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EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION AND SERVICES *Investing in Transit – Butte Regional Transportation Center – Butte County*

The Butte Regional Transportation Corporation increases community mobility throughout Butte County, a rural region in California’s Sacramento Valley. Due to the largely rural character of the region, access to transportation is critical for residents seeking access to health care, education, employment, fresh foods, and more.

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is a collective of each municipality located within the county. In addition to its transportation planning and development activities, BCAG owns the Butte Regional Transit System, headquartered in downtown Chico. The transit system provides regional and urban fixed-route bus and paratransit services including significant transportation services to county residents. These services are often the sole source of transportation for the area’s geographically-isolated residents.

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In 2016 NCCLF deployed \$15.5 million in NMTCs towards the expansion of the Butte Regional Transit Operations Center (BRTOC). The BRTOC supports services and operations of multiple community-based organizations by acting as a transit hub that addresses growing transportation needs of the region. The ten-acre site, formerly a brownfield, provides upgraded, energy-efficient facilities, supports the transit system’s maintenance needs, administration, operations, and includes a community resource center, which will be accessible to local nonprofit organizations.

Eighty percent of people served by community organizations in the region require transportation assistance on a daily basis to access needed social services. With its expanded and improved facilities, the BRTOC will provide increased access to community outreach programs, care providers, job training programs, and social services through reliable transportation services.

“NCCLF is supporting a lasting resource to the people in this community that they can rely on to improve the quality of their lives every day,” said Clark.

The project is expected to be complete in 2017 and will provide 1.8 million trips annually.

