Treasury. NMTC funds may be used for projects located in distressed areas as defined by the US Census and the NMTC program. BRTC was established specifically to receive funds for construction of the Butte Regional Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility in Chico and other regional transportation projects. The existence and use of the BRTC will continue to be maintained as needed for specific applications as may be deemed necessary.

Urbanized Area Boundary

The City of Chico was designated by the Bureau of Census as an Urbanized Area (UA)—an area with a population greater than 50,000 after the 1980 census. As a result, Butte County was designated a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Designation of the Urbanized Area also provided for BCAG to be designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County. The MPO designation provides BCAG with additional transportation planning responsibilities and funding, and the local control to ensure that a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process is being implemented in Butte County. Included within the Appendix is a map of the current Urbanized Area boundary as defined by the 2020 Census.

Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

The Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Regulations promulgated in October 1993, provide the criteria to be used in defining the planning area of the MPO or "Metropolitan Planning Area." At a minimum, the Metropolitan Planning Area covers the Urbanized Area and the contiguous geographic area expected to become urbanized within the next twenty years. Further, for geographic areas designated

as non-attainment or maintenance areas under federal air quality standards, the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary must include the non-attainment area. The map of the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map is included in the Appendix.

Tribal Governments Coordination

Butte County is home to four (4) Tribal Governments (see map, Page 8). These include the Berry Creek Tribal Government, the Mechoopda Tribal Government, Enterprise Tribal Government, and the Mooretown Tribal Government. As prescribed by CFR 23, Subpart A, §450.104, BCAG has conducted consultation with the regions four Tribal Governments through formal meetings with the Tribal Chairpersons in accordance with their respective consultative procedures. Through this consultation process BCAG has made every effort to consider each of the four Tribal Government Communities transportation planning and programming needs. These factors are part of the required state and federal planning responsibilities, as required by CFR 23, Subpart B, §450.208(b) and §450.312(i). During the 2016/17 FY, BCAG prepared "stand alone" consultation procedures for BCAG's ongoing consultation with tribal governments within Butte County. The following is a brief description of the four Tribal Governments in the Butte County region.

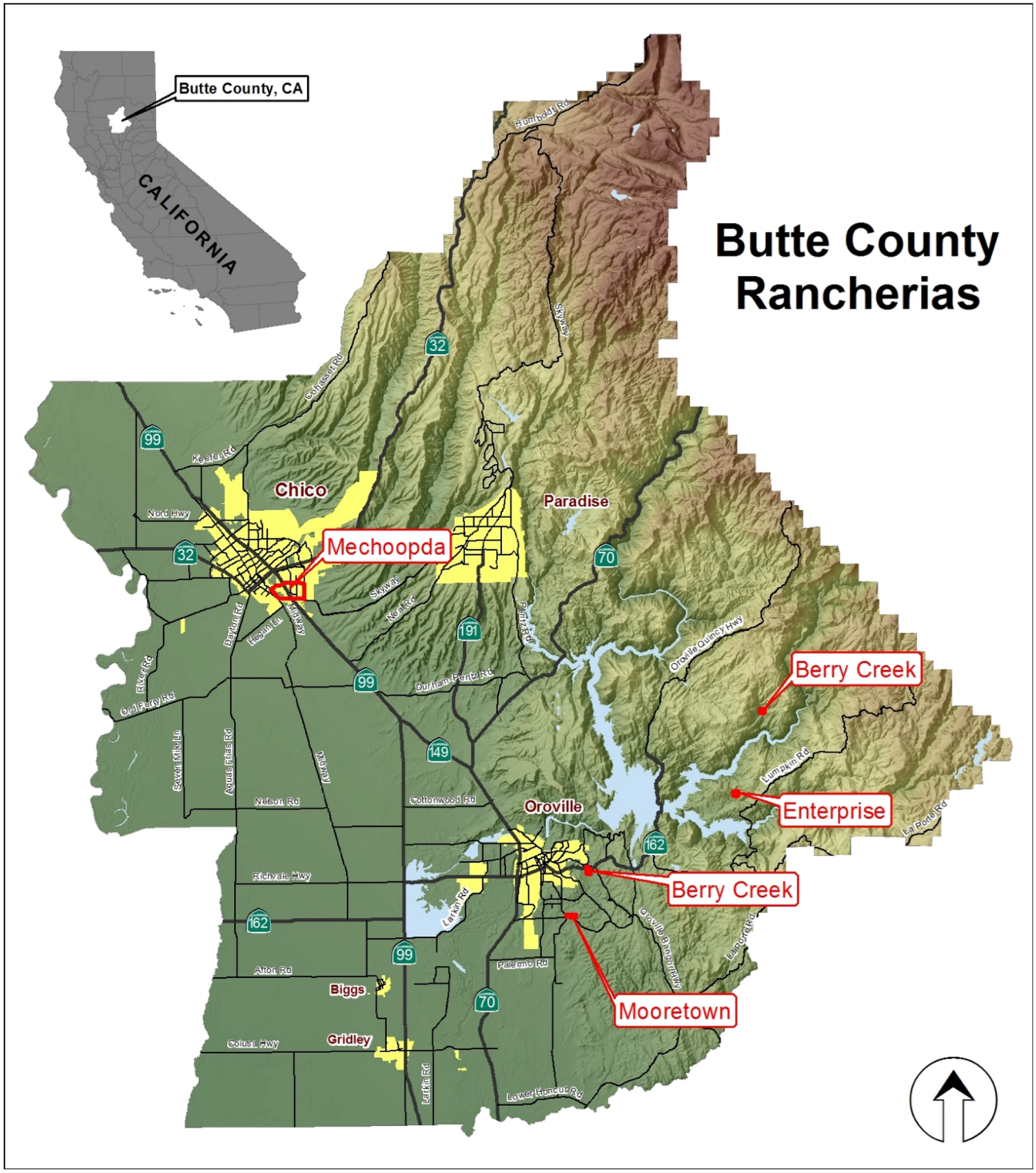
The Berry Creek Tribal Government – The Maidu Indians have an enrollment of 304 members. The tribal lands are situated near State Route 162 near the City of Oroville and occupy 65 acres. The Berry Creek Rancheria operates a casino (Gold Country Casino and Hotel) and other recreational facilities on their tribal grounds located east of the City of Oroville on SR 162. BCAG has conducted formal consultation with Berry Creek tribal leaders to initiate dialogue on transportation and other issues between the agencies. BCAG also invited tribal leaders or designated representatives to participate in BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee. To date, Berry Creek has chosen not to participate in the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee; however, there have been follow-up meetings with tribal leaders and representatives to discuss recent expansion impacts to the adjacent SR 162. Resolution on traffic issues concerning the pending expansion has not been completed.

Mechoopda Indian Tribal Government – The Mechoopda Tribal Government is in the City of Chico and has a tribal enrollment of 560. The Mechoopda are currently a landless tribe and are in the process of securing tribal lands (650 acres) adjacent to SR 149 between Oroville and Chico. Should the land be taken into trust and become a Native American Reservation, the Mechoopda Tribe intends to establish a gaming casino. BCAG will continue to have formal consultative meetings with tribal leaders and representatives to discuss transportation issues concerning their proposed tribal lands and eventual uses. The Mechoopda Tribe has a representative appointed to the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mooretown Tribal Government – The Mooretown Tribal Government includes a Maidu enrollment of 1162 and is located in the City of Oroville. Mooretown Rancheria operates the Feather Falls Casino & Lodge. Representatives of the Mooretown Tribal Government participate on the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee. BCAG will continue working with tribal representatives concerning transit services.

Enterprise Tribal Government – The Enterprise Tribal Government has a Maidu enrollment of approximately 1000 and is located near Oroville. BCAG continues to work towards establishing formal consultation with the Enterprise Rancheria; tribal leadership has not been provided. BCAG will continue consultation and planning efforts with the Native American Tribal Governments, Communities, organizations, groups and individuals within Butte County in accordance with federal and state transportation planning and programming needs. BCAG's activities with the Native American Communities will be coordinated with the Caltrans Native American Liaison, where appropriate.

Butte County Rancheria Map



BCAG Interangency and Community Outreach

Public participation is a core element of BCAG's transportation planning process. An open, accessible approach ensures meaningful input on regional transportation issues. BCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP), adopted in April 2022 and updated as needed, guides these efforts.

Since FY 2020/21, BCAG has offered virtual and in-person participation for Board, committee, and outreach events, improving accessibility. The agency maintains a continuous consultation process with local governments, Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, Tribal Governments, and the public, providing opportunities to review and comment on planning activities.

Engagement occurs through the Transportation Advisory Committee, Planning Directors Group, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and project-specific meetings, workshops, and community events.

The BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) includes representatives from each of the local jurisdiction's public works and planning departments, city, town and county technical staff, up to five citizen representatives, representatives from the Air District, Caltrans, Tribal Governments and other affected agencies that have a technical interest in the BCAG planning process. The TAC is a vital link in the transportation planning process in that, the Committee provides the technical and laypersons analysis and input required in transportation project/program development. The TAC meets monthly.

The BCAG Planning Directors Group (PDG) was established in 2004 when BCAG began development and coordination of the Butte Regional Conservation Plan. The PDG includes the Planning Directors and other staff from each of the BCAG member agencies and meets quarterly to review and provide comments on BCAG OWP work activities. The PDG plays a critical role in providing input into all BCAG planning projects, including the development of the RTP/SCS every four years, and the RHNP every eight years and provides the opportunity for BCAG to learn about and incorporate the activities of the local jurisdictions planning and development effort.

The BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was established under the requirements of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), to ensure unmet transit needs are identified within Butte County. The SSTAC meets on an as needed basis during the year to review information on possible unmet transit needs within Butte County, as part of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. The SSTAC is a direct advisory council to the BCAG Board of Directors, and includes representatives as needed by statute.

BCAG promotes public participation throughout planning and project development by engaging stakeholders early in the process. All meetings of the BCAG Board of Directors, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Planning Directors Group (PDG), and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) are open to the public. Public hearings are held during development of the Regional Transportation Plan, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Unmet Transit Needs process, and Air Quality Conformity process, with notices published at least 30 days in advance in local media.

BCAG monitors social media and its websites daily for comments and suggestions, which are forwarded to general comment email boxes. Board meetings allow public comment on all action items, regardless of whether a hearing is legally required. Certification of this planning and participation process occurs with adoption of the FY 2026/27 Overall Work Program & Budget and its authorizing resolution.

North State Super Region Coordination

In October 2010, a coalition of the sixteen Northern California Regional transportation planning agencies was established to form the North State Super Region. The sixteen Northern California counties include Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, and Nevada. To formalize this alliance, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by each of the Executive Directors for the sixteen agencies.

The mission of the Super Region is to work together on transportation issues that affect our respective regions, and when necessary, advocate together to make changes or ensure equity for the transportation agencies in the Super Region within the context of transportation decisions being contemplated at the state level. The Super Region coordinates training and information sharing to strengthen transportation planning and programming within the northern-sixteen counties.

During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will continue meeting and collaborating with the Super Region members on transportation planning issues to ensure there is cooperation and consensus on regional issues affecting our agencies. It is anticipated that the Super Region Group will meet quarterly throughout the year.

SECTION 2 – Planning Functions, Goals, Factors and Focus Areas

The main documents required and produced by BCAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization under Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR Section 450) and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) under 23 U.S.C. § 134; 49 U.S.C. § 5303; CA Gov. Code § 65080 and supporting the federal and state topic areas of this section are: the:

Regional Transportation Plan – Long Range 20 - year transportation planning plan updated every 4 years together with BCAG's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS)
Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) – 4 - year document updated every 2 years together with the RTIP
Regional Transportation Improvement Plan – Updated every 2 years and coordinated with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Core Planning Functions

Development of BCAG's 2026/27 Overall Work Program & Budget has been prepared in compliance with all federal and state planning directives and guidance regulations defined in **23 U.S.C. §134**, **49 U.S.C. §5303**, and **23 CFR Part 450** and in accordance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan procedures. BCAG 2026/27 OWP & Budget identifies all core planning functions as required under the federal and state planning guidelines, in addition to other regional planning that supports state and federal planning and programming requirements and is shown in Table 1. BCAG's core planning functions (TABLE 1) are stated as follows:

- Development of Overall Work Program (OWP) - Annual
- Development of Public Participation and Education Plan (PPP) – As Needed
- Development of 4 Year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Every 2-4 years
- Development of 20 Year Long - Range Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) – Every 4-5 years
- Annual Listing of Projects - Annual

- Coordination with State and Regional Public Transit (BRT) - Ongoing

Note: The "Annual Listing of Projects" is a federal requirement under 23 CFR 450.334, however it is not a "core function". Additionally, "Coordination of State and Public Transit Operators" is a core planning function. For consistency with pats BCAG OWPs Table 1 below has been modified to include all 6 topics as "core planning functions

Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget – BCAG adopts its OWP & Budget each April. The FY 2026-27 OWP incorporates revisions from Caltrans' October 2025 MPO OWP Guidance, updating the framework for MPOs to ensure consistency with current federal and state transportation priorities. These updates keep BCAG's OWP fully compliant with federal and state requirements while maintaining continuity with prior regional planning commitments.

Public Participation Plan (PPP) – This document is referred to throughout the OWP and is included as a separate document in the appendices. The PPP is update yearly to reflect updates or revisions to procedures and outreach.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) – The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a comprehensive long-range (20-year) transportation plan that covers all transportation modes within Butte County. The RTP evaluates future growth impacts to these transportation systems and includes an action plan for future improvements. The RTP is updated every four years and must conform to the State Implementation Plan. The Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is a component included in the RTP as required by AB 32. The SCS incorporates the Regional Housing Needs projections and identifies a land use scenario to accommodate regional housing needs, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The current RTP and SCS were adopted in December 2024.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a short-range (4-year) plan that identifies all the transportation projects for the region that are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and are drawn from the RTP/SCS. The RTIP is updated every two years. The current 2024 RTIP was adopted in December 2023. The next RTIP (2026) was adopted in December 2025 for programming inclusion in the 2026 STIP Cycle by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) – The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a short-range (4-year) plan that identifies all transportation projects that have federal transportation funds or require approval from FHWA or FTA during the four-year period. The FTIP is also required to include an air quality conformity determination that is adopted as part of the plan. The FTIP is updated every two years with various amendments occurring during the year. The current 2025 FTIP was adopted in September 2024 and will be updated/adopted in September of 2026 and will become the "*2027 FTIP".*

Administration of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) – BCAG is responsible for the administration of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds as required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA). LTF funds are derived from local sales taxes, of which a quarter cent is sub-vented to BCAG for allocation to the local jurisdiction for transit and other transportation modes. STA funds are allocated to local transit operators. Administration of the LTF and STA funds also includes the implementation of the annual unmet transit needs finding process, which is required annually under the TDA. This funding is distributed to the region under the authority of Public Utility Code (PUC) Sections 99241 and 99401.6.

