

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF GOVERNMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2026

## Acronyms for Butte County Association of Governments

ACRONYM	MEANING
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers
AFR	Accident Frequency Ratio
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
ARB	Air Resource Board
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Location
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments
BRT	Butte Regional Transit/B-Line
Cal+A3:B51	Assembly Bill
CALCOG	California Association Council of Governments
CalSTA	California State Transportation Agency
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CAPTI	Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure
CARB	California Air Resource Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
CON	Construction
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTIPS	California Transportation Improvement Program System
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DOT	Department of Transportation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EMFAC	Emissions Factors
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
FY	Fiscal Year
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Program
GhG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIC	Geographical Information Center
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positional Satellite
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IIP	Interregional Improvement Program
IPG	Intermodal Planning Group
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LCTOP	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS	National Air Quality Standards
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (Also NOAA Fisheries)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (Also NMFS)

ACRONYM	MEANING
OWP	Overall Work Program
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Document
PDT	Project Development Team
PEER	Permit Engineering Evaluation Report
PL	Federal Planning Funds
PLH	Public Lands Highway
PPH	Passengers Per Revenue Hour
PPM	Planning Programming & Monitoring
PPNO	Project Programming Number
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
PUC	Public Utilities Code
R/W	Right of Way
REAP	Regional early Action Planning
RFP	Request for Proposals
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RHNP	Regional Housing Needs Plan
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RTAC	Regional Target Advisory Committee
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SCEA	Sustainable Community Environmental Assessment
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
SDP	Strategic Deployment Plan
SGR	State of Good Repair
SHOPP	State Highway Operation Protection Program
SSTAC	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
STA	State Transit Assistance
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAOC	Transit Administrative Oversight Committee
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TE	Transportation Enhancements
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TIRCP	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
TPP	Transit Priority Project
TSGP	Transit Security Grant Program
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
WE	Work Element
ZETCP	Zero Emission Transit Capital Program



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Supervisor, District 1  
Director

Andy Newsum  
Executive Director

Bryce Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Councilmember, Chico

## BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Durfee  
Supervisor, District 2

Regular Meeting Agenda  
April 23, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

Tami Ritter  
Supervisor, District 3

### Meeting Location:

Tod Kimmelshue  
Supervisor, District 4

Butte County Association of Governments Board Room  
326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928

Doug Teeter  
Supervisor, District 5

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via Zoom through the following link:

Zack Brown  
Councilmember, Biggs

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Bruce Johnson  
Councilmember, Gridley

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David Pittman  
Mayor, Oroville

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Ron Lassonde  
Councilmember, Paradise

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

## **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7. Chico to Sacramento Intercity Bus Service Update - **Chris**
8. Butte Regional Transit Routing Study Outreach – **Victoria**
9. Butte Regional Transit Paratransit Updates – **Victoria**

### **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. Handouts presented by speakers are to be distributed to the Board by the Clerk of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT** The next meeting of the BCAG Board of Directors has been scheduled for May 28, 2026, at the BCAG Board Room & via Zoom.

**Meetings held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 9 a.m., unless otherwise notified**

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #3



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #3 – Consent

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** DRAFT 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

## Agenda Item #3 – Consent

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Lance Atencio	Transdev
Dawson Stroud	Caltrans/ District 3 Liaison
Bikram Khalon	Caltrans
Jesse Horgan	Chico State (In-Person)
John Stonebraker	Upper Ridge Community Council (In-Person)
Kathy Chambers	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*

BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #4



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #4 - Action

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Approval of Resolution 2025/26-08 for the Butte County Association of Governments Findings on Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2026/27

**Contact:** Amy White, Transportation Analyst

**Summary:** As the administrator for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County, BCAG is required to annually compile and submit an Unmet Transit Needs Assessment to the State.

Outreach began on October 23, 2025, culminating in a public hearing before the Board of Directors on December 11, 2025. Comments were received via social media, email, letters, and phone. The resulting assessment and findings can be found here:

<https://www.blinetransit.com/files/79c349502/2627+Transit+Needs+Assessment+draft+2.pdf>

Staff met with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on April 13, 2026, to review draft findings. The SSTAC approved and recommends the BCAG Board of Directors approve the finding that **there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet**. This finding is required before TDA funds can be used for streets and roads after public transit has been fully funded.

