



AGENDA

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

**Monday – February 24, 2025
11:00 a.m.**

Meeting will be held in person and on Zoom via video conference call, or call in

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85308640541?pwd=EWtK107N9RPtV5bmxoPgON4yjuAsMF.1>

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Call in number: +1 669 900 6833**

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

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- 1. Introductions**
 - 2. SSTAC Minutes – January 22, 2024**
 - 3. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2025/26**
 - 4. Transit Updates and Other Items for discussion**



ITEM # 2

Butte County Association of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Jay Coughlin	Butte County DESS
Mary Neumann	Passages
Ron Ullman	Citizen-Oroville
Michael Harding	We Care A Lot Foundation/FNRC
David Wilkinson	Citizen-Chico
Judy Barclay (10:18 am)	Citizen-Chico

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marta De Los Santos	Mains'l Services Inc.
Linda Cartier	Citizen-Chico
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico
Kristy Malloy	Paradise Medical Group
Jeannie Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc.
Talmadge House	Disability Action Center
Tara Sullivan Hames	Butte 211
Marcella Seay	Citizen-Magalia
Seth Klobodu	California State University, Chico
Larry Pohlad	Citizen-Chico
Connie Stahl	Citizen-Chico

STAFF PRESENT

Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Amy White	Assistant Planner
Sara Cain	Transit Manager
Victoria Proctor	Associate Planner
Iván García	Programming Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Dianne Wilkinson	Citizen-Chico
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The following minutes are a summary of the SSTAC meeting.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) was held in person and via Zoom on January 22, 2024. Staff listed were present at the BCAG office at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 in Chico, California. The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was recorded on Zoom, and made available to the public via YouTube.

Item #1 – Introductions

The meeting started off with each person present stating their name and agency, if any, they are affiliated with. All attendees logged in to the meeting via Zoom.

Item #2 – SSTAC Minutes – Minutes from January 9, 2023

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

Item #3 – Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2024/25

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. The annual public UTN hearing took place prior to the regular BCAG Board Meeting on December 7, 2023. Although there are unmet transit needs, there were no unmet transit needs that were found under the definition to be reasonable to meet. Therefore, no findings were made.

Staff walked the council through the comments received and answered general questions about the nature of the document and how comments were solicited. Staff emphasized that

Motion to approve was initiated by Andy Newsum, additionally motioned by Councilmember Coughlin and seconded by Councilmember Sullivan-Hames. The Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2023/24 was unanimously approved.

Item #4 – Other Items for Discussion

Fare Structure Changes

Staff updated the Council on the updates to simplify the fare structure for the B-Line. The 2-ride passes, and student/youth passes have been removed from circulation. This simplifies the fare structure so that there are only two options for fixed route (regular and discount) and removes underutilized passes from sale.

Staff did note that some organizations are unhappy with the change, however there are other pass types that can fill the gap of the 2-rides. Token Transit is also an option for purchasing single rides for later use, and the 10-ride pass is still available for those who want it. Staff also sells 1-ride Regional passes to agencies upon request.

Route Optimization Study Updates

The Routing Study has been completed and Staff updated the Council on the changes that have been started as a result of that Study. Of note, the re-routing of Route 17 was highlighted. It now travels southbound on Fair Street rather than Martin Luther King Jr, to better service the Jesus Center and businesses along Fair Street. Feedback on this change has been largely positive.

Further changes as a result of the Routing Study are planned for implementation in Fiscal Year 2024/25 and beyond.

Other Items

Mr. García updated the Council on the annual updates for the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS), which is a general plan for transportation growth over the next 20 years. He encouraged the Council to bring forward any projects or potential projects that they notice around the area that could be beneficial to improving any mode of transit, including pedestrian walkways, bike paths, and streets and roads.

Councilmember Barclay joined at this time. Staff took the opportunity to review everything that was missed and record comments. Councilmember Barclay identified the bridge at Mangrove and E Lindo as a safety concern for pedestrians. It is not ADA compliant and adds unnecessary risk and length to trips taken by those in wheelchairs or mobility aids.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.



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Item #3 Action

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UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2025/26

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Transportation Analyst

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment each year as the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County.

DISCUSSION: Each year, BCAG must identify any unmet public transit needs that may exist in Butte County in order to receive state funding. If unmet transit needs are found, a further determination must be made as to whether those needs are reasonable to meet. All unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet must be met before TDA funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Testimony was collected during a 30-day outreach period where the public were encouraged to provide input via mail, email, phone, as well as an online comment form on the B-Line web page. The outreach period culminated with a public hearing before the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2024. This comment period, along with the culminating public hearing, was promoted in local newspapers, on all transit buses and on the Internet at both the BCAG and B-Line web site, as well as on the Butte Regional Transit Facebook page. In addition, the notice was emailed to community social service agencies. Attached is the Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment – 2025/26. The Assessment examines transit dependent groups, adequacy of existing transit services, a detailed summary of the public testimony received during this year's outreach process, and staff's analysis of whether the testimony meets the definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet.

If the BCAG Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, the affected jurisdiction must satisfy those needs before any TDA funds may be expended for non-transit purposes.

Based on the testimony and analysis with the adopted definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet, the BCAG Board of Directors is **required** to make one of three findings:



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Item #4 Information

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TRANSIT UPDATES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PREPARED BY: Victoria Proctor, Transportation Analyst

- Technology Improvements
- Marketing B-Line to local audiences: Partnerships and best practices
- Other Items