Coordination, Administration & Operation of Butte Regional Transit (BRT)– BCAG has been the owner & operator for Butte Regional Transit since 2004. BCAG is responsible for preparing the annual Service Plan & Budget for Butte Regional Transit in cooperation with BCAG member agencies. In acknowledgement of the 2024 National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Deployment Plan, Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEVs) were acquired to begin reginal and local operations. As technology improves, expansion along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors will be considered on interregional and intercity routes and destinations and supported and determined by legislative direction. Butte Regional Transit is developing and implementing interregional and intercity connections to service emerging service demand between Butte County's largest city Chico and the city of Sacramento. Development of interregional and intercity and service is being planned and coordinated within the framework of the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Director's Policy on Public Transit.

Federal National Planning Goals

The most significant change from the FY 2025-26 guidance is the **removal of the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)**. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have replaced the PEAs with the **National Performance Goals** established under *23 U.S.C. 150(b)*. These seven goals represent the federally recognized framework for metropolitan planning compliance are:

- **Safety** - To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- **Infrastructure Condition** - To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
- **Congestion Reduction** - To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System
- **System Reliability** - To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system
- **Freight Movement and Economic Vitality** - To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
- **Environmental Sustainability -** To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- **Reduced Project Delivery Delays** - To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices
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Federal Planning Factors

In accordance with Title 23 U.S.C, establishing transportation investment priorities continue to retain relevancy and in the absence of previously required "Federal Planning Emphasis Areas" are defined in the 2026/27 BCAG OWP. as eight (8) "Federal Planning Priorities/Factors" as follows:

- **Improve safety** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- **Support the economic vitality** of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- **Increase security** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- **Increase accessibility and mobility** of people and freight.

- **Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency** between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- **Enhance integration and connectivity** of the transportation system across and between modes, for people and freight.
- **Promote efficient system management and operation.**
- **Emphasize preservation** of the existing transportation system.

To reflect this change, BCAG has replaced the previous "Planning Emphasis Areas" matrix with a **National Goals and Federal Planning Factors Crosswalk Table**. This table identifies how each OWP Work Element supports one or more National Goal, the ten Federal Planning Factors identified in *23 CFR 450.306*, and will also reference the **California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050** emphasis areas.

Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)

BCAG's FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) continues and expands upon Work Elements and planning activities that support Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) consistent with current federal and state guidance. Under the FY 2026-27 Caltrans OWP Guidance, MPOs are expected to demonstrate how PBPP activities advance the National Performance Goals identified in 23 U.S.C. 150(b)—including Safety, Infrastructure Condition, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality, Environmental Sustainability, and Project Delivery. During the 2026-27 fiscal year, BCAG will coordinate with Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to monitor and report on federally required performance measures:

- PM 1–Safety
- PM 2–Pavement and Bridge Condition
- PM 3–System Performance/CMAQ),
- Transit Asset Management (TAM)
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) targets.

PBPP activities will be coordinated through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Planning Directors Group (PDG), both publicly noticed and open to the public. Updated performance data and trend analyses will be integrated into OWP Work Elements supporting the RTP, FTIP, and related studies to ensure consistency across plans and investment decisions. Building on the 2024 RTP/SCS adopted in December 2024, BCAG will strengthen documentation of performance outcomes and demonstrate clear linkages between investment priorities and progress toward federally established targets, as recommended in the 2025 FSTIP Planning Findings.

Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET/US Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination

BCAG does not coordinate directly with the Department of Defense. All BCAG OWP tasks and products including modeling data sets and results are routinely implemented and revised annually and regularly coordinated with Caltrans, Federal Highways and the Federal Transit Administration. DoD required coordination will occur as requested.

Federal Land Management Agency(s) (FLMA)

In consulting with the Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA) Database located at: https://www.planning.dot.gov/FLMA_Database.aspx, identified FLMAs and their contacts in the BCAG

MPO boundaries are as follows:

U.S. Forest Service: Lassen National Forest
2550 Riverside Drive
Susanville, CA 96130
530.257.2151

http://www.fs.usda.gov/lassen
U.S. Forest Service: Plumas National Forest
159 Lawrence Street
Quincy, CA 95971-6025
530.283.2050
http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas/

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
752 County Road 99W
Willows, CA 95988
530.934.2801
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sacramento_river/

BCAG recognizes that coordination with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) is critical to the metropolitan planning process, especially for projects affecting federally managed lands. While the FLMA database identifies three primary contacts, BCAG acknowledges that engagement may extend to additional agencies when planning studies, environmental documents, mitigation strategies, or capital projects involve federal funding and require consultation under NEPA. To strengthen this commitment, BCAG has updated its Public Participation Plan to explicitly address FLMA coordination. This ensures federally managed lands are considered in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), particularly for projects within or adjacent to FLMA boundaries. BCAG will continue to meet all federal requirements for consultation, documentation, and coordination with FLMAs during preparation of MPO/RTPA planning documents and projects with a direct nexus to FLMA lands.

Air Quality Designation and Conformity Determinations

Butte County is subject to federal air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. Following adoption of the 8-hour ozone standard in 2004, the county was classified as “basic – subpart one non-attainment” and later designated “marginal non-attainment” for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. In 2018, the Chico Urbanized Area was reclassified to “attainment with a maintenance SIP” for PM2.5 under the EPA 2006 24-hour standard.

These designations require BCAG to comply with EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule, ensuring federally funded or federally approved projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) do not worsen air quality and remain consistent with State Implementation Plans (SIPs).

Because of ozone non-attainment status, BCAG receives federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to implement projects that reduce vehicle emissions. BCAG includes a dedicated work element in its Overall Work Program (OWP) for transportation-air quality planning and coordinates closely with the Butte County Air Quality Management District.

In accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendment and the Transportation Conformity Rule, BCAG—as the MPO—must prepare an air quality conformity analysis and determination for the RTP and FTIP. The purpose of this determination is to demonstrate that federally funded or regionally significant projects will achieve emissions reductions for pollutants where Butte County is non-attainment. The emissions analysis between the RTP and FTIP must conform to the applicable SIP. BCAG is the lead agency for developing conformity analyses and determinations in Butte County, integrating performance metrics such as PM1 (Safety), PM2 (Pavement and Bridge Condition), and PM3 (System Performance/CMAQ) into planning and reporting.

State of California Planning Emphasis Areas

For the Fiscal Year 2025–2026, Caltrans has stated the following areas of focus for inclusion in Overall Work Programs:

- **Climate Action and Resilience:** Addressing greenhouse gas reduction and preparing transportation systems for climate impacts.
- **Equity and Environmental Justice:** Ensuring transportation planning serves all communities, particularly underserved populations.
- **Active Transportation and Complete Streets:** Promoting infrastructure that supports walking, biking, and other non-motorized modes.
- **Public Engagement:** Enhancing public participation in the transportation planning process.
- **Data and Performance-Based Planning:** Utilizing data to inform decision-making and track performance outcomes.
- **Transit-Oriented Development:** Encouraging development patterns that support and are supported by transit services.

Additional Focus Areas in OWP

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Regional Public Transit Operator , BCAG is responsible for preparing all federally and state-mandated transportation planning and programming documents to secure funding for the region. Beyond these core requirements, BCAG also advances additional planning initiatives that strengthen regional coordination and address emerging priorities. These include:

- **Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) Study** – BCAG is responsible for preparing the Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) for BCAG member agencies in accordance with Section 65584 of the California Government Code. The current RHNP was adopted in December 2020 and will be due for update and adoption in December of 2028.

- **Transportation Studies** – As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, BCAG may prepare transportation studies/plans that seek to improve a specific transportation problem within the region, at the request of member agencies or the Board of Directors.

- **Capital Projects Development and Implementation** – In cooperation with state and local entities, BCAG has served as the lead agency for the development and construction of state and local highway and transit capital projects. This process includes the solicitation of proposal requests/qualifications (RFP/RFQ) for consulting Architect & Engineering (A/E) services through invitations to bid for construction with construction management also implemented by BCAG consultants.

- **Environmental Mitigation - I**n cooperation and on behalf of the state, BCAG has led and implemented several environmental mitigation projects necessitated by the development and construction of capital projects having impacts to the natural environment in which the projects reside.

- **Public Transit Operation:** The BCAG Board of Directors and Executive Director also serve as the Transit Policy and Administration Board and Transit Director for the Butte County Transit system (Butte Regional Transit – BRT). For the Fiscal Year 2026/27, BCAG's OWP will continue to include work elements specific to public transit in the Butte County region and include coordination with the Caltrans Director's Policy on Public Transit. BCAG's 2026/27 OWP supports planning strategies for the effective management and recapitalization of transit assets that would include:

    - Asset Management, Assessment and Replacement Planning.
    - Planning and Programming for Effective Preventative Maintenance.
    - Planning Innovative Financing Strategies for System Repair and Expansion.

Tables:

To summarize where work elements address the above-stated federal and state planning functions, goals factors and priorities, tables have been developed to track work element development as follows:

- **Table 1 – Work Elements and Core Planning Functions**

- **Table 2 – Work Elements and Alignment with National Goals, Applied Federal Planning Factors and CTP PEAs.**

- **Table 3 – Work Element Description and Benefits**

Table 1 – Work Elements & Core Planning Functions

2026/27 WORK ELEMENTS		CORE MPO PLANNING FUNCTIONS					
		Overall Work Program	Public Participation & Education	Regional Transportation Plan	Federal Transportation Plan	Annual Listing of Projects	Coordination with Public Transit
27-999	2026-27 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan	✓					
27-100	Overall Work Program Administration, Development & Reporting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-101	Outreach, Education & Intergovernmental Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-102	Regional Transportation Model	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-103	Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Maintenance & Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-104	Regional Transportation Air Quality Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-105	2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-106	2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-107	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-108	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Coordination	✓	✓	✓			
27-109	US Census Data Affiliate Center Administration	✓	✓	✓			
27-110	ITS Regional Architecture Maintenance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27-111	Regional Complete Streets Standards & Policies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-120	Performance Based Planning & Programming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-128	SB1 26/27 Sustainable Transportation Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-300	Transportation Development Act (TDA) Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26-301	Public Transit System Coordination & Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
27-302	Butte Regional Transit Administration & Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-303	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Certification Program Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-308	B-Line Zero-Emission Vehicles and Energy Storage Systems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Table 2 – Work Element Alignment with National Goals – Federal Planning Factors and CTP PEAs

2026/27 Work Elements		National Goals (23U.S.C 150 (b)	Planning Factors (23 CFR 450.306 (a)	CTP 2050 State Planning Emphasis Areas
27-999	2026/27 INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN			
27-100	OVERALL WORK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT & REPORTING	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-101	OUTREACH, EDUCATION & COORDINATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-102	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction	• Improve Safety • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-103	REGIONAL GIS MAINTENANCE & COORDINATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning
27-104	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY PLANNING	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-105	2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-106	2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development

Table 2 – Work Element Alignment with National Goals – Federal Planning Factors and CTP PEAs

2026/27 Work Elements		National Goals (23U.S.C 150 (b)	Planning Factors (23 CFR 450.306 (a)	CTP 2050 State Planning Emphasis Areas
27-107	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-108	REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) GRANT COORDINATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Transit Oriented Development
27-109	US CENSUS DATA AFFILIATE CENTER ADMINISTRATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning
27-110	ITS – REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE MAINTENANCE	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality	• Improve Safety • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning
27-111	REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS STANDARDS & POLICIES	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-120	PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development

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2026/27 Work Elements		National Goals (23U.S.C 150 (b)	Planning Factors (23 CFR 450.306 (a)	CTP 2050 State Planning Emphasis Areas
27-128	SB1 26/27 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Freight Movement and Economic Vitality • Environment Sustainability • Reduced Project Delivery Delay	• Improve Safety • Support Economic Vitality • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-300	TDA ADMINISTRATION	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability	• Improve Safety • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Transit Oriented Development
27-301	PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS COORDINATION & PLANNING	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-302	BRT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS	• Safety • Congestion Reduction • Infrastructure Condition • System Reliability • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-303	BRT ADA CERTIFICATION	• Safety • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development
27-308	B-LINE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES & ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS	• Safety • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion Reduction • System Reliability • Environment Sustainability	• Improve Safety • Increase Security • Increase Accessibility and Mobility • Protect and Enhance the Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life and Consistency • Enhance Integration and Connectivity • Promote System Management and Operation • Emphasize Preservation of Transportation Systems	• Climate Action and Resilience • Equity and Environmental Justice • Active Transportation and Complete Streets • Public Engagement • Data and Performance Based Planning • Transit Oriented Development

Table 3 – Work Elements and Benefits

2026/27 Work Elements		Federal Requirement	State Requirement	Regional Planning Need	Benefits City-County Programs	Work Element Description
27-999	2026/27 INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN	✓	✓			ICAP is required for monthly and quarterly billings for all planning revenues identified in the 2026/27 OWP, is prepared annually and approved by FHWA, FTA and Caltrans.
27-100	OVERALL WORK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT & REPORTING	✓	✓			Administration of the OWP implementats the 2026/27 work program, work elements and preparation of the 2027/28 OWP. Support activities include monthly, quarterly billing and invoicing, and reporting on OWP implementation and progress.
27-101	OUTREACH, EDUCATION & COORDINATION	✓	✓	✓	✓	Work element includes outreach, education and communication of BCAG and Butte Regional Transit (BRT) work tasks and products, public meetings and workshops through the BCAG and BRT webpages, newsletters, Facebook pages and socials. Work element also includes monthly meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
27-102	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL	✓	✓	✓	✓	BCAG maintains and updates a regional traffic model for analysis of land use impacts on the regional road network and state highways, is used to prepare air quality conformity determinations to receive federal and state funding and is utilized by the cities and county for evaluation of land use/project proposals requiring CEQA analysis.
27-103	REGIONAL GIS MAINTENANCE & COORDINATION			✓	✓	BCAG established a countywide Geographic Information System (GIS) database program in 1998. The GIS program provide BCAG, the cities and county with a parcel based GIS database for transportation and land use planning and mapping. During the 2026/27 FY BCAG will continue maintainence of the GIS database under an agreement with the Assessors office, and CSU Chico.
27-104	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY PLANNING	✓	✓	✓	✓	BCAG models and prepares air quality conformity determinations for all federal/state funded transportation projects and includes regionally significant local projects. Air quality conformity determinations are required for the RTP and FTIP, to receive federal/state transportation funding. BCAG coordinates with BCAG member jurisdictions for federal/state air quality regulations affecting land use and transportation planning.
27-105	2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	BCAG prepares/updates the FTIP every two years and states funding over a four year period and includes a listing of all projects receiving federal transportation funding regional significance. During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will prepare amendments to the 2025 FTIP including air quality conformity determination as needed.
27-106	2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION		✓	✓	✓	The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a state requiredment identifying all projects recommended for funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The RTIP is updated every two years and approved the California Transportation Commission (CTC). During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will prepare necessary amendments to the 2024 RTIP and prepare the 2026 RTIP scheduled for adoption in December of 2026.
27-107	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	The RTP is a federal and state required ong-range (20 year) transportation plan identifying future transportation needs and implementation of all projects and systems. The RTP is financially constrained to known funding sources, must include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and meet required air quality goals. The current 2024 RTP/SCS was adopted in December 2024. During the 2026/27 FY, staff will assess and process amendments as needed and begin preparing the 2028 RTP and SCS for approval in December of 2028.
27-108	REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) GRANT COORDINATION		✓	✓	✓	During the 2021-22 FY, BCAG began implmentation of REAP grant funds to various projects awarded to the cities and county following development of the Regional Housing Needs Plan. During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will continue to coordinate with member jurisdictions to expend REAP funding coordinated with the HCD.
27-109	US CENSUS DATA AFFILIATE CENTER ADMINISTRATION	✓		✓	✓	BCAG is the US Census Affiliate Data Center for Butte County and maintains all US Census data and provides regional coordination with the decennial census. During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will continue to provide census information/data to the cities/county and the public as requested.
27-110	ITS – REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE MAINTENANCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	BCAG maintains an ITS work element to monitor and identify transportation projects fulfilling federal/state ITS project criteria with a regional ITS Architecture Plan per state and federal planning requirements.