**Action requested:** Adopt Resolution 2025/26-08 approving the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings stating there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

**Attachment:** Resolution 2025/26-08

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
FINDINGS ON UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

**WHEREAS**, PUC § 99401.5 requires that prior to making any allocation of Transportation Development Act funds not directly for public transportation purposes, that any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet shall be funded;

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments has adopted definitions of “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet”;

**WHEREAS**, PUC § 99401.5 specifically describes the procedures required prior to making the unmet transit needs findings;

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments has complied with all required procedures, including establishment and consultation with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, preparation of an Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, and the solicitation of public input, including a public hearing;

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments is required to make one of three findings:

1. There are no unmet transit needs,
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet,
3. There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that **there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet** for B-Line fixed route service;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that based on the definitions of “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” adopted by the Board of Directors on October 23, 2003 and the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment – FY 2026/2027, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, the Butte County Association of Governments finds that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for B-Line fixed route service.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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ANDY NEWSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #5



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #5 – Consent

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Approval of Resolution 2025/26-09 BCAG Public Participation Plan 2026

**Contact:** Update Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

**Summary:** BCAG’s Public Participation Plan (PPP) documents the agency’s approach for providing timely notice, meaningful opportunities for input, and reasonable access to information as BCAG develops and adopts regional transportation plans and programs. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County, the PPP guides how the public, stakeholders, and partner agencies participate in key decision points for documents such as the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This update modernizes the PPP to reflect current federal and state planning expectations and to improve clarity, consistency, and usability. Key updates include refreshed compliance language aligned with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), strengthened Title VI, Limited English Proficiency, Environmental Justice, and ADA accessibility provisions, clarification of remote and hybrid meeting practices consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, and streamlined goals, objectives, and policies. Overall, the update enhances transparency and clearly describes how BCAG engages all communities, including traditionally underserved populations, throughout the transportation planning process.

**Action(s) requested:** Approve Resolution 2025/26–09 BCAG Public Participation Plan 2026 Update

**Attachments:**

- Staff Report
- Public Participation Plan (<https://www.bcag.org/public-participation-plan>)

## Agenda Item #5– Consent

### Staff Report:

The BCAG Public Participation Plan was first developed in 2004 and titled the “Public Involvement Document” It has undergone several updates over the years with successive Federal and State Transportation Legislation. This current update incorporates several items not addressed in previous revisions. A summary of the changes to bring the document current are as follows:

#### A. Federal and State Compliance Updates

- Updated the compliance section to reflect the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)** as the current federal framework and to emphasize early, continuous, documented public participation consistent with federal planning requirements and Caltrans MPO certification expectations.
- Clarified required participation elements (accessible meetings, visualization, electronic access to materials, documentation of outreach, and response to input) and strengthened the narrative connection to certification/oversight reviews.

#### B. Title VI / Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Modernization

- Revised Title VI section to clearly reference nondiscrimination responsibilities and **LEP meaningful access** commitments, including use of language assistance and translated materials “when appropriate” and “upon request.”
- Updated and clarified the FTA Title VI reference to **FTA Circular 4702.1B** and added internal cross-references to Sections IV and V for implementation detail.

#### C. Environmental Justice (EJ) Update

- Expanded Environmental Justice discussion to reflect current federal emphasis on equity and meaningful engagement, including reference to more recent Executive Orders and integration with Title VI/LEP outreach practices.

#### D. ADA and Digital Accessibility Enhancements

- Added an **ADA and Digital Accessibility** subsection in the compliance section and strengthened Section IV accommodations language to address **alternative formats** and accessible posting of key materials when available.

## **E. Remote Meetings / Brown Act Modernization**

- Added and clarified **remote and hybrid meeting** language under Section IV, stating BCAG may provide remote/hybrid options when permitted and will comply with applicable Brown Act requirements and notice instructions for public participation.

## **F. Goals, Objectives, and Policies – Streamlined for Clarity**

- Edited Objectives and Policies for improved consistency and readability, including clearer “Public Access” and “Public Outreach” policy statements and standardized language regarding notice, access, ADA accommodations, and LEP considerations.

## **G. Outreach and Committee Sections – Consistency and Structure**

- Rewrote Section V to align with the updated compliance framework and to clearly describe outreach to traditionally underserved populations, Tribal Governments, resource agencies, and stakeholders, with cross-references to Sections II and IV.
- Updated Section VI committee descriptions for clearer roles, consistent terminology, and explicit linkage to public participation and decision-making.

## **H. Measures of Effectiveness**

- Updated Section VII to clarify evaluation purpose, list measures of effectiveness, and link results to annual PPP review and continuous improvement.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) 2026 Update was distributed to the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee for review and comment and the local Tribal Governments were mailed a formal government to government notification of this PPP update. A public workshop was held on April 8, 2026.



