

Public Transportation Roundtable Meeting Notes  
April 15, 2010  
Coeur d'Alene Public Library

**Attendees:**

Chair, Pearl Bouchard, Area Agency on Aging  
Craig Wilcox, D.A. Davidson  
Marv Lekstrum, LHD/KMPO  
Al Hassell, CdA/KMPO  
Jill Bowes, City of Hayden  
Michelle Porter, AmeriCorps/D.A.C.  
Don Davis, ITD  
Josephine Prophet, Citizen/Harrison  
Clif Warren, Mobility Manager  
Linda Wilhelm, Citizen at Large  
Chris Riffe, City of Rathdrum  
Bob Spaulding, CdA Tribe  
Monty Montgomery, LHD  
Toby Ruhs, KMC  
Helen Stephens, N.I.C.E./KATS  
Rod Mitchell, Citylink

**KMPO Staff:**

Ryan Stewart  
Jenny Wash  
Mallory Atkinson

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Pearl Bouchard welcomed attendees and thanked them for attending. Ms. Bouchard asked those attending to introduce themselves.

**2. Approval of the January 8, 2010 Minutes**

**Clif Warren made a motion to approve the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes. Chris Riffe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

**4. Old Business**

**a. RPTA update**

Ryan Stewart reported the motion that was formed by the PT Roundtable was presented to the KMPO Board sub-committee and a decision was made to proceed with the study of the forming of an RPTA. The sub-committee agreed to pursue a countywide regional public transportation authority instead of multi-

county due in part by the presentation by Kelli Fairless of Valley Regional Transit. Marv Lekstrum mentioned that administration would be in one county, but not limited to bus routes that to go into other counties.

A letter has been written detailing the KMPO Board recommendation and once finalized will be formally presented to the County Commissioners.

**b. Transit Center Site Acquisition Update**

Ryan reported that the transit center site acquisition is on hold as additional funds are being sought for land acquisition, engineering and construction.

**c. ARRA Projects Update**

Ryan recapped the ARRA projects stating that the \$720,000 designated for the Transit Center was shifted to the purchase of additional vehicles for Citylink, KMC and NICE.

**d. Results of the Citylink Public Meetings**

Rod Mitchell reported there was nothing new that came from the public meetings and was not sure when the next public meeting is scheduled for.

**5. New Business**

**a. Mobility Manager's Report – Clif Warren**

Clif Warren, Mobility Manager, gave a report on the 5311 and 5310 funding requests and the attempt to shift funds so full funding would become available for rural services.

**b. Public Transportation in Idaho – CTAI and I-Way**

There is a conference on April 27-28 for all MPOs to work on the IMAP process. IMAP is being rebranded to I-Way.

**c. Interaction between Roundtable and LMMN1b**

Discussed in item 5.b.

**d. Discussion of “Mobility” in Roundtable Charter**

There was discussion of including non-motorized subject matter such as bicycle and pedestrian issues in the Roundtable agenda discussions. Comments from the group consisted of keeping focus on Public Transportation and instead

having a sub-committee formed, or pitching the idea to the groups that are already formed to form their own group on these issues. It was decided in the end not to expand the Roundtable's Charter at this time but to encourage local pedestrian and bike groups to form a regional advisory committee.

#### **e. Idaho 511 Transit Info Website**

Ryan announced that there is an information site for transit that links to Citylink, and to NW Trailways, including their new service from Spokane to Boise. The website is [www.511.idaho.gov](http://www.511.idaho.gov); providing arrival and departure times in a user friendly manner.

### **6. Good of the Order**

Both Citylink and Craig Wilcox were awarded the I-Way Leadership Award. Citylink was recognized for its vision and commitment to leverage and maximize the mobility resources for the entire area, tribal and non-tribal, and for its role in ensuring that fixed and demand-response services are available to residents of the area. Craig Wilcox, as Chair of the 'North Idaho Benches' project was recognized for his initiative in recognizing and addressing a significant and often overlooked barrier to mobility with his Benches for Bus Stops movement.

Bob Spaulding asked the Roundtable members about the issue of finding additional matching funds for the Tribe to continue with Citylink services. It was suggested that this issue be brought forth to the Board as well as a sub-committee be formed to address local match options and the implication of fares and passes. Members who volunteered to be on this sub-committee: Clif Warren, Bob Spaulding, Helen Stephens, Toby Ruhs, John Austin and Pearl Bouchard.

Chris Riffe mentioned that the City of Rathdrum is working with Citylink to provide service with Rathdrum and outlying communities.

Rod Mitchell reported on the 'Link' route change which will go into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>. He also emphasized his desire to keep focus on public transportation as it grows and promote the system that we have.

Ryan also mentioned that NW Trailways has a new route from Spokane to CdA that costs \$19 roundtrip. He also stated they are still looking for a permanent ticket agent and boarding location in Coeur d'Alene.

### **7. Action Items for Next Quarter**

Action items for next quarter:

1. Follow up on the timeline for delivery of the KMPO Board recommendation letter to the Kootenai County Commissioners for public vote on RPTA. Inform Roundtable if another meeting is scheduled. If no meeting is scheduled then communicate decision of County Commissioners to Roundtable members as soon as it is received.
2. Follow up with John Austin to send out current Kootenai County Section 5307 budget including amounts of local match.
3. Follow up with John Austin on final number of vehicles purchased with ARRA funds.
4. Send Roundtable members the Charter.
5. Follow up with Kelli Fairless on the number of existing service providers that were kept when Canyon and ADA Counties formed their RPTAs.
6. Assist in the scheduling of a subcommittee meeting to discuss Tribe and local match issues.
7. Provide information of cashless fares (student/employer passes, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.