Table 3 – Work Element and Benefits

2026/27 Work Elements		Federal Requirement	State Requirement	Regional Planning Need	Benefits City-County Programs	Work Element Description
27-111	REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS STANDARDS & POLICIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires each MPO like BCAG mandates 2.5% of FHWA PL funds ofor planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multible travel modes and people of all ages and abilities. This work element develops Complete Streets Standards and Policies for the region developed in consultation with BCAG member agencies and Caltrans.
27-120	PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING & PROGRAMMING	✓	✓	✓	✓	BCAG's 2025/26 OWP includes tasks supporting implementation of performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) and includes a new ongoing work element to address the MAP 21 required Transportation Performance Measures (TPMs). TPMs use system information to drive investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals.
27-128	SB1 26/27 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		✓	✓	✓	SB 1 planning funds for 2026/27 will continue coordination with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) further refine and define goals stratgeies and methodologies for implementation of the 2024 RTP/SCS.
27-300	TDA ADMINISTRATION		✓	✓	✓	BCAG administrators Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds within Butte County. TDA/STA funds transit operations first, with unused funds available for streets and roads or bike and pedestrian improvements and are allocated to the Cities/Town/County based on population and are managed through the TDA/STA claims process. An annual audit of TDA/STA funds is prepared by BCAG in accordance with the State Controller.
27-301	PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS COORDINATION & PLANNING			✓	✓	BCAG as the owner and operator for Butte Regional Transit includes a work element to identify planning activities to improve public transit within the region. During the 2026/27 FY, BCAG will continue to evaluate fixed route service improvements and impelemntaion of contemplated addiotnal servcie for intercity paratransit, microtransit and Chio – Sacramento services.
27-302	BRT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS			✓	✓	BCAG administers and operates Butte Regional Transit the B-Line in Butte County and the incorporated areas. B-Line operates a regional fixed route service, paratransit/ADA service and will include the newly released microstranbsit and expected Chico-Sacramento servcie. Implementation of the B-Line is done in cooperation with the County and incorporated cities.
27-303	BRT ADA CERTIFICATION	✓	✓	✓	✓	Federal Transit Administration and ADA regulations require the B-Line provide complementary ADA service to eligible riders with fixed route service provided to the general public. A certification process determines ADA service eligibility This work element includes the implementation of the ADA certification services implemented by BCAG staff.
27-308	B-LINE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES & ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS	✓	✓	✓	✓	This work element continues to implement zero emission bus transit service established in the 2025/26 FY. During the 2025/26 FY, electric charging infrastructure was installed for charging Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) (BEBs) delivered in March of 2025. This effort will extend throughout the 2026/27 FY through various federal and state grants. In addtion to capital rolling stock ZEVs , Butte Regional Transit/BCAG will be pursuing study of energy storga e to plan for the better use of onsite solar power generation and less reliance on PG&E electrical service.

SECTION 3 –OWP Budget and Work Element Descriptions, Tasks and Product Delivery

2026/27 Budgeted Revenues

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM REVENUES	*2025/26 BUDGET*	2026/27 BUDGET	NOTES
FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL)	*$ 1,064,247*	**$ 1,086,286**	Includes $180,423 estimated carryover from 25/26
Transit Planning FTA 5303	*126,970*	**108,985**	Includes $20,000 estimated carryover from 25/26
SB1 Planning Grant	*203,836*	**180,300**	
FTA 5307 Planning	*108,111*	**-**	
HCD REAP Funds	*2,036,290*	**1,036,290**	
TDA Administration	*115,033*	**196,319**	
TDA (Local Match) LTF Planning	*532,993*	**475,639**	
STIP Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM)	*110,000*	**309,257**	
New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) - Interest	*41,166*	**-**	
Butte Regional Transit - Operations	*688,660*	**853,661**	
CRRSSA	*532,095*	**93,164**	
SB125 TIRCP	-	**67,846**	
SB125 ZETCP	*250,000*	**50,000**	
TOTAL PROGRAMED	***$ 5,809,401***	**$ 4,457,747**	

2026/27 Budgeted Expenditures

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	*2025/26*	**2026/27**
SALARIES & BENEFITS		
Salaries	$ 1,331,654	**$ 1,390,108**
Benefits	908,177	**978,287**
Total Salaries & Benefits	$ 2,239,831	**$ 2,368,395**
SERVICES & SUPPLIES		
Communications	$ 2,000	**$ 5,000**
Janitorial & General Household	2,800	**3,000**
Insurance	25,000	**25,000**
Maintenance - Computers	45,000	**56,000**
Maintenance - Facility & Grounds	21,500	**21,500**
Professional Memberships	12,500	**12,500**
Office Supplies	12,500	**13,500**
Small Office Equipment	1,100	**1,200**
Professional Services:		
Accounting Services & Reports	34,000	**34,000**
The Ferguson Group	63,000	**63,000**
Legal Counsel - Greg Einhorn	5,000	**5,000**
BCAG/TDA Audits	55,000	**59,000**
Regional Transportation Model	80,000	**130,000**
GIS Maintenance	47,500	**47,500**
REAP Sub Allocations	2,036,290	**1,036,290**
2024 SCS Development	77,068	**85,508**
Paradise Transit Center Construction	3,585	**-**
Chico to Sac Bus Service	95,471	**-**
ZEB Expanded Charging Study	250,000	**50,000**
Routing Study	279,182	**200,000**
BRT Marketing Plan	135,139	**-**
Publications	5,400	**5,400**
Equipment Lease	4,600	**4,600**
Special Department Expense	4,000	**3,800**
Building Lease	46,260	**-**
Travel & Training	25,000	**25,400**
Utilities	21,000	**23,000**
Indirect Cost Plan - Over/Under Adjustment	179,675	**179,154**
Total Services & Supplies	*$ 3,569,570*	**$ 2,089,352**
TOTAL BUDGET	*$ 5,809,401*	**$ 4,457,747**

2026/27 OWP & Budget Revenue Source by Work Element

	WORK ELEMENTS	FHWA PL	2025/26 FHWA PL carryover	FTA 5303	2025/26 FTA 5303 carryover	26/27 SB1 PLANNING	LTF PLANNING/ LOCAL MATCH	TDA ADMIN	PPM	BRT	REAP	CRRSAA	TIRCP/ ZETCP	TOTAL
27-999	INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN (ICAP)						185,000			118,661				**303,661**
27-100	OWP ADMINISTRATION	83,297	50,423				17,325		100,000					**251,045**
27-101	OUTREACH, EDUCATION & COORDINATION	137,264	30,000				21,671							**188,935**
27-102	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL	92,614	30,000				15,887		40,000					**178,501**
27-103	REGIONAL GIS MAINTENANCE	69,857	20,000				11,643							**101,500**
27-104	TRANSPORTATION-AIR QUALITY PLANNING	21,469					2,782							**24,251**
27-105	2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	15,660					2,029		30,000					**47,689**
27-106	2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	19,733	10,000				3,853		30,000					**63,586**
27-107	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)	60,442	40,000				13,014		60,000					**173,456**
27-108	REAP GRANT COORDINATION						15,528				1,036,290			**1,051,818**
27-109	US CENSUS COORDINATION	21,469					2,782							**24,251**
27-110	ITS REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE MAINTENANCE	14,072					1,824							**15,896**
27-111	REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS	22,647					9,146							**31,793**
27-120	PERFORMANCED BASED PLANNING & PROGRAMMING	35,541					4,605							**40,146**
27-128	SB1 26/27 SUSTAINABLE TRANS. PLANNING					180,300	23,360							**203,660**
27-300	TDA ADMINISTRATION							196,319						**196,319**
27-301	TRANSIT SYSTEM PLANNING & COORDINATION	311,798		88,985	20,000		54,517					93,164	67,846	**636,310**
27-302	BRT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS						65,262			700,000				**765,262**
27-303	BRT ADA CERTIFICATION						25,411			35,000				**60,411**
27-308	BRT ZERO EMISSION BUS ROLLOUT								49,257				50,000	**99,257**
	TOTAL REVENUE BY PROJECT	**905,863**	**180,423.00**	**88,985**	**20,000.00**	**180,300.00**	**475,639**	**196,319**	**309,257**	**853,661**	**1,036,290**	**93,164**	**117,846**	**4,457,747**

2026/27 OWP Work Element Product Delivery Schedule

2026/27 Work Elements		Key Staff		Products	Schedule
27-999	2026/27 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan	Chief Fiscal Officer Executive Director Facilities Maintenance Manager Human Resource Director Administrative Assistant Transportation Grants Manager IT Manager	Transportation Analyst Transportation Analyst Planning Director Regional Analyst Programming Director Accounting Clerk	Agendas & meetings of the Board of Directors Prepare and file DBE Reports with funding agencies Implement Personnel policies, evaluations, filing and expenses. File claims for payment with County Auditor's Office Prepare invoicing to funding agencies Prepare budget status reports for management Submit expenditure/progress reports to state and federal agencies Prepare and submit state controllers report Prepare financial statements & prepare fiscal audits Monitor, maintain and upgrade/renovate facility equipment & systems Contract services with the Ferguson Group Legal counsel services Actuary Service for reporting of long-term liabilities	Monthly Semi- Annually Ongoing Weekly Monthly/Quarterly Monthly Quarterly Annually Annually Ongoing Ongoing As Needed Annually
27-100	Overall Work Program Administration, Development & Reporting	Executive Director Human Resource Director Accounting Clerk Chief Fiscal Officer		Implement 2026/27 OWP & Budget Close out 2025/26 OWP & Budget Complete invoices and reporting for 2026/27 OWP & Budget Prepare and adopt 2027/28 OWP & Budget Prepare OWP WE and Budget Amendments Coordinate 2026/27 OWP Work Elements with associated member jurisdictions	July 2026 - June 2027 August 2026 Monthly/Quarterly April 2027 As Needed
27-101	Outreach, Education & Intergovernmental Coordination	Executive Director Programming Director Planning Director Transportation Analyst	Transportation Grants Manager Transportation Analyst	Agendas and meetings of the BCAG TAC and Planning Directors Group Preparation & distribution of Email Newsletter Maintenance & updating of BCAG Website and Social Media Platforms Coordinate/Conduct technical workshops for jurisdictions/tribal organizations Coordinate/Conduct outreach for/at community/tribal events	Monthly/Quarterly Quarterly Weekly As requested As requested
27-102	Regional Transportation Model	Regional Analyst		Datasets with model consultant, invoicing packages, quarterly reports, up-to-date regional travel demand model and documentation RFP/contract extension for 2026/27 Traffic Counts Implementation/revision of 2024 Regional Travel Demand Model preferred scenarios	Quarterly Annually Quarterly
27-103	Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Maintenance & Coordination	Regional Analyst		Execute agreement with consultant, invoicing and quarterly reports, and up-to-date regional roads, parcel, address datasets, and web maps. Agendas and meeting notes for the Butte GIS working group. Various cartographic output for regional transportation and other projects.	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly
27-104	Regional Transportation Air Quality Planning	Regional Analyst		Agendas, memorandums, meeting materials, meeting notes, staff reports, comment letters and data outputs. Air quality conformity determinations and findings for current RTP/SCS, FTIP, and other activities that require federal approval.	Quarterly Quarterly/As Needed
27-105	2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administration	Programming Director		Manage 2025 FTIP, process amendments and necessary reporting documents to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA Conduct public involvement with the public, BCAG member agencies, state and federal partners Maintain BCAG FTIP project webpage	As Needed As Needed As Needed