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**ADOPTION OF THE 2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 134(d) and 23 CFR Section 450.310; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 134 and 23 CFR Section 450.316, the Butte County Association of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required to develop, provide for, and use a documented Public Participation Plan (PPP) in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, in implementing its public participation procedures, BCAG will provide for nondiscrimination and meaningful access to information and decision-making consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.) and its implementing regulations (49 CFR Part 21), Environmental Justice principles (including Executive Order 12898), Limited English Proficiency requirements (including Executive Order 13166), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 PPP has been developed in consultation with BCAG's advisory committees including the Transportation Advisory Committee, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, federal and state agencies and the public;

**WHEREAS**, prior to approval the 2026 PPP has been noticed for a minimum 45-day public review comment period prior to adoption and represents an update to the 2022 PPP including recommended public engagement events and recommended outreach protocols post COVID 19;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, does hereby adopt the Public Participation Plan as revised for 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the interest of project delivery, the Butte County Association of Governments authorizes its staff to make minor technical corrections in cooperation with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration as needed to ensure the timely submittal of the Public Participation Plan.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 23rd day of April 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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ANDY NEWSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #6



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #6– Action

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Approval of Resolution No. 2025/26-10 BCAG Final 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget

**Contact:** Andy Newsum, Executive Director

**Summary:** 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) & Budget to identify Federal, State and Local transportation planning responsibilities to be undertaken for the coming fiscal year.

The Executive Director has made revisions and prepared the final 2026/27 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget, following review of the Draft OWP and budget submitted to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The final 2026/27 OWP and is available at the following link: [2026/27 FINAL OWP and Budget](#)

BCAG's final 2026/27 OWP & Budget identifies twenty (20) specific work elements addressing state and federal planning requirements, regional transportation planning needs, capital projects and administration for Butte Regional Transit and has a proposed operating budget of **\$4,475,956.**

**Action requested:** Approve 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget and authorize Chair to sign Resolution 2025/26-10.

**Attachment:** 2026/27 Overall Work Program and Budget (Summary). Full document available at above stated link.

## **Agenda Item #6– Action Staff Report**

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. The main roles and responsibilities of BCAG are 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 is expected to cease operation of any current project activity, yet remain intact for future specific applications as may be deemed necessary.

## 2026/27 OWP Work Elements:

### Transportation Planning Work Elements:

- 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) Development
- 27-106 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- 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 & Programming
- 27-128 SB1 26/27 Sustainable Transportation Planning

Transportation Project Development: No Work Elements for 2026/27

### TDA/Transit Planning & Coordination Work Elements

- 27-300 Transportation Development Act Administration
- 27-301 Transit Systems Planning & Coordination
- 27-302 Butte Regional Transit Administration & Operations
- 27-303 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Certification Program
- 27-308 Zero Emission Vehicle Charging and Energy Storage Systems Plan

## 2026/27 OWP BUDGET

The final budget for implementing the 2026/27 Overall Work Program is projected to be **\$4,475,956**, and is defined as follows:

### **EXPENDITURES**

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 2,385,546
Services, Supplies & Other Expenditures	\$ 379,054
Professional Services Contracts	\$ 1,711,356
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,475,956</b>

### **REVENUES**

Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL)	\$ 1,051,996
Federal Transit Administration 5303 Funds	\$ 133,217
SB 1 Planning Grant 2026/27	\$ 180,300
FTA 5307 Planning	
Housing Community Development (HCD) REAP Funds	\$ 1,036,290
TDA Administration	\$ 203,055
TDA Planning (Local Match)	\$ 469,264
STIP Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM)	\$ 170,000
New Market Tax Credit – Interest Income	\$ 0
Butte Regional Transit - Operations	\$ 853,661
Transit Intercity Rail and Capital Improvement (TIRCP)	0
Zero Emissions Transit Capital (ZETCP)	\$ 0
CRRSSA Funds	\$ 378,173
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,475,956</b>

**Staffing for 2026/27:**

BCAG currently has a staff of thirteen (13); twelve (12) full-time and one (1) part-time employee. During the latter part of the 2025/26 FY, the Executive Director hired an IT Manager. During the 2026/27 FY, the Executive Director is proposing to add no new staff.

**Review with Federal Highway Administration – Federal Transit Administration – Caltrans:**

A draft of the 2026/27 OWP & Budget was submitted to FHWA, FTA and Caltrans for review and comments. Prior to preparing the draft 2026/27 OWP & Budget, staff met with FHWA, FTA and Caltrans in January 2026 to review the preliminary outline of the 2026/27 OWP, including some significant changes to the federal planning guidelines MPOs must address in preparing upcoming OWPs, and to review progress on the current 2025/26 OWP. Overall, BCAG received a positive review of the proposed 2026/27 OWP outline.

