

Public Transportation Roundtable Meeting Notes
July 28, 2010
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Coeur d'Alene Public Library

Attendees:

Chair, Pearl Bouchard, Area Agency on Aging
Craig Wilcox, D.A. Davidson
Marv Lekstrum, LHD/KMPO
Don Davis, ITD
Donna Hansen, Citizen at Large
Bob Spaulding, CdA Tribe
Donna Montgomery, Citizen/KMPO
Rod Mitchell, Citylink
Jimmie Dorsey, KMPO
Laurie Hassell, Citizen at Large
John Austin, PAC

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 April 15, 2010 Minutes

Bob Spaulding made a motion to approve the April 15, 2010 meeting minutes. Marv Lekstrum 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 KMPO Board sub-committee considered opinions of the Roundtable and they made a motion to support the formation of a county-wide RPTA in Kootenai County. There has not been any formal movement to ask County Commissioners to put the RPTA request on the ballot nor have the Commissioners made a formal move to address this topic at this point in time.

The next step is for a private group of individuals or entity to conduct an advocacy campaign for the formation of a RPTA. A poll should be conducted to

ensure there is adequate public understanding and support for this. Ryan also noted that there will be an education effort for the new Commissioners who take office. The County Commissioners would then need to put this on the ballot since it is a county-wide effort.

It was suggested that waiting until the commissioners take office would be beneficial for this cause.

Jimmie Dorsey thanked Ryan for all his work on the RPTA effort. The state as a whole is looking at connectivity throughout the state and it will be interesting to see where the short fall is.

b. Transit Center Site Acquisition Update

John Austin reported that some funding has been secured in the amount of \$570,000 for the Transit Center Site. These funds came from the ITD Board's action to transfer FHWA STP funds to FTA 5307 funds. This money will be used for the preliminary engineering and design of the facility after the site has been acquired. Once the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) has given the approval we can move ahead with ITD's appraisal and start negotiations with property owners.

John also explained the funding needs and sources which will also be discussed at the August KMPO Board Meeting.

c. ARRA Projects Update

John Austin stated the county applied for the available funds and received money for 14 buses that will be used for Citylink and KATS. So far they have received the 7 smaller buses and are waiting for the 7 larger buses which may arrive in two weeks. John also thanked Commissioner Todd Tondee for inspecting all the buses and set lease agreements for unlimited use.

d. Subcommittee to discuss local match and other funding issues

Pearl Bouchard explained the purpose of the sub-committee is to address local match options so the Coeur d'Alene Tribe would not have to contribute so much funding above the required local match for Citylink system.

Bob Spaulding stated the Tribes 2009 budget showed 1.1 M going towards the funding of Citylink operations, in addition to match and overrun costs to run the system. Now that the budget has been released he suggested having the sub-committee meet again to discuss how to help the Tribe with funding the Citylink system.

The group discussed matching funds from cities benefiting from public transportation, one time use funds countywide, and fare collection system feasibility as well as cost effectiveness.

5. New Business

a. Mobility Manager's Report – Clif Warren

Clif Warren, Mobility Manager, was not present at this meeting. John Austin gave an update stating that Clif was hired to manage the mobility manager for District 1 under CTAI. Ryan mentioned that they both attended the CTAI workshop this spring. He reported that CTAI has been heavily involved in the Governor's Task Force subcommittee on public transportation needs as well as developing the I-Way program. Clif will keep the Public Transportation Roundtable Committee apprised of these efforts and we hope to have a report from him at the October meeting.

The ITD Board will be in District 1 August 18-19 with an Award Ceremony to honor Citylink and Craig Wilcox for his benches for buses project.

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

Discussed under item 5.a.

6. Good of the Order

Ryan discussed the 2010 Kootenai County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan which is a federally required plan and the first one done was in 2007. This document is required to be updated at least every 5 years and has been incorporated into the Kootenai County Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Ryan asked the Committee to please provide comments by September. This plan will be adopted as part of the MTP which will be finalized and presented to the Board for approval in November.

Rod Mitchell stepped out of the meeting room prior to this agenda item. Ryan, on his behalf, reported that Citylink has a route change; Route A: Red Route. This route originates at Riverstone, gets on I-90 and then off at Pleasantview to the Pointe Development (Cabela's/Wal-Mart). The change would allow for the route to go both ways on Seltice instead of traveling on I-90.

Sue Cook from the Catholic Charities of Idaho asked how to change a stop or request a new stop along Citylink routes. Rod Mitchell explained that a formal request needs to be submitted. It will be placed on the agenda at the next hearing which are held twice a year. He will be advertising the next hearing once they determine the date and time.

7. Action Items for Next Quarter

Action items for next quarter:

1. Request for comments on the Kootenai County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.
2. Coordination of another subcommittee meeting to discuss Tribe and local match issues.
3. Clif Warren – Mobility Manager Update – synopsis via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.