2026/27 OWP Work Element Product Delivery Schedule

2026/27 Work Elements		Key Staff	Products	Schedule
27-106	2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)	Programming Director	Administer and manage 2026 RTIP in consultation with BCAG member agencies, Caltrans district 3, CTC and the public. Develop 2026 RTIP. Provide updates and staff reports on RTIP/STIP matters to the BCAG TAC, Board of Directors, Caltrans, CTC and the public Maintain BCAG RTIP webpage and project status map	Ongoing As Needed As Needed
27-107	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administration and Development	Programming Director Planning Director Regional Analyst	Manage/revise the 2024 RTP/SCS, process amendments that are necessary in cooperation with local. state and federal agencies Maintain BCAG RTP/SCS webpage and project status map Conduct public outreach	As Needed As Needed July 2026 – June 2027
27-108	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Coordination	Planning Director	Invoices, quarterly reports Staff reports to member jurisdictions and BCAG Board of Directors.	Quarterly As Needed
27-109	US Census Data Affiliate Center Administration	Regional Analyst	Current publicly accessible collection of Census Bureau reference and statistical publications Current website providing Census-related data for Butte County Comments on Census and state datasets. Responses to inquiries from member jurisdictions and the public. Attend SDC program meetings. Various planning documents containing updated information from Census and SDC. Completed questionnaire for SDC	Quarterly Quarterly As Requested Quarterly Annually Quarterly Annually
27-110	Intelligent Transportation System – Regional Architecture Maintenance	Programming Director	Continued assessment of the North Valley Regional Architecture Maintenance Plan Participate and provide information to Caltrans on a north state ITS project	As Needed As Needed
27-111	Regional Complete Streets Standards & Policies	Programming Director	Agendas, memorandums, meeting materials, meeting notes, staff reports, comment letters Incorporate Complete Streets into RTP/SCS & FTIP public participation process Update Regional Complete Streets and Standards and Prioritization Plan Develop/Revise Regional Complete Streets and Standards and Prioritization Plan in coordination with 2024 RTP/SCS and 2025 FTIP Update and maintain BCAG Webpage	As Needed As Needed July 2026 – June 2027 July 2026 – June 2027 Ongoing
27-120	Performance Based Planning & Programming	Regional Analyst Programming Director	Memorandums for BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board of Director's BCAG Board approved performance targets for PM1 (safety), PM2 (national highway system pavement and bridge targets), PM3 (system performance/freight, CMAQ), and Transit, if required Completed Caltrans reporting form for PM1, PM2, PM3, and Transit	September and December 2025 October 2026 and January 2027 October 2026 and February 2027

2026/27 OWP Work Element Product Delivery Schedule

2026/27 Work Elements		Key Staff		Products	Schedule
27-128	SB1 26/27 Sustainable Transportation Planning	Planning Director Programming Director Regional Analyst		Updated schedule and work plan, invoices, and quarterly reports to Caltrans 2024 SCS Regional Planning Datasets (implementation) 2024 SCS Preferred Scenario and Strategies (implementation) Agendas, memorandums, meeting materials, meeting notes, staff reports, comment letters and data outputs Meeting and outreach materials, translations, etc.	Quarterly July 2026-June 2027 July 2026-June 2027 Quarterly Quarterly
27-300	TDA Administration	Programming Director Human Resource Director Transportation Analyst Transportation Grants Manager Chief Fiscal Officer		Submit SGR Project Listing Submit SGR Project Reporting 2027/28 LTF & STA Findings of Apportionment 2027/28 Transit Needs Assessment 2025/26 TDA Fund Audits 2026/27 TDA Final Claims Documentation of Public Participation Plan	Sept 2026 January 2027 May 2026 February 2027 February 2027 April 2027As needed As needed
27-301	Transit System Planning & Coordination	Transportation Grants Manager IT Manager Executive Director Transportation Analyst Transportation Analyst		Coordination of transit policy in consultation with Transit Administrative Oversight Committee and BCAG Board of Directors, meeting agenda and notes Implement ongoing transit planning activities including public involvement process Prepare public outreach and marketing materials including brochures, commercials and other advertisement related materials to promote and encourage using B-Line transit Routing study implementation and outreach Coordinate with the Local and State Law Enforcement and Federal Agencies with Homeland Security training NEMT Alternatives, Cost Analysis, and Marketing Continued development of BLine Marketing Plan	February 2028 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
27-302	Butte Regional Transit Administration & Operations	Executive Director Transportation Grants Manager IT Manager Transportation Analyst Chief Fiscal Officer	Transportation Analyst Administrative Assistant Human Resource Director Accounting Clerk	Administration and implementation of B-Line Fixed Route and ADA/Paratransit services within Butte County.	Ongoing
27-303	American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Certification Program	Administrative Assistant Human Resource Director		Implementation and administration of the Butte Regional Transit ADA certification program	Ongoing
27-308	B-Line Zero Emission Vehicles and Energy Storage Systems	Transportation Grants Manager IT Manager Executive Director		Zero-Emission Battery Electric Bus and Charging/Fueling Equipment Hydrogen Fueling Installation Energy Storage Systems	July 2026 – June 2027 July 2026 – June 2027

2026-27 OWP Transportation Planning & Programming Work Elements

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), BCAG serves as the primary transportation facilitator in Butte County. Its core responsibility is implementing a comprehensive, continuous regional transportation planning program in consultation with local, Tribal, state, and federal partners, and the citizens of Butte County. This program includes developing all state and federally required transportation planning documents that define policies and investments for the region. BCAG's Overall Work Program Work Elements are organized into three categories.

Type 1 - *Transportation Planning* *26-100-199*– Presents and described all the state and federally required transportation planning and programming documents that will need to be prepared for the fiscal year to ensure transportation funding for the region. This section also includes other regional studies and planning work that has been determined necessary to carry out BCAG's regional transportation planning and project development program for the upcoming fiscal year.

Type 2 - *Transportation Project Development/Management* *26-200-299* – Presents and describes work elements (beyond planning) that focus on development of capital projects related to infrastructure development on state highways and local roads in coordination with the California department of Transportation and/or member jurisdictions and may include environmental, design, right of way and construction elements. Other notable projects in this category include environmental impact mitigations that often result from the development of capital projects. The Overall work program may not necessarily include work elements in every FY.

Type 3 - *Transit Planning & Coordination* *26-300-399* – Presents and describes work elements that identify BCAG's responsibilities for administration of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Funds (LTF). This section describes transit planning studies that seek to improve transit ridership, cost effectiveness, the general management and administration of the Butte Regional Transit System, the *B-Line* and includes project planning and development for zero emission public transit, expansion of existing services or development of new public transit services

WORK ELEMENT FORMAT Each work element included in the 2026/27 OWP identifies:

- Objective
- Description
- Previous Work
- Tasks
- Products
- Schedule
- Staffing
- Revenue/Expenditures

Work element product schedules identify with several terms and are defined according to what type of product is stated.

As Needed: Intended to indicate a product is delivered as a result of satisfying a specific purpose and may occur at a time when the product is completed or updated and not necessarily on a predicted or stated timeframe, yet within the cycle of the current OWP.

As Requested: Indicates a product generated as a result of member jurisdiction, member of the public or any other affiliation for which an action/product is delivered. Typically related to community/outreach events identified or requested that were not previously known or anticipated.

Ongoing: Intended to indicate a product is delivered more frequently, or is the result of an ongoing process; not necessarily on a given time frame and may be weekly monthly, quarterly or annual.

Stated timeframe: Intended to indicate a product is worked on intermittently through the OWP year and will be completed at some point in the course of the respective and current fiscal year.

FINAL 2026/27 WORK ELEMENTS		ANNUAL WORK ELEMENT	WORK ELEMENT CONTINUED FROM 2025/26 FY	NEW WORK ELEMENT FOR 2026/27 FY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & PROGRAMMING				
27-999	2026/27 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan	✓		
27-100	Overall Work Program Administration, Development & Reporting	✓		
27-101	Outreach, Education & Intergovernmental Coordination	✓		
27-102	Regional Transportation Model	✓		
27-103	Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Maintenance & Coordination	✓		
27-104	Regional Transportation Air Quality Planning	✓		
27-105	2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)		✓	
27-106	2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – Administration		✓	
27-107	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administration & Development	✓		
27-108	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Coordination		✓	
27-109	US Census Data Affiliate Center Administration	✓		
27-110	Intelligent Transportation System – Regional Architecture Maintenance	✓		
27-111	Regional Complete Streets Standards & Policies		✓	
27-120	Performance Based Planning and Programming	✓		✓
27-128	SB1 26/27 Sustainable Transportation Planning		✓	
TDA/TRANSIT COORDINATION & PLANNING				
27-300	Transportation Development Act Administration	✓		
27-301	Public Transit Systems Planning & Coordination	✓		
27-302	Butte Regional Transit Administration & Operations	✓		
27-303	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Certification Program	✓		
27-308	B-Line Zero Emission Vehicles and Energy Storage Systems		✓	

27-999 INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN 2026-27

OBJECTIVE: This work element identifies the indirect costs such as human resources, accounting, and facility maintenance that cannot be applied to one single project. Administrative, Vacation and Sick Leave are also applied to indirect costs. An indirect cost rate is approved annually by the California Department of Transportation, Audits and Investigations. For FY 26/27, these costs are applied to projects based on the rate **93.76%** of total direct salaries and benefits. Costs contained this Work Element are eligible under *Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1 Subchapter E Part 420 Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.*

Tasks and Products self-performed and managed by respective BCAG staff with multiple consulting agreements.

SERVICES & SUPPLIES	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**
Communications	$5,000
Household	$3,000
Insurance	$25,000
Computer Maintenance	$51,000
Buildings & Grounds	$21,500
Memberships	$12,500
Office Supplies	$13,000
Small Office Equipment	$1,200
Professional Services:	
Accounting Services	$29,000
Fiscal Audits	$30,000
Fergusson	$63,000
Legal Services	$5,000
Actuarial services	$5,000
Publications & Legal Notices	$5,400
Leased Equipment	$4,600
Special Department Expenses	$3,800
Training	$4,200
Travel	$14,000
Car allowance	$7,200
Utilities	$23,000
ICAP Carryover- Over /(Under)	$179,154
Subtotal Services & Supplies	**$505,554**
INDIRECT SALARIES AND BENEFITS	
General administration and allocable staff costs not directly attributable to specific work elements	$728,852
Contributions to	
Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) payments	$164,881
CalPERS Pension Unfunded Liability payments	$148,143
Subtotal Salaries & Benefits	**$1,041,876**
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	**$1,547,430**
COSTS ALLOCATED TO DIRECT WORK ELEMENTS	$1,243,769
COSTS ALLOCATED TO BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT	$118,661
COSTS COVERED WITH LOCAL FUNDS	$185,000
TOTAL INDIRECT FUNDING	**$1,547,430**

WE 27-999 PRODUCTS AND TASKS	SCHEDULE
1. Agendas and monthly meetings of the BCAG Board of Directors	Monthly
2. Prepare and file DBE reports with funding agencies	Semi-Annual
3. Implement BCAG's personnel policies including preparation of employee performance evaluations, file maintenance and staff expenses	Ongoing
4. File claims for payment by the County Auditor-Controller	Weekly
5. Prepare monthly invoicing to funding agencies	Monthly
6. Prepare budget status reports for management purposes	Monthly
7. Submit progress reports to funding agencies	Quarterly
8. Prepare and submit state controller's reports	Annually
9. Prepare financial statements and implement annual fiscal audit	Annually
10. Monitor, maintain, upgrade and renovate facility equipment and systems	Ongoing
11. Contract services with the Ferguson Group	Ongoing
12. Legal counsel services	As Needed
13. Actuarial reporting for long-term liabilities	Annually

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Accounting Clerk	5.0
Executive Director	3.0
Facilities Maintenance Manager	11.0
Human Resource Director	8.0
Administrative Assistant	6.0
Chief Fiscal Officer	6.0
Planning Director	2.5
Programming Director	2.0
Regional Analyst	2.0
Transportation Grants Manager	2.0
Transportation Analyst	2.0
Transportation Analyst	2.0
IT Manager	4.0
TOTAL	**55.5**

27-100 - OVERALL WORK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT & REPORTING

Objective:
Develop and implement the annual Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget, invoicing and reporting.

Description:
BCAG develops the annual Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget to meet state and federal planning obligations as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This includes managing the 2026/27 OWP and Budget, invoicing, and reporting, as authorized under *23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420 (§420.113).*

Preparation involves recurring tasks and coordination with Caltrans, member jurisdictions, and the Butte Regional Transit Service Plan to ensure alignment with regional needs. Work Elements 27-101 through 27-121 and 27-300 through 27-302 require ongoing collaboration through weekly communications and scheduled meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee and Planning Directors Group, consistent with federal and state strategies and guidance.

Previous Work:
BCAG has been preparing and implementing an OWP and Budget since 1969, working annually with Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, BCAG member jurisdictions, and the public to complete and close the OWP.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Implement the 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget and prepare amendments (BCAG staff)	Completed and implemented OWP & Budget for the fiscal year 2026/27, including all associated planning activities.	7/1/26 - 6/30/2027
Prepare Certification of Expenditures including final invoicing and reporting for the 2025/26 OWP (BCAG staff)	Certification report of expenditures for the 2025/26 OWP, confirming the use of funds in accordance with guidelines	6/30/2026
Administer transportation planning and programming revenues, including quarterly invoicing and reporting with final invoicing and reporting in June 2027 (BCAG staff)	Quarterly and final reports and invoices for transportation planning and programming revenues (due in June 2027)	7/1/26 - 6/30/2027
Prepare the 2027/28 OWP & Budget (BCAG staff)	Draft and finalize OWP & Budget for the fiscal year 2027/28, ready for approval and implementation	3/1/27 - 5/31/2028
Coordinate planning activities with member jurisdictions, including transportation, aviation, and other relevant plans (BCAG staff)	Coordinated planning activities and reports that incorporate feedback from member jurisdictions and align with local transportation and aviation plans.	7/1/26 - 6/30/2027

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Executive Director	2.5
Human Resource Director	1.5
Accounting Clerk	2.0
Chief Fiscal Officer	2.0
TOTAL	**8.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$83,297	Personnel	$129,564
LTF Local MATCH	$17,325	Indirect Costs	$121,481
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$50,423		
PPM	$100,000		
TOTAL	**$251,045**	**TOTAL**	**$251,045**

27-101 - OUTREACH, EDUCATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Objective:
Conduct targeted outreach to support BCAG's 2026/27 OWP—sharing planning and programming information with the public, member agencies, partners, Tribal governments, stakeholders, and underserved communities via meetings, workshops, and social media—to ensure transparency and participation. Activities under this work element are eligible for funding pursuant to *23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420 (§420.113).*

Description:
BCAG ensures transparent communication on regional planning and programming through newsletters, websites (bcag.org, blinetransit.com), social media (X, Instagram, Facebook), and YouTube recordings. Public participation is supported via Zoom and in-person engagement at community events such as the Salmon Festival, Red Suspenders Day, Chico Farmer's Market, the African American Family & Cultural Center Block Party, and Gridley's Día de los Muertos.

Intergovernmental coordination occurs through the monthly Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which reviews work program activities. TAC includes representatives from local jurisdictions, Butte County, Caltrans, FHWA, the Air Quality Management District, CSU Chico, and Tribal Governments. The Planning Directors Group meets quarterly to review BCAG's planning efforts, share local updates, and coordinate on statewide initiatives such as the California Transportation Plan, Caltrans System Investment Strategy, Director's Policy on Public Transit, and the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. These efforts strengthen public engagement, interagency collaboration, and alignment with evolving policies.