**MPO and RTPA Planning:**

BCAG's Draft 2026/27 Overall Work Program & Budget concentrates on the completion of required state and federal planning activities, in addition to regional planning studies and administration of the B-Line transit services. In addition, to continuing with the delivery of required annual planning tasks, an incremental effort is being pursued to plan, develop and implement transportation improvements that are more effective and available to the general population of Butte County. The state of California is tying much of BCAG's funding to the development of public transportation focused improvements and expansion of multi modal facilities. BCAG will investing more time into implementing new and existing strategies that better meet the needs of public while remaining cost-effective and sustainable.

**Butte Regional Transit:**

Of significant note is the commitment to accomplish a significant study of the fixed route public transit system in Butte County, specifically focusing on the cities of Chico and Oroville. A revision to the system is expected to be implemented in the summer and fall of 2027.

Under development is the launch of a daily Chico to Sacramento service for the purpose of connecting the northern valley to the Sacramento Area and other public transportation opportunities to the central valley and bay area.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2026/2027 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM &  
BUDGET; AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION THAT THE BCAG PLANNING PROCESS  
IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF 23 U.S.C. 134 and  
135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5307 and 5310 and 5311 and 5323(1) and 5339**

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, (b);

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments as the Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed an annual Overall Work Program and Budget for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year in compliance with the 23 U.S.C and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act;

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the 2026/27 Overall Work Program Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the 2026/27 Overall Work Program (OWP) constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and BCAG for Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funding;

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments as the designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization certifies that a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous transportation planning process is being implemented in accordance with 23 C.F.R. § 450.334 and 23 C.F.R. § 450.220, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association of Governments as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Overall Work Program & Budget and certifies that a planning process will be implemented through this document in accordance with:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5307 and 5310 and 5311 and 5323(1) and 5339, and 23 C.F.R. § 450.220;
- (2) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c), and 7506(d));
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and 29 U.S.C. 794;
- (4) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58);
- (5) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U.S. DOT implementing regulations (49 C.F.R. parts 27, 37, and 38).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association of Governments by this resolution approves the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Overall Work Program & Budget in accordance with 23 U.S.C and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act, FTA Section 5311 & 5311(f) (49 U.S.C), FTA Section 5339 (49 U.S.C), FTA Section 5310 & 5310 Expanded (49 U.S.C – Chapter 53), FTA Section 5307 (49 U.S.C), and all applicable requirements and authorizes its Executive Director to execute all fund transfer agreements, master agreements, grants, program supplements, contracts, Caltrans cooperative agreements and all other documents necessary to receive funding for transportation planning, and implementation of projects and programs contained in the 2025/26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 23rd day of April 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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ANDY NEWSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #7



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #7 - Information

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Chico to Sacramento Intercity Bus Service Update

**Contact:** Chris Devine, Planning Director

**Summary:** Staff continue to work toward initiating a new intercity bus service between Chico and Sacramento. Recent progress includes:

#### Bus Procurement Update

Bus orders were completed earlier this year, but the orders were recently adjusted to add ADA lifts to each vehicle and include USB charging for both USB-A and USB-C devices. The ADA lifts will reduce seating capacity from 32 to 28 seats for each bus.

#### Cal-ITP Tap-to-Pay System

Coordination continues with the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) (a program administered by Caltrans) to implement the “tap to pay” payment system for all six Chico to Sacramento buses. This system alleviates the need to buy tickets in advance, instead allowing users to simply tap to pay as they get on and off the bus using credit/debit cards, smartphones, or smartwatches.

The tap to pay concept is common in many countries around the world and is already being implemented across numerous transit agencies in California including Sacramento Regional Transit and Amtrak Capitol Corridor. Riders on the Chico to Sacramento service will be able to transfer to these buses and trains quickly and seamlessly without the need to purchase separate tickets. Buses will also be equipped with Diamond fareboxes for those wishing to pay with cash.

Staff have developed a draft Master Service Agreement with Caltrans and are in the process of requesting bids from qualifying vendors for Payment Acceptance Devices and associated technologies. Bids are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

#### Next Steps

Coordination will continue with various agencies to develop required agreements and ensure the new system integrates with existing transit services. Work also continues with refining the service schedule for weekdays and weekends and working with Transdev on implementation details. Marketing efforts are still expected to begin roughly 3 months prior to initiation of service.

