



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #3 – Consent

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** APPROVED Meeting Minutes of the Butte County Association of Governments Board of Directors March 26, 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 9:02 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
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
David Pittman	Mayor	City of Oroville
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember	City of Chico
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Peter Durfee	Supervisor	District 2
Zach Brown	Councilmember	City of Biggs

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember	Town of Paradise

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Andy Newsum	Executive Director
Amy White	Transportation Analyst
Ashley Carriere	Administrative Assistant
Victoria Proctor	Transportation Analyst
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Sara Cain	Transportation Grants Manager
Ivan Garcia	Programming Director

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### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Lance Atencio  
Dawson Stroud  
Bikram Khalon  
Jesse Horgan  
John Stonebraker  
Kathy Chambers

Transdev  
Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison  
Caltrans  
Chico State (In-Person)  
Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)  
Moore & Associates

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2026 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Resolution 2025-26-07 for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for B-Line Free Fares and Marketing
5. Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/27 Preliminary Findings of Apportionment for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds.

On motion by Board Member Pittman and seconded by Board Member Teeter, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION –**

#### **6: Acceptance of BCAG Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits for the Cities, Town and County for the Year Ending June 30, 2025**

BCAG is required to prepare a fiscal audit annually. In addition, BCAG prepares the fiscal and compliance audits for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claimants for both Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. BCAG's fiscal audit and the TDA audits were presented to the Board for acceptance.

In accordance with State and Federal regulations, BCAG's financial statements and supplemental information were audited by independent auditors, Richardson & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The completed audits will be submitted to the Federal Clearinghouse, State Controller's Office, and Caltrans.

PDF copies of the BCAG audit were previously distributed to all Board members via email. Ingrid Shepline, representing Richardson & Company, was available to review the audit and respond to questions from the Board.

It was further reported that BCAG annually budgets for the preparation of required TDA audits for each claimant. These audits address the receipt and use of TDA funds utilized for transportation projects for each city, the town, the county, and the Gridley Senior Taxi Fund. Board members were provided PDF copies of their respective jurisdiction's TDA audit via email.

The only findings identified in the TDA audits are related to the Gridley TDA Fund and the Gridley Senior Taxi Fund. These findings indicated a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting due to improper recording of TDA revenue

On motion by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Goldstein, acceptance of BCAG Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits for the Cities, Town and County for the year ending June 30, 2025.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7: BCAG Draft 2026/27 Overall Work Program & Budget**

It was reported that, as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County, BCAG is required to prepare an annual Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget identifying Federal, State, and Local transportation planning responsibilities to be undertaken during the coming fiscal year.

The Executive Director prepared the draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget and submitted the document to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on February 27 for review and comment. The draft document was also made available electronically to Board members.

It was noted that the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), originally formed in 1969, is a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) between the County of Butte and the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, and the Town of Paradise. The primary roles of BCAG are as follows:

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
- Butte Regional Transit Policy Board and Operator
- Area-Wide Clearinghouse
- Census Affiliate Data Center
- Butte Regional Transportation Corporation (BRTC)

Staff further reported that the draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 OWP and Budget identifies twenty (20) specific work elements addressing state and federal planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects, and administrative activities for Butte Regional Transit.

The proposed draft operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 totals \$4,457,747.

This item was presented for information purposes.

### **8: Butte Regional Transit-Draft 2026/27 Service Plan and Budget**

BCAG is responsible for preparing the Annual Service Plan and Budget for the operating and capital expenses of B-Line transit services.

Staff presented the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) Service Plan and Budget, which was made available on the BCAG website for review.

Staff reported that on March 5, 2026, BCAG staff met with the Transit Administrative Oversight Committee (TAOC) to review the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Service Plan and Budget. The TAOC is comprised of representatives from the cities, town, and county finance and public works departments. It was noted that no changes were requested by the committee following their review.

Staff further reported that the Final Fiscal Year 2026/27 Service Plan and Budget will be presented to the BCAG Board of Directors for approval at the May Board meeting.

The Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 B-Line Budget identifies a total operating budget of \$14,630,043 for both fixed-route and paratransit services. The Draft Budget reflects an increase of \$1,166,628, or 8.7 percent, compared to the prior fiscal year. A summary of the Draft Service Plan and Budget was provided as an attachment to the agenda materials.

This item was presented for information purposes.

### **9: BCAG Federal Lobbying Platform-The Ferguson Group**

Staff reported that BCAG maintains an agreement with the federal lobbying firm, The Ferguson Group, in partnership with the County of Butte. This annual agreement supports maintaining an effective presence in Washington, D.C., with the region's congressional delegation and federal transportation agencies that oversee funding for BCAG and Butte County transportation initiatives and projects.

It was noted that the agreement is funded locally and supports all jurisdictions participating in the BCAG Joint Powers Agreement.

Staff further reported that BCAG's federal lobbying priorities for Fiscal Year 2026/27 will proceed under an agreement extension of up to two years. The priorities will focus on the following items:

- Protecting and, if possible, increasing Federal Planning funds in the next federal transportation bill, which is scheduled to be adopted by July 1, 2026.
- Streamlining and increasing the flow of federal transportation funds to local agencies.

Staff indicated that updates regarding federal lobbying efforts and progress toward these priorities will continue to be provided to the Board of Directors as information becomes available

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 10:19am AM.

### **Attest:**

*Andy Newsum, Executive Director*

*Ashley Carriere, Board Clerk*

*Butte County Association of Governments*