Previous Work:
Ongoing coordination with the TAC has been conducted since 1993, and with the Planning Directors Group since 2004. BCAG and Butte Regional Transit began publishing a newsletter in 1996 and have maintained a social media presence on X since 2015, Facebook since 2015, and Instagram for B-Line.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Prepare agendas, hold meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Planning Directors Group (BCAG staff/Consultant)	Agendas and meeting minutes for TAC and Planning Directors Group meetings. Reports summarizing input on work program activities.	Monthly/Quarterly
Communicate BCAG planning activities and pertinent transportation information through BCAG newsletter, social media platforms (BCAG Staff)	BCAG newsletters highlighting work program activities, projects, and meetings. Social media posts on X, Instagram, and Facebook.	Quarterly
Document Tribal government-to-government relations correspondence and meeting documents (BCAG Staff)	Records of communications and meeting documentation with tribal governments, summarizing key discussions and decisions	As requested
Attend Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) meetings (BCAG Staff)	Meeting notes and reports on ALUC meetings attended, highlighting relevant issues and decisions for regional planning.	As requested

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Conduct, host technical workshops on transportation issues and coordinate with state and federal transportation entities (BCAG Staff/Consultant)	Technical workshop materials, agendas, presentations, and attendance records.	As requested
Conduct outreach activities to involve under-represented groups or disadvantaged communities, Tribal Governments. (BCAG Staff/Consultant)	Outreach plans, meeting notes, and engagement reports for outreach activities with under-represented groups and tribal communities	Quarterly
Attend community outreach events(BCAG Staff)	Event participation summaries, photos, and engagement, documenting interactions with public at community events	Ongoing

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Executive Director	1.0
Planning Director	1.0
Programming Director	1.5
Transportation Analyst (Proctor)	0.5
Transportation Grants Manager	0.5
Transportation Analyst (White)	2.5
TOTAL	**7.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$137,264	Personnel	$97,509
LTF Local MATCH	$21,671	Indirect Costs	$91,426
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$30,000		
TOTAL	**$188,935**	**TOTAL**	**$188,935**

27-102 - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL

Objective:

To maintain the Regional Transportation Model and database.

Description:

The BCAG Regional Transportation Model supports the development of state and federal transportation plans and studies. Administrative tasks, resources, and products associated with this work element are eligible under *Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1 Subchapter E, Part 420, Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.*

As a federal ozone non-attainment area and a PM2.5 maintenance area under the Clean Air Act Amendments, BCAG must prepare Air Quality Conformity determinations for the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), demonstrating consistency with the region's State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Regional Transportation Model analyzes existing and future conditions on the countywide network, reflecting planned land uses, roadway improvements, and transit projects proposed by member jurisdictions. Traffic counts are refreshed every four years and integrated to keep the model current; these datasets are shared with local agencies for planning and engineering needs.

BCAG's model was last approved in December 2024 with the adopted 2024 RTP/SCS, calibrated and validated to a 2022 base year. Traffic counts were most recently updated in FY 2025/26.
Tasks and Products self-performed and managed by respective BCAG staff with consulting agreements where required.

Previous Work:

BCAG has maintained a countywide transportation model since 1993, with the most recent update completed in the 2023/24 fiscal year. Traffic counts were last updated during FY 2025/26.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Coordinate consultant contract amendment or solicit a new modeling consultant for model maintenance and regional planning requests. Prepare invoices and quarterly reports. (BCAG Staff/Consultant)	Contract amendment or new consultant contract for model maintenance. Invoices and quarterly reports documenting progress and expenses.	Quarterly
Prepare Request for Proposals, select a qualified consultant, execute contract, and begin update of travel demand model for 2028 RTP/SCS. Prepare invoices and quarterly reports..(BCAG Staff)	Request for Proposals (RFP) for travel model consultant. Consultant selection documentation. Travel model update plans and progress reports. Invoices and quarterly reports.	Annually
Revise 2024 Regional Travel Demand Model (BCAG Staff/Consultant)	Revised travel demand model and metrics for preferred scenarios based on RTP and FTIP amendments	As Needed

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Regional Analyst	2.0
TOTAL	**2.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$92,614	Personnel	$25,031
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$30,000	Indirect Costs	$23,470
LTF Local MATCH	$15,887	Consultant	$130,000
PPM	$40,000		
TOTAL	**$178,501**	**TOTAL**	**$178,501**

27-103 - REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) MAINTENANCE & COORDINATION

Objective:

To maintain a regional Geographic Information System (GIS) for BCAG and its member agencies for transportation and other planning purposes, with all administrative resources, tasks, and products eligible under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1 Subchapter E Part 420 Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:

BCAG launched its regional GIS program in FY 1997/98 to provide a comprehensive parcel-based database supporting transportation and land use planning. This system also serves other regional planning needs.

To maintain consistency and avoid duplication, BCAG works closely with member agencies and public entities that rely on GIS. In 2000, BCAG established the Butte GIS Working Group to coordinate activities and data standards across jurisdictions. The group meets quarterly to review updates and share resources.

A countywide parcel base map, road network, and address dataset—completed in 2003—form the foundation for all GIS layers. During FY 2026/27, BCAG will continue updating these datasets and web mapping applications under an agreement with Chico State University's Geographic Information Center, using data from the Butte County Assessor and local jurisdictions.

BCAG also participates in the California GIS Council, representing regional interests. The GIS program provides analytical tools for evaluating transportation modes, land use, and project impacts, supporting informed decision-making. Data is shared with member agencies, Tribal Governments, Caltrans, and other stakeholders upon request.

Tasks and Products self-performed and managed by respective BCAG staff with consulting agreements where required

Previous Work:

BCAG has maintained a regional GIS program since 1997. During the 2025/26 fiscal year, BCAG coordinated meetings of the Butte GIS Working Group, attended meetings of the California GIS Council, worked with Chico State University to update the regional roads network and address datasets, and prepared maps to support regional transportation projects.

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TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Coordinate updates of regional road network, address datasets, and maintain web mapping applications. Prepare invoices and quarterly reports. (BCAG staff/Consultant)	Updated road network and address datasets. Maintained web mapping applications. Invoices and quarterly progress reports.	Quarterly
Coordinate meetings of the Butte GIS Working Group. Prepare agendas and meeting notes. (BCAG Staff)	Meeting agendas and notes for Butte GIS Working Group meetings. Progress updates on GIS coordination efforts.	As needed
Attend meetings and participate as a representative of the Butte GIS Working Group on the California GIS Council. (BCAG Staff)	Meeting summaries, notes, and updates from the California GIS Council meetings	As needed
Coordinate GIS activities with the appropriate city, town, and county departments, and BCAG's TAC. (BCAG/Consultant)	Coordination plans and reports detailing GIS activities with local agencies and BCAG's TAC.	Ongoing
Assist public and member jurisdictions with GIS data requests. (BCAG staff/Consultant)	Response logs/email to GIS data requests, including any datasets shared with member agencies and the public.	Ongoing
Prepare maps to support regional transportation and development projects. (BCAG/Consultant)	Maps and visualizations supporting regional transportation and development projects, including analysis and decision-making data.	Annual/Ongoing

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Regional Analyst	2.0
TOTAL	**2.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$69,857	Personnel	$25,031
LTF Local MATCH	$11,643	Consultant	$47,500
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$20,000	Software	$5,000
		Printing	$500
		Indirect Costs	$23,469
TOTAL	**$101,500**	**TOTAL**	**$101,500**

27-104 - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY PLANNING

Objective:
The purpose of this work element is to ensure that BCAG's transportation planning and programming responsibilities comply with Federal and State Clean Air Act requirements, and that the BCAG Board of Directors and member jurisdictions are kept informed about relevant transportation-air quality regulations. Administrative resources, tasks, and products under this work element are eligible for funding under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1 Subchapter E Part 420 Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:
Federal transportation law requires that regional transportation plans and programs meet air quality standards under the Federal Clean Air Act. BCAG includes this work element in the Overall Work Program (OWP) to ensure transportation planning addresses the integrated requirements of transportation and air quality planning and conforms with the EPA Transportation Conformity Rule. Butte County designations and standards:

- Ozone (8-hour NAAQS): Following establishment of the federal 8-hour ozone standard in 2004, Butte County was classified "basic – subpart one non-attainment" countywide. Effective July 20, 2012, the region was designated "marginal non-attainment" for the 2008 ozone standard. Effective August 3, 2018, Butte County remained "marginal non-attainment" for the 2015 ozone standard.
- Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5): Based on a 2018 State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision approved by EPA, the Chico Urbanized Area was re-designated from "non-attainment" to "attainment with a Maintenance SIP" for the EPA 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS.

Because of these designations, BCAG's transportation planning must demonstrate conformity, i.e., that federally funded or federally approved projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) do not worsen air quality and are consistent with SIP goals. To meet these requirements, BCAG prepares Air Quality Conformity Determinations (AQCDs) and conducts Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) with federal, state, Tribal, and local partners. The process is reviewed with the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), including local public works and planning staff, BCAQMD, Caltrans, Tribal Governments, and other stakeholders—and coordinated directly with FHWA, EPA, FTA, CARB, and Caltrans.

Previous Work:

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, BCAG staff:

- Attended statewide transportation conformity working group meetings.
- Prepared conformity determinations and air quality analyses for the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Coordinated ICR meetings for the 2024 RTP, FTIP amendments and PM2.5 hot spot conformity assessments.

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TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Monitor state and federal air quality regulations, plans, and programs as they relate to regional and local transportation planning and programs and advise the BCAG Board of Directors and member jurisdictions. (BCAG Staff)	Periodic reports on regulatory updates, briefing documents for BCAG Board, and communication to member jurisdictions regarding air quality impacts on transportation planning.	Quarterly
Work with the Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD) to update the State Implementation Plan (SIP), as necessary. (BCAG Staff)	Updated SIP documents or amendments. Coordination reports with BCAQMD	As Needed
Prepare Air Quality Conformity analyses and determinations for planning and development activities that require federal approval. (BCAG Staff)	Air Quality Conformity Determinations (AQCDs) for RTP, FTIP, and other transportation planning documents.	Quarterly/As Needed
Coordinate meetings of BCAG Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group. (BCAG Staff)	Meeting agendas, summaries, and documentation of ICR group meetings.	As Needed

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Regional Analyst	1.0
TOTAL	**1.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$21,469	Personnel	$12,516
LTF Local MATCH	$2,782	Indirect Costs	$11,735
TOTAL	$24,251	TOTAL	$24,251

27-105 - 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) ADMINISTRATION

Objective:
To manage the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) utilizing resources, tasks, and products authorized under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420 – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:
As the MPO for Butte County, BCAG develops, adopts, and submits the FTIP to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA, listing regionally significant projects funded with federal, state, or local sources over a near-term horizon (streets/highways, transit, safety, and bridge projects requiring federal funding or approval). The 2025 FTIP (adopted September 26, 2024) is updated as projects advance, with 2027 FTIP preparation initiated in March 2026 following adoption of the 2026 STIP by the CTC.

The FTIP is aligned with the RTP/SCS and RTIP and complies with federal requirements. Its financial plan is prepared per 23 CFR 450.324(e). Amendments or administrative modifications to the 2025 FTIP may occur in FY 2027/28, with corresponding updates to the RTP/SCS and the Air Quality Conformity Determination, as required by 23 CFR 450.330(b). FTIP management and amendments include coordination with local, state, and federal agencies, Tribal Governments, the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee, and the BCAG Board, following public involvement provisions in 23 CFR 450.316(b).

BCAG applies Section III "Goals and Objectives" of its Public Participation Plan (PPP) to ensure transparency on scope and cost changes to programmed projects. All FTIP amendments must be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors and are processed electronically in Caltrans' California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS), with updates posted to bcag.org.

Previous Work:
2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Work with local jurisdictions and Caltrans to strategize project grant funding opportunities; project delivery for identified projects in the 2025 FTIP (BCAG staff/local jurisdictional staff)	2025 FTIP Project List	Ongoing
Review/ensure consistency with 2024 RTP/SCS, and the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (BCAG staff)	Consistency/review Report	Quarterly
Prepare and/or update Air Quality Conformity Determination for specific projects (BCAG staff)	Project specific Air Quality Conformity Determination	As Needed
Process and develop FTIP Amendments and Modifications (BCAG staff)	FTIP Amendments and Modifications	As Needed

Maintain and update CTIP System for Butte County FTIP Projects (BCAG staff)	Updated CTIP System Records	As Needed
Attend FTIP program manager meetings and subcommittee meetings (BCAG staff)	Meeting Notes and Reports	As Needed
Coordinate with project sponsor and all Butte County Tribal Governments (BCAG staff)	Coordination Meeting Reports	Quarterly

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	1.5
TOTAL	**1.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$15,660	Personnel	$24,612
LTF Local Match	$2,029	Indirect Costs	$23,077
PPM	$30,000		
TOTAL	**$47,689**	**TOTAL**	**$47,689**

27-106 - 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

Objective:
To administer the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for Butte County. This work element provides administrative resources, tasks, and products eligible under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420 – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:
As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County, BCAG prepares, adopts, and submits the RTIP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) every two years. The RTIP identifies regional programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which the CTC adopts for a five-year period. Amendments may be processed during the fiscal year to address changes in project scope or cost.

For FY 2026/27, BCAG will continue administering the 2026 RTIP in coordination with member agencies, Caltrans, and the CTC. The 2026 RTIP was developed using the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), a regional call for projects, and identified needs for Butte Regional Transit. It was adopted on December 11, 2025, with CTC and Caltrans approval for inclusion in the 2026 STIP.

With the adoption of the 2026 RTP and ongoing implementation of the 2024 SCS, BCAG will monitor RTIP delivery and begin work on the draft 2028 RTIP to maintain consistency with statewide programming and regional priorities.

Previous Work:
Administration of the 2026 RTIP, 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and preparation of a draft 2028 RTIP.

