



BCAG Board of Directors

Agenda Item #3 – Consent

Date: May 28, 2026

Subject: DRAFT Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors April 23, 2026

Contact: Ashley Carriere, Administrative Assistant

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG’s office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Zach Brown	Councilmember	City of Biggs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5

STAFF PRESENT

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

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OTHERS PRESENT

Dawson Stroud
David Kehn
John Stonebraker

Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison
City of Chico
Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2026 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Resolution 2025/26-08 for the Butte County Association of Governments Findings on Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2026/2027
5. Approval of Resolution 2025-26-09 – Butte County Association of Governments Public Participation Plan 2026 Update

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION –

6: Approval of Resolution 2025/26-10 BCAG Final 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget.

The Executive Director presented the final 2026/27 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget for Board consideration. As the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County, BCAG is required to annually prepare the OWP and Budget identifying federal, state, and local transportation planning responsibilities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Staff reported that revisions were made following agency review of the Draft OWP and Budget submitted to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on February 28, 2026. The final 2026/27 OWP and Budget identifies twenty (20) work elements addressing state and federal planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects, and Butte Regional Transit administration activities.

The proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 totals \$4,475,956.

Board members discussed the scope of work elements and acknowledged the importance of maintaining compliance with state and federal transportation planning requirements.

Following discussion, the Board approved the final 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget as presented.

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Goldstein, approval or Resolution 2025/26

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Chico to Sacramento Intercity Bus Service Update

Staff provided an update regarding ongoing efforts to initiate a new intercity bus service between Chico and Sacramento.

Staff reported that bus procurement orders were completed earlier this year and were recently modified to include ADA lifts and USB-A and USB-C charging capabilities on each vehicle. Due to the addition of ADA lifts, seating capacity on each bus will be reduced from 32 to 28 seats.

An update was also provided regarding coordination with the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP), a Caltrans-administered program, to implement a “tap-to-pay” fare payment system for all six buses operating on the Chico to Sacramento route. Staff explained that the system will allow riders to pay fares by tapping credit/debit cards, smartphones, or smartwatches upon boarding and exiting the bus, eliminating the need for advance ticket purchases. Buses will also include Diamond fareboxes for passengers wishing to pay with cash.

Staff noted that the tap-to-pay system is already being implemented by several transit agencies throughout California, including Sacramento Regional Transit and the Amtrak Capitol Corridor, allowing for improved regional transit connectivity and seamless rider transfers.

The Board was informed that staff have developed a draft Master Service Agreement with Caltrans and are currently soliciting bids from qualified vendors for Payment Acceptance Devices and associated technologies. Bid submissions are due May 1, 2026.

Staff further reported that coordination efforts continue with partner agencies to finalize agreements, integrate the service with existing transit systems, refine weekday and weekend schedules, and coordinate implementation details with Transdev. Marketing efforts are expected to begin approximately three months prior to the launch of service.

The Board received and filed the update, and staff indicated they would continue providing progress reports as implementation efforts move forward.

This item was presented for information purposes.

8: Butte Regional Transit Routing Study Outreach

Staff provided an update regarding the ongoing fixed route transit study being conducted in partnership with Jarrett Walker + Associates for the cities of Chico and Oroville. Work will continue to evaluate existing fixed route transit services and identify opportunities for system improvements. As part of the study process, the first two public outreach events have been scheduled for mid-May 2026.

The Board was informed that the outreach events are intended to gather input from key stakeholders, transit riders, and community members regarding current transit needs, service

challenges, and potential improvements. Details regarding event formats and intended audiences were included in the accompanying staff report.

Board members discussed the importance of public participation and community feedback in shaping future transit service recommendations. Staff will provide additional outreach and study updates as the project progresses.

This item was presented for information purposes.

9: Butte Regional Transit Paratransit Updates

Staff reported that the Regional Paratransit Operating Plan has been completed in coordination with AMMA Transit Planning to update operating parameters for B-Line Plus paratransit service within Butte County.

Two major changes were highlighted resulting from the updated plan. First, regional paratransit service will now be provided for medical appointments between jurisdictions within Butte County. Second, fares for supplemental local service zones will be reduced in an effort to improve affordability and accessibility for riders.

The full Regional Paratransit Operating Plan is available through B-Line Transit, with additional details regarding the proposed service and fare modifications included in the attached staff report.

Board members discussed the anticipated benefits of improved regional medical transportation access and reduced fare costs for paratransit users throughout the county. Staff indicated that implementation efforts would continue in accordance with the updated operating plan.

This item was presented for information purposes.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

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

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Attest:

Andy Newsum, Executive Director

Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk

Butte County Association of Governments