Staff will continue to keep the Board of Directors informed as progress continues.

**Action(s) requested:** Item presented for information.

**Attachments:** None.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #8



## **BCAG Board of Directors**

### **Agenda Item #8 - Information**

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Butte Regional Transit Routing Study Outreach

**Contact:** Victoria Proctor, Transportation Analyst

**Summary:** Staff has been working with Jarret Walker & Associates to study fixed routes in the cities of Chico and Oroville. The first two outreach events have been scheduled for mid-May 2026. Details of these events and intended audiences are included in the attached staff report.

**Action requested:** For information purposes only.

**Attachment:** Staff Report

## **Agenda Item #8 - Information**

### **Staff Report:**

Two outreach events are scheduled for the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. While both events seek input from key participants on what they believe is important for the future of public transit in Chico and Oroville, they are distinct in audience. Given the complexity of re-designing the fixed routes in these communities, neither event is designed to be brief.

The first event is a targeted stakeholder engagement session scheduled for the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>. It is expected to last four hours and will include an estimated 30-35 participants. Staff sent out targeted invitations to known organizations that influence public transit usage, as well as community growth and development. Invitees include the Chico Builder's Association, Butte County Public Works, Butte College, California State University, Chico, local hospitals, and other social service agencies.

The second event is the three-day core concepts retreat that will take place May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. This is an immersive, all-day experience for each of the three days. Participation has been limited to government employees and elected officials. Participants at this event are fewer in number but with more in-depth knowledge about current transit needs and anticipated city growth patterns. Each day will have a specific focus tailored to that day's participants. This event will help develop two concept maps that will be used to illustrate the trade-offs in different approaches to public transit.

Those concept maps will be finalized in the weeks following these events, after which public outreach will begin in late summer and early fall. The total timeline for this project is expected to take 13-18 months with several updates to the Board during that time.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ITEM #9



## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #9- Information

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Butte Regional Transit Paratransit Updates

**Contact:** Victoria Proctor, Transportation Analyst

**Summary:** Staff has completed the Regional Paratransit Operating Plan in conjunction with AMMA Consulting in order to update the operating parameters for B-Line Plus, paratransit service within Butte County. Two main changes are the result of this plan:

- 1) Regional paratransit service to be provided for medical appointments between jurisdictions; and
- 2) Lowered fares for the supplemental local zones.

The Regional Paratransit Operating Plan can be viewed here: <https://www.blinetransit.com/b-line-regional-paratransit>. A more in-depth view of these two changes can be found on the attached staff report.

**Action requested:** For information purposes only.

**Attachment:** Staff Report

## **Agenda Item #9 - Information**

### **Staff Report:**

As part of the Building a Better B-Line initiative, staff have been working with AMMA Consulting to update the 2022 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Plan with the objective of finalizing an expanded intercity paratransit service for Butte Regional Transit. This plan has now been completed and is scheduled for implementation on May 25, 2026.

The primary changes to B-Line Plus are encompassed by the creation of B-Line Plus Regional, a once-daily intercity service designed to serve non-emergency medical appointments and related destinations. This service will be operated using wheelchair-accessible E-350 vans with seating for up to eight passengers. Vehicles will not be equipped with fareboxes and will instead utilize a new prepayment system that is supported by the Novus suite of products. Passengers or their designated representatives will be able to load funds into their accounts via the Passenger Portal website, the Rides on Demand mobile application, or by phone or in person with BCAG staff. Funds will be deducted at the time a trip is booked. This approach reflects the higher cost associated with these trips, as well as increased deadheading requirements.

Fares for B-Line Plus Regional will start at \$10 each way for elderly and disabled riders, and \$15 each way for members of the general public. Use by the general public will be permitted on a space-available basis, with priority given to riders who are eligible for other B-Line Plus services.

To accommodate this fare structure, fares for the supplemental zones under B-Line Plus Local will be reduced by \$4. This adjustment reduces the Zone 1 fare—from service areas located three-quarters of a mile to one and three-quarters of a mile from the fixed route—from \$10 to \$6. Zone 2 fares will decrease from \$12 to \$8, and Zone 3 fares from \$14 to \$10. As a result, the maximum one-way fare for elderly and disabled riders using B-Line Plus will effectively be capped at \$10.

These fare changes will take effect on May 1, 2026. The impact on fare collection is expected to be minimal, as the majority of paratransit trips do not occur within the three supplemental zones. It is anticipated that the additional B-Line Plus service enhancements will offset the reduced fares and support the system's ability to meet the Transportation Development Act (TDA) farebox recovery requirements.