TASKS	PRODUCT	SCHEDULE
Work with Caltrans District 3, HQ, CTC, and member jurisdictions on 2026 RTIP/STIP amendments (BCAG staff)	RTIP/STIP Amendment Documentation	As Needed
Ensure consistency of the 2026 RTIP with the 2025 FTIP and 2024 RTP/SCS (BCAG staff)	Consistency Report/Documentation	Ongoing
Participate in meetings with state, regional, and federal agencies for matters concerning programming in California (BCAG staff)	Meeting Notes and Reports	Ongoing
Monitor and assist with Project Delivery for RTIP/STIP projects (BCAG staff)	Project Delivery Assistance Coordination	As Needed

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	2.0
TOTAL	**2.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$19,733	Personnel	$32,817
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$10,000	Indirect Cost	$30,769
LTF Local Match	$3,853		
PPM	$30,000		
TOTAL	**$63,586**	**TOTAL**	**$63,586**

27-107 - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Objective:
To amend and manage the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for Butte County, and begin development of the 2028 RTP/SCS. The RTP/SCS is a state and federally required, long-range (minimum 20 years), multimodal transportation plan for the region and includes reference to the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP). This work is eligible for administrative resources, tasks, and products under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420 – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:
BCAG updates the RTP/SCS every four years to guide regional transportation planning and programming. The plan establishes goals, objectives, and policies for all transportation modes and provides both a 10-year and 20+ year outlook for projects and funding, ensuring alignment with local and state priorities.

The current 2024 RTP/SCS was adopted on December 12, 2024, in conformance with the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). It complies with applicable federal legislation for Butte County. During FY 2025/26, amendments were processed as needed, following Air Quality Conformity Determinations and consultation with the Interagency Consultation Review group. This process will continue through FY 2027/28 for the RTP/SCS, RTIP, and FTIP. Air Quality Conformity Determinations are prepared in accordance with **23 CFR 450.330(b)**.

With the adoption of the 2024 RTP/SCS, BCAG will begin preparing the 2028 RTP/SCS and 2028 Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP), ensuring that RTP/SCS regional growth projections are integrated with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process. In FY 2026/27, amendments to the 2024 RTP/SCS will be coordinated with the FTIP and RTIP and reviewed with local, state, and federal agencies, Tribal Governments, the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee, and the BCAG Board, consistent with **23 CFR 450.316(b)**. All amendments will follow BCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP) and be posted on BCAG's website.

Previous Work:
Completion of the 2024 RTP/SCS & SEIR, 2024 Air Quality Conformity Determination, 2025 FTIP, 2026 RTIP

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Update 2024 RTP/SCS amendments as necessary (BCAG staff)	Updated 2024 RTP/SCS	As Needed
Begin development of the 2028 RTP/SCS (BCAG staff) and RHNP	Draft Notes and documentation	Ongoing
Continue implementation of outreach efforts contained in the BCAG Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the 2024 RTP/SCS (BCAG staff)	Outreach Reports and Documentation	Ongoing
Participate in the MPO/State RTPA Working Group meetings (BCAG staff)	Meeting Notes and Reports and MPO coordination	Ongoing

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	1.0
Regional Analyst	2.0
Planning Director	3.0
TOTAL	**6.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$60,442	Personnel	$89,520
25/26 FHWA PL Carryover	$40,000	Indirect Costs	$83,936
LTF Local MATCH	$13,014		
PPM	$60,000		
TOTAL	**$173,456**	**TOTAL**	**$173,456**

27-108 - REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) GRANT COORDINATION

Objective:
Coordinate administration of the Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) program, managed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and oversee implementation of member jurisdiction projects funded through suballocations. Activities under this work element are authorized by the 2021 California Comeback Plan through **Assembly Bill 140**.

Description:
Assembly Bill 140 (2021) authorized REAP 2.0 funding for MPOs. BCAG received $2,944,762, with 10% advanced in FY 2021/22 to accelerate engagement, update the SCS, and support outreach. In FY 2022/23, BCAG worked with member jurisdictions and stakeholders to identify eligible projects, allocating funds accordingly. In FY 2026/27, BCAG will continue administering REAP 2.0 and overseeing implementation of suballocated projects.

Previous Work:

- Identification of suballocation projects for REAP 2.0 funding in FY 2022/23.
- Coordination with member jurisdictions and HCD on suballocation projects in FY 2024/25.
- Completion of 2024 RTP/SCS update in FY 2024/25 utilizing REAP 2.0 funding as well as overseeing member jurisdiction suballocation project implementation.
- Ongoing administrative implementation assistance for suballocation projects in 2025/26.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Administer REAP 2.0 grant program including reporting and invoicing (BCAG Staff)	REAP 2.0 Grant Program Reports, Invoices, and Documentation	Quarterly
Coordinate with member jurisdictions on development of projects that advance the RTP/SCS, including suballocation projects (BCAG Staff)	Suballocation Project Plans, Coordination Meeting Notes, and Progress Report	As Needed

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Planning Director	0.5
TOTAL	**0.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
REAP	$1,036,290	Personnel	$8,014
LTF Local Match	$15,528	Suballocations	$1,036,290
		Indirect Costs	$7,514
TOTAL	**$1,051,818**	**TOTAL**	**$1,051,818**

27-109 - US CENSUS DATA AFFILIATE CENTER ADMINISTRATION

Objective:
To provide U.S. Census and state data-related services as a regional data center for Butte County. Administrative resources, tasks, and products under this work element are eligible under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1 Subchapter E Part 420 Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description:
BCAG serves as an Affiliate State Data Center (SDC) for Butte County under a Joint Statistical Agreement (JSA) with the California Department of Finance. Census and state data are essential to BCAG's regional transportation planning and programming, supporting activities such as transportation modeling, GIS development, transit planning, air quality conformity, and funding formula calculations.

BCAG provides technical assistance and data consultation to member jurisdictions and the public, responding to inquiries and ensuring accurate, timely information. The agency also monitors and integrates Census Bureau estimates and projections into regional planning processes to maintain consistency with demographic and economic trends. To promote transparency and accessibility, BCAG maintains a publicly available collection of Census Bureau reference materials and statistical publications, along with an online resource dedicated to Census data for Butte County.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Maintain a publicly accessible collection of Census Bureau and SDC reference and statistical publications. (BCAG staff)	Census Bureau and SDC Reference Statistical Collection	Ongoing
Maintain a Census and state data internet website for Butte County data. (BCAG staff)	Butte County Census and State Data Website	Ongoing
Make census and state datasets available for public use as they are published. (BCAG staff)	Review Reports of New Census and State Datasets	Ongoing
Respond to inquiries and provide technical assistance and data consultation to member jurisdictions and the public. (BCAG staff)	Data Consultation and Response Reports	Ongoing
Attend SDC program meetings. (BCAG staff)	Meeting Notes and Reports from SDC Program Meetings and response to jurisdictional inquiries	As Needed
Monitor and integrate Census Bureau and state estimates and projections into regional transportation planning processes. (BCAG staff)	Integration Reports of Census and State Data into Transportation Planning	Quarterly
Complete annual questionnaire reporting census-related activities during the last year. (BCAG staff)	Annual Census Activity Report	Annually

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Regional Analyst	1.0
TOTAL	**1.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$21,469	Personnel	$12,516
LTF Local MATCH	$2,782	Indirect Costs	$11,735
TOTAL	**$24,251**	**TOTAL**	**$24,251**

27-110 - INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE MAINTENANCE

Objective:
To maintain the completed North Valley Regional Architecture Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan as required by 23 CFR Parts 655 and 940, Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Standards: Final Rule. Administrative tasks and products under this work element align with Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420, Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description
BCAG fulfilled the federal requirement to develop an ITS Regional Architecture and Strategic Deployment Plan (SDP) for Butte, Glenn, and Colusa counties, meeting the standards of 23 CFR Parts 655 and 940. The multi-county ITS-SDP was completed in partnership with Glenn and Colusa counties, Caltrans, FHWA, and Iteris, Inc., and accepted by FHWA in May 2005 following development funded in part by an FHWA Partnership Planning Grant.

As mandated by the Final Rule, BCAG continues to maintain the architecture in collaboration with Glenn and Colusa counties. Caltrans completed a Statewide ITS Architecture Assessment in 2018 and is currently developing the Upstate CA Regional ITS Master Plan, which includes Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Sierra, and Nevada counties.

This work element ensures ongoing monitoring of local and regional projects with ITS components to maintain consistency with the established architecture. BCAG coordinates with FHWA, Caltrans, and regional partners to identify ITS elements in roadway and highway projects and incorporate them into updates. Staff will periodically engage with Caltrans and FHWA throughout the year to align ITS projects and processes with regional and statewide planning requirements.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Conduct quarterly assessments of ITS projects through June 2025. (BCAG Staff)	ITS progress assessment reports	Quarterly/Annual
Monitor and participate in the development of the Upstate CA Regional ITS Master Plan with Caltrans (BCAG Staff)	Meeting documentation	Annual

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	0.5
TOTAL	**0.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$14,072	Personnel	$8,204
LTF Local MATCH	$1,824	Indirect Costs	$7,692
TOTAL	**$15,896**	**TOTAL**	**$15,896**

27-111 - REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS STANDARDS & POLICIES

Objective
Develop Regional Complete Streets Standards and Policies for integration into BCAG's planning and programming processes. These activities are eligible under Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420, Part A – *Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).*

Description
Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) §11206(b), BCAG will dedicate ≥2.5% of PL funds to activities that increase safe, accessible options for all users. To satisfy the IIJA opt-out pathway, BCAG will adopt Complete Streets standards/policies and a current prioritization plan that lists specific, fundable projects improving safety, mobility, and accessibility (§11206(c),(e)). "Complete Streets standards or policies" ensure safe, adequate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, seniors, people with disabilities, motorists, and freight (§11206(a)).

BCAG will implement this work in alignment with Caltrans Director's Policy 37 (DP-37)—requiring Complete Streets elements on most Caltrans-funded/overseen projects—and the FY 2026-27 Caltrans OWP Guidance that highlights the IIJA Complete Streets requirement. Actions include: (1) establishing context-sensitive design typologies for urban, suburban, and rural corridors; (2) integrating standards into RTP/SCS and FTIP policies and project selection; (3) creating a screening and scoring tool (safety, equity, speed management, network connectivity, and deliverability); and (4) publishing a public project list and delivery timeline with annual progress reporting.

State compliance will be reinforced through California's Complete Streets Act (AB 1358), which requires local circulation elements to plan for balanced multimodal networks suited to local context. BCAG's TAC process will help member jurisdictions harmonize local standards with DP-37 and IIJA, ensuring eligibility across federal and state programs (e.g., SS4A, Active Transportation). BCAG will track outcomes including fatalities and serious injuries, low-stress bikeway mileage, transit access, ADA curb-ramp compliance, and project delivery and publish annual results on bcag.org, aligning with FHWA Complete Streets resources and performance-based planning best practices.

Previous Work
Updating of Complete Streets standards and policies for inclusion in BCAG's RTP/SCS and FTIP processes and consulted with the BCAG TAC and adhered to the Public Participation Process.

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TASKS	PRODUCTS	SSCHEDULE
Review and evaluate RTP/SCS and FTIP goals, objectives, and policies for modification. (BCAG Staff)	Updated RTP/SCS and FTIP policy recommendations	As Needed
Collaborate with BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and public on the new requirements and incorporation of RTP/SCS and FTIP topics. (BCAG Staff)	Meeting summaries and public engagement reports	As Needed
Coordinate with all Butte County Tribal Governments. (BCAG Staff)	Documentation of tribal consultation outcomes	Ongoing
Develop a Regional Complete Streets Standards and Prioritization Plan for inclusion in RTP/SCS and update website. (BCAG Staff)	Updated/Final Regional Complete Streets Plan	Ongoing

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	1.0
TOTAL	**1.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$22,647	Personnel	$16,408
LTF Local MATCH	$9,146	Indirect Costs	$15,385
TOTAL	**$31,793**	**TOTAL**	**$31,793**

27-120 - PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING & PROGRAMMING

Objective
Establish performance measures, collect data, prepare reports, and develop programs to support performance-based planning. These activities align with Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420, Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds.

Description
Federal transportation legislation (MAP-21, July 2012) emphasizes performance measurement and monitoring in transportation systems, requiring states and MPOs to adopt a performance-based planning and programming approach. This includes using performance measures, setting targets, reporting outcomes, and programming investments to achieve desired transportation performance outcomes that are stated, defined applied and tracked in the work elements for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM) and Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

During FY 2026/27, BCAG will continue coordinating with Caltrans, Butte Regional Transit, and local planning partners to update and refine procedures for performance-based planning. Key activities include collecting performance data, setting and reporting regional performance targets, and documenting system performance relative to those targets. BCAG will work with the State to document these procedures, as mandated by 23 CFR 450.314(h).

Previous Work
In FY 2025/26, BCAG completed reporting and submitted BCAG Board-approved targets for Performance Management (PM) 1 – Safety to Caltrans.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Coordinate with local planning partners, Caltrans, and Butte Regional Transit to identify data sources, set targets, and report performance. (BCAG Staff)	Regional performance targets and reporting memorandums/documentation	Annual
Update prioritization criteria specific to call for project nomination from local jurisdictions requesting project inclusion in federal and state funding requests (BCAG Staff)	Call for Project prioritization criteria memo	Biennial (with RTIP development)
Participate in target setting and RTP guideline workshops (BCAG Staff)	Documentation of updated methodologies and criteria	As needed/Ongoing
Prepare emissions reporting for performance targets PM1, PM2, PM3, and transit performance for Board Approval (BCAG Staff)	Emissions reports for all required performance measures	Annual

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Regional Analyst	1.0
Programming Director	0.5
TOTAL	**1.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$35,541	Personnel	$20,719
LTF Local MATCH	$4,605	Indirect Costs	$19,427
TOTAL	**$40,146**	**TOTAL**	**$40,146**

27-121 - SB1 26/27 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – SCS COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Objective: To manage the 2025/26 Sustainable Communities Formula Grant funds allocated under Senate Bill (SB) 1 – The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The intent of the grant is to support and implement Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) - Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) and to ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively.

Description:
Caltrans Sustainable Communities Formula Funds support BCAG's continued coordination and implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These funds enable development of all activities identified in this work element. BCAG completed the 2024 RTP/SCS update in December 2024 and submitted it to CARB for approval.

As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), BCAG prepares the SCS as an additional RTP element. The SCS forecasts development patterns that, when integrated with transportation networks and policies, meet greenhouse gas reduction targets for passenger vehicles.

During FY 2026/27, BCAG will continue coordination with CARB on the 2024 SCS and implement key strategies, specifically the development of a public EV charging project to place EV chargers in publicly owned places such as county, city, school and other publicly fiunded facilities in Butte County. Staff will monitor legislative changes and CARB guideline updates affecting future SCS development. Regional planning datasets—bike facilities, bus routes and stops, land uses, non-residential structures, combined general plan layers, and current projects—will be updated with local jurisdictions to inform land use and transportation components.

BCAG will coordinate all activities with the Planning Directors Group (PDG), including member jurisdictions, Butte County Air Quality Management District, and LAFCO. Outreach will follow BCAG's Public Participation Plan, engaging disadvantaged communities, low-income areas, and tribal governments. BCAG will also work with the North State Planning and Development Collective and partners on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) to promote sustainable economic recovery, diversify local economies, and expand broadband access in rural areas.

Previous Work: BCAG prepared the region's first SCS as part of the 2012 RTP, with subsequent updates prepared in 2016, 2020 and 2024. The 2024 RTP/SCS was approved by the BCAG Board of Directors on December 12, 2024.

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, BCAG completed the following:

- Prepared and approved 2024 SCS work plan and schedule. Prepared invoices and quarterly reports.
- Coordinated development of FINAL SCS document.
- Coordinated with CARB on submission and approval of SCS.
- Coordinated update of SCS regional planning datasets for the year 2024
- Coordinated meetings of the BCAG Planning Directors Group and Transportation Advisory Committee. Attended state agency and MPO coordinating meetings and responded to state agency requests.
- Continued public outreach efforts for the SCS in accordance with BCAG's Public Participation Plan and the SCS work plan.

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TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Implement SCS work plan and schedule. Prepare invoices and quarterly reports. *(BCAG Staff)*	Work plan, invoices, and quarterly reports to Caltrans *(BCAG staff)*	Quarterly
Coordinate update of SCS regional planning datasets for the year 2025. *(BCAG/Consultant)*	2025 Regional Planning Datasets *(BCAG/Consultant)*	June 2027
Continue coordination with CARB on 2024 SCS *(BCAG/Consultant)*	*Final comments/guidance (BCAG/Consultant)*	December 2026
Continue implementation of key 2024 SCS strategies as appropriate. *(BCAG Staff)*	SCS public EV charging strategy implementation documents as necessary *(BCAG/Consultant)*	June 2027
Coordinate meetings of the BCAG Planning Directors Group and Transportation Advisory Committee. Attend state agency and CALCOG/MPO coordinating meetings and respond to state agency requests. Coordinate with NSDPC on CERF implementation. (BCAG Staff)	Agendas, memorandums, meeting materials, meeting notes, staff reports, comment letters and data outputs *(BCAG/Consultant)*	Quarterly
Continued public outreach efforts for the SCS in accordance with BCAG's Public Participation Plan and the SCS work plan. (BCAG Staff)	Meeting and outreach materials, translations, etc. *(BCAG staff)*	Quarterly

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Planning Director	2.0
Programming Director	1.0
Regional Analyst	1.0
TOTAL	**4.0**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
SB1 26/27 STP	$180,300	Personnel	$60,978
LTF Local Match	$23,360	Consultant	$85,508
		Indirect	$57,174
TOTAL	**$203,660**		**$203,660**

27-300 - TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION

Objective:
Administer the allocation of Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funding to member entities, provide oversight to claimants, and prepare the 2025/26 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment. Administrative resources, tasks, and products under this work element are eligible under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971.

Description:
As the Transportation Development Act (TDA) administrator for Butte County, BCAG manages the distribution of Local Transportation Funds (LTF), State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, and State of Good Repair (SGR) funds to support regional transit operations, capital projects, and eligible road improvements. BCAG ensures all allocations comply with TDA regulations.

This work element includes coordination with the State Controller, Butte County Auditor-Controller, and County Treasury for receipt and disbursement of funds.

A key annual responsibility is the Unmet Transit Needs process, required under PUC Section 99401.5. BCAG conducts public outreach, collects comments, and holds a hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors. Staff reviews testimony and provides recommendations to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). SSTAC evaluates requests, determines if they are “reasonable to meet,” and submits its recommendation to the Board, which then adopts the annual finding.

BCAG also oversees annual fiscal audits of TDA funds received by claimants, performed by an independent auditor, and ensures timely resolution of any audit findings.

Previous Work:
BCAG has administered LTF since 1978. Triennial Performance Audits for public transit systems were completed in FY 2025/26 (May 2026). Annual fiscal audits for FY 2025/26 will be completed by February 2027. The Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for FY 2026/27 will be completed by February 2026.

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TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Liaise with Butte County Auditor-Controller, Caltrans, and the State Controller's Office. (BCAG Staff)	Documentation of communications and coordination with stakeholders	Monthly/Quarterly
Monitor and report the expenditure of SGR funding against eligible TDA projects. (BCAG Staff)	Submission of SGR Projects Lists and expenditure reports for SGR funding.	Bi-annual
Develop Findings of Apportionment for LTF and STA and present for adoption by the BCAG Board. (BCAG Staff)	Findings of Apportionment and claims, Board presentation materials.	Annual (May 2027)
Review statutes, rules, regulations, and pending legislation related to transit and transit funding. (BCAG Staff)	Summary of reviewed statutes, regulations, and proposed changes with recommendations.	Ongoing
Solicit public comments and hold a hearing on unmet transit needs, focusing on underrepresented groups. (BCAG Staff)	Public comments and testimony summary, public hearing minutes, outreach documentation.	Bi-annual
Analyze and assess 2026/27 unmet transit needs based on public comments and the hearing, review with SSTAC and prepare UTN Report for Board. (BCAG Staff)	2026/27 Unmet transit needs (UTN) analysis report based on public input.	Annual (February 2027)
Prepare agendas and minutes for SSTAC meetings. (BCAG Staff)	Agendas and minutes for SSTAC meetings.	Annual/As Needed
Review LTF and STA claims submitted by claimants, providing technical assistance on BCAG claim forms, compliance with LTF/STA rules, and consistency with the 2024 RTP/SCS. (BCAG Staff)	Claim review reports and feedback on claim form compliance and complete streets alignment.	Annual
Prepare required audits and resolve findings for BCAG and all member jurisdictions under the TDA. (BCAG Staff)	Completed TDA audit reports for BCAG and member jurisdictions.	(Annual) February 2027
Provide oversight of LTF and STA audits. (BCAG Staff)	Audit oversight reports and any corrective action plans.	Annual

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Programming Director	1.0
Human Resources Director	0.5
Transportation Analyst - Proctor	0.5
Chief Fiscal Officer	3.0
Transportation Grants Manager	0.5
TOTAL	**5.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
TDA Admin. Local	$196,319	Personnel	$86,353
		Consultant	$29,000
		Indirect Costs	$80,966
TOTAL	**$196,319**	**TOTAL**	**$196,319**

27-301 - TRANSIT SYSTEMS PLANNING & COORDINATION

Objective: To coordinate and manage planning and operational activities for Butte Regional Transit and other regional TDA claimants.

Description:
These activities are eligible for funding under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971; Section 420.113 of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter E, Part 420, Part A – Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds; FTA 5303 Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning; the State Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM) component of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).

As the owner and operator of Butte Regional Transit (B-Line), BCAG leads policy and planning for a countywide, multimodal network. The Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC)—with representation from the cities, the Town of Paradise, and Butte County—provides structured guidance on service planning, budgeting, performance, and compliance. In FY 2026/27, staff will continue to convene TAOC to align near-term decisions with long-range goals, emphasizing safety, reliability, equity, and fiscal stewardship.

BCAG's role extends beyond operations to mobility integration. Since FY 2012/13, BCAG has supported HelpCentral.org, enhancing access to human services and transit information; in FY 2018/19, BCAG furthered this partnership by leasing office space to strengthen coordinated public information services. BCAG will continue collaborating with local jurisdictions, social service agencies, non-profits, and the public under the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, which is being updated to reflect current trends, best practices, and deployment of new technologies. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)—expanded to advise on broader transit planning issues—will continue to coordinate the annual Unmet Transit Needs process and provide recommendations to the BCAG Board.

BCAG used FTA 5307 funds to complete the Butte Regional Transit Routing Optimization Study (FY 2020/21), identifying routing and service improvements using existing resources. Subsequent implementation has included deployment of software to support microtransit, regular and intercity paratransit trip scheduling/dispatch, on-demand services, and targeted route/stop adjustments. With microtransit introduced countywide in FY 2025/26, ongoing refinements will focus on productivity, coverage, and customer experience. Development of a daily Chico – Sacramento service is under development with an expected launch date in the Fall of 2026. In January of 2026, a consultant was added to the existing B-Line marketing study to accomplish a more extensive analysis of the fixed route system in Chico and Oroville to address declining ridership and increase system efficiency and performance.

To address medical access, BCAG completed the Butte County NEMT Study (FY 2021/22) and began operating intercity service emphasizing NEMT trips in FY 2025/26 using the TripSpark/Novus platform; demand and delivery strategies will continue to be evaluated. System modernization includes mobile ticketing with onboard validation, expanding cashless options and positioning B-Line for potential Cal-ITP integration. In FY 2025/26, BCAG initiated a comprehensive B-Line Marketing Plan—supported by Caltrans LCTOP—and launched a refreshed brand (October 2025), alongside a deeper review of route optimization findings to enhance efficiency and ridership.

Previous Work :

- Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (updated for 2026)
- Short-Range Transit Plans (1998/99)
- Countywide Transit Consolidation Study Report (2000/2001)
- Startup of Butte Regional Transit (July 2005)
- Market-Based Transit Study (2010/11)
- Routing Optimization Study Update (final document 2022/23. Update started 2026)
- NEMT Operating and Capital Analysis (2024/25)
- B-Line Marketing Plan 2024/25; Novus/Rides on Demand software deployment 2024/25.
- Re-Brand launch October 2025.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Review/update/adjust routes, schedules using AVL/GPS data, driver feedback, and public input; coordinate changes with contractor, BCAG Board and public (BCAG Staff).	Updated routes and schedules; public outreach and communication materials.	Ongoing
Monitor and evaluate the performance and budget of Butte Regional Transit with the TAOC (BCAG Staff).	Transit performance documentation; meeting agenda and summary.	Annual
Organize public workshops to educate riders on B-Line services, including Fixed Route, Paratransit, Microtransit, and NEMT; focus on underserved communities (BCAG Staff).	Workshop presentations, materials, and attendance records.	Biannual
Plan and facilitate the annual budget meeting for the regional transit system (BCAG Staff).	Annual budget	March 2027
Track and assess available funding sources for transit initiatives (BCAG Staff).	Funding source database/tracking;	Ongoing
Oversee and prepare funding applications for FTA and Caltrans programs, including project programming (BCAG Staff).	Completed and submitted funding applications; approved programs of projects.	Biannual
Coordinate with Butte OEM, EOC Logistics, and CalOES to align with the Butte County Emergency Management Plan (BCAG Staff).	Emergency coordination plans; documented activities, agreements.	As requested/Agreement Term
Implement B-Line Marketing Plan, route adjustments and stop upgrades/elimination (BCAG Staff)	Implementation reports; upgraded routes and revised stop infrastructure.	Ongoing
Continue coordinating and adjusting Microtransit and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (BCAG Staff/Consultant).	Microtransit and NEMT operational updates; service adjustments summary.	Ongoing
Continue updating and integrating key planning documents into a single, comprehensive document (BCAG Staff).	Consolidated Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan, regional transit and multimodal transportation planning document.	Ongoing

Continue deployment of mobile ticketing and on-demand software to enhance rider convenience and expand services (BCAG Staff).	Fully operational mobile ticketing platform and expanded on-demand services.	Ongoing
Develop regional/ intercity service between Chico and Sacramento(BCAG Staff)	Chico to Sacramento service plan	December 2026
Begin assessment and development of a plan for a multimodal hub project in Butte County to integrate various modes of transportation locally and inter-regionally.(BCAG Staff – TIRCP)	Concept plan and feasibility study for multimodal hub project.	January 2027

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Executive Director	2.0
Transportation Analyst - Proctor	3.0
Transportation Grants Manager	5.5
Planning Director	3.0
Transportation Analyst - White	3.0
TOTAL	**16.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
FHWA PL	$311,798	Personnel	$225,179
CRRSAA	$93,164	Consultant	$200,000
		Indirect Costs	$211,131
FTA 5303	$88,985		
TIRCP	$67,846		
25/26 FTA 5303 Carryover	$20,000		
LTF Local Match	$54,517		
TOTAL	**$636,310**	**TOTAL**	**$636,310**

27-302 - BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

Objective:
To provide administrative oversight, serve as the policy-making board, and ensure safe, efficient, and cost-effective public transit services that enhance mobility and quality of life for Butte County residents. These tasks and services are funded under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971.

Description:
Since FY 2005/06, BCAG has served as the administrative staff and policy-making body for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line). B-Line provides public transit connecting urban and rural areas across Butte County and offers paratransit services within urban areas. This work element reflects BCAG staff time dedicated to B-Line operations. The FY 2026/27 Butte Regional Service Plan & Budget is documented separately from this OWP.

Previous Work:
In FY 2001/02, BCAG assumed day-to-day planning responsibilities for the region's public transit systems, previously operated by local municipalities (Butte County Transit, Chico Area Transit, Chico Clipper, Oroville Area Transit, Oroville Express, and Paradise Express). In December 2004, the Joint Powers Agreement was amended, granting BCAG policy-making authority over the consolidated transit service. B-Line services commenced on July 5, 2005.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Supervise contractor on day-to-day administrative issues for B-Line service (BCAG Staff)	Compliance Reports and Contractor Performance Evaluations	Daily/Monthly
Monthly meetings with Transdev operations, safety, maintenance, and Human Resources staff(BCAG Staff)	Meeting Minutes and Action Plans	Monthly
Work with cities, town, and county on transit operational issues (BCAG Staff)	Resolved Operational Issues and Collaboration/Documentation	Ongoing
Implement budget, Service Plan, invoicing, and reporting requirements for transit operations (BCAG Staff)	Approved Budgets, Service Plan Updates, and Financial Reports	Ongoing
Monitor contract and data requirements with Chico State University (BCAG Staff)	Compliance Reports and Data Sharing Agreements	Ongoing
Meet with BCAG Board of Directors on policy items (BCAG Staff)	Policy Recommendations and Board Meeting Summaries	Monthly
Coordinate with Butte EOC Logistics Team	Emergency Response Plans and Coordination Records	As Needed
Monitor, plan, and budget replacement of transit revenue fleet vehicles (BCAG Staff)	Fleet Replacement Plans and Budget Proposals	Quarterly/Annually
Coordinate with local, State, and Federal agencies and stakeholders to promote public transit (BCAG Staff)	Stakeholder Engagement Reports and Public Outreach Materials	Quarterly
Customer service and ticket sales(BCAG Staff)	Customer Feedback Records and Ticket Sales Reports	Ongoing

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Accounting Clerk	2.0
Executive Director	3.0
Human Resource Director	1.5
Administrative Assistant	4.0
Transportation Grants Manager	3.5
Transportation Analyst - Proctor	6.0
Transportation Analyst - White	3.5
Chief Fiscal Officer	1.0
IT Manager	8.0
TOTAL	**32.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Butte Regional Transit	$700,000	Personnel	$394,950
LTF Local Match	$65,262	Indirect Costs	$370,312
TOTAL	**$765,262**	**TOTAL**	**$765,262**

27-303 - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Objective:: Administration and implementation of the eligibility and certification process for individuals wishing to utilize B-Line ADA Paratransit or Dial-a-Ride services. These tasks and services are funded under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971.

Description: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that B-Line provide complementary paratransit service to individuals that are unable to utilize the fixed route bus system. B-Line provides this service to disabled and senior citizens within a three-quarter mile boundary of the fixed route bus system in Chico, Oroville and Paradise. The Federal Transit Administration has outlined specific eligibility rules and requirements for this paratransit service.

Previous Work:
BCAG has been administering an eligibility process in-house since the 2010/11 FY to meet these requirements. BCAG will continue to implement the program during FY 2026/27 to ensure federal requirements are being met while also providing a high level of customer service.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Prepare and distribute ADA Paratransit applications(BCAG Staff)	ADA Paratransit Applications	Ongoing
Evaluate applications and make eligibility determinations (BCAG Staff)	Eligibility Determination Records	Ongoing
Maintain electronic database of eligible riders that coordinates with contractor software (BCAG Staff)	Updated Rider Database & Integrate with Scheduling Software	Ongoing
Enforce Paratransit policies (BCAG Staff)	Suspension Notices and Appeal Outcome Reports	Ongoing
Send correspondence to rider (BCAG Staff)s	Rider Communication Logs and Copies of Correspondence	Ongoing
Review statutes, rules and regulations, and pending legislation (BCAG Staff)	Regulatory Compliance Reports and Legislative Updates	Quarterly

STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Human Resources Director	0.5
Administrative Assistant	2.0
Transportation Analyst - White	1.0
TOTAL	**3.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Butte Regional Transit	$35,000	Personnel	$31,178
LTF Local Match	$25,411	Indirect Costs	$29,233
TOTAL	**$60,411**	**TOTAL**	**$60,411**

27-308 - B-LINE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Objective:
To implement a phased Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Implementation and Operations Plan for the Butte Regional Transit System, ensuring compliance with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulations adopted in August 2023. Tasks and resources under this work element are funded through *FTA 5303, State Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM) under the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the Zero Emissions Transit Capital Program (ZETCP)*.

Description:
The CARB Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation targets major emission reductions from California's transportation sector, which produces 40% of the state's greenhouse gases and up to 90% of smog-forming pollutants. Transitioning to zero-emission technologies is essential for meeting climate and air quality goals. From 2020 to 2050, ICT is projected to cut emissions by 19 million metric tons—equal to removing 4 million cars—and significantly reduce tailpipe pollutants. California's 200 transit agencies play a key role, increasingly deploying battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell buses, especially in urban areas where pollution and noise are most severe and stop-and-go traffic amplifies fuel waste. In FY 2026/27, BCAG will focus on:

- Continuing research into zero-emission bus technologies.
- Manage and expand electric bus charging and plan for hydrogen fueling infrastructure at the BROC facility.
- Identifying funding opportunities for further implementation.
- Continue investigating energy storage solutions for onsite solar power generation

Previous Work:
In August 2023, BCAG completed its Zero-Emission Bus Fleet Transition Plan, outlining the roadmap for achieving a zero-emission fleet by 2040. The plan addresses challenges related to electric service, hydrogen supply, charging systems, routing, scheduling, and maintenance. Progress to date includes:

- Completion of underground electric infrastructure.
- Commissioning and use of electric chargers for ZEbs
- Guidance for implementing zero-emission technologies across the B-Line fleet.

TASKS	PRODUCTS	SCHEDULE
Continue operating zero-emission buses on fixed route(BCAG Staff)	Operation of zero emission fixed route service	Daily
Refine and update bus replacement schedule for transition to zero-emission buses (BCAG Staff)	Updated Zero-Emission Bus Replacement Schedule	Quarterly
Identify funding programs for bus and charging/fueling infrastructure expansion and acquisition (BCAG Staff)	Funding Applications, Grant Proposals and Consultant Contracts	Quarterly
Attend ZEB workshops and site visits(BCAG Staff)	Workshop Summaries and Implementation Insights	As Needed
Coordinate with partnering agencies on ZEB capital and operating needs (BCAG Staff)	Coordination Reports and Capital/Operating Plans	As Needed
Continue coordination with contractors and vendors electric and energy storage infrastructure (BCAG Staff/Consultant)	Progress Reports on Infrastructure Development	As Needed
Purchase zero-emission buses, charging equipment, and facility upgrades/equipment (BCAG Staff)	Acquisition Records and Deployment Documentation	Annually

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STAFFING	PERSON MONTHS
Executive Director	0.5
Facilities Manager	1.0
TOTAL	**1.5**

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
PPM	$49,257	Personnel	$25,421
TIRCP/ZETCP	$50,000	Indirect Costs	$23,836
		Consultant	$50,000
TOTAL	**$99,257**	**TOTAL**	**$99,257**

SECTION 4 - Appendices

Transportation Advisory Committee

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Transit Administrative Oversight Committee

2020 U.S. Census Chico Urbanized Area Map

MPO Planning Area Boundary Map

Certifications and Assurances

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2023 Triennial Review Report (FY 2019.2020 – FY 2021/2022)

Public Participation Plan (Separate Document)

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Jeannie Schroeder - Mains'l Services Inc. *Representative of the local social service providers for seniors, the disabled and for persons of limited means*

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Mary Neumann - Passages Adult Resource Center - *Representative of the local social service providers for seniors, the disabled and for persons of limited means*

Michael Harding – We Care A Lot Foundation – FNRC - *Representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means*

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Debra Connors - *Citizen – Chico transit user who is disabled*

Linda Cartier – *Citizen – Chico transit user who is 60 years of age or older and is disabled*

Marcella Seay – *Citizen – Magalia transit user who is 60 years of age or older*

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Larry Pohlad – *Citizen – Chico - transit user who is 60 years of age or older and is disabled*

Connie Stahl – *Citizen – Chico - transit user who is 60 years of age or older and is disabled*

Judy Barclay – *Citizen – Chico - transit user who is disabled*

Mercedes Macias - *Citizen – Chico At large appointment*

Lymarie Gonzalez - *Citizen – Chico At large appointment*

George Deeds - *Citizen – Chico At large appointment*

Mellisa Orsie-Wilson – Citizen Biggs *At large appointment*

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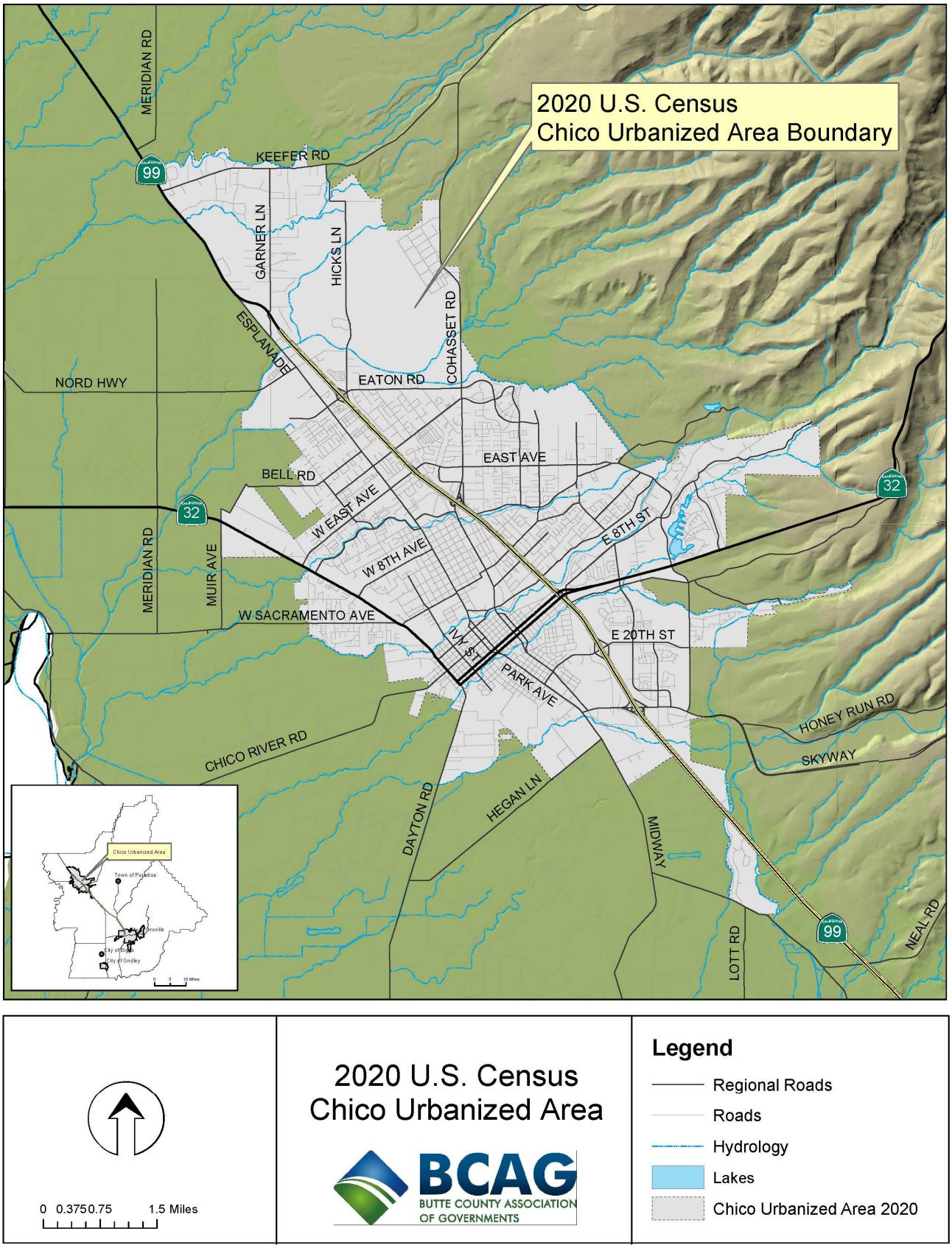
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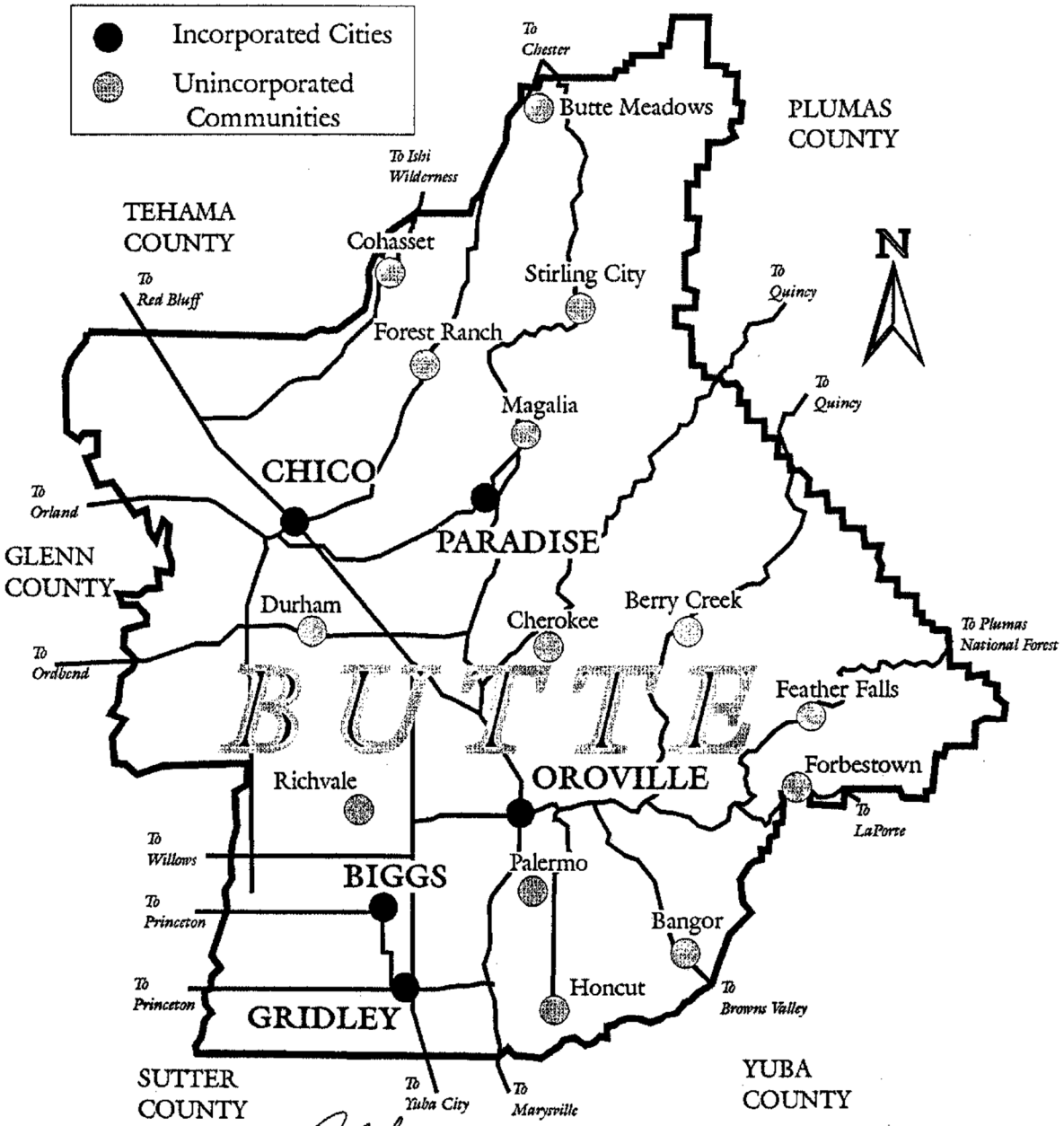
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2020 U.S. Census
Chico Urbanized Area Boundary
MERIDIAN RD
KEEFER RD
99
GARNER LN
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NORD HWY
EATON RD
EAST AVE
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SKYWAY
CHICO RIVER RD
DAYTON RD
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