

**KCATT MEETING MINUTES**

for

June 22, 2010

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters  
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Kevin Jump called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**Welcome / Introductions:**

Kevin Jump requested all those present to introduce themselves:

- Kevin Jump (Chair) ..... City of Rathdrum
- Eric Shanley (Vice Chair)..... Lakes Highway District
- John Pankratz ..... East Side Highway District
- Robert Palus ..... City of Post Falls
- Kelly Brownsberger..... Post Falls Highway District
- Gordon Dobler ..... City of Coeur d’Alene
- Andrea Storjohann..... ITD

**Staff.**

- Bonnie Gow ..... Transportation Planner II
- Mallory Atkinson..... Transportation Planner

**Alternates and Guests.**

- Donna Montgomery ..... Citizen/KMPO
- Monty Montgomery ..... Lakes Highway District
- Marv Lekstrum ..... Lakes Highway District
- Rod Twete ..... Lakes Highway District
- Matt Gillis ..... Welch Comer
- Ralph Paul ..... IDEQ
- Sean Hoisington..... DEA
- Ron Helmick ..... Verizon
- Lisa Key ..... City of Hayden
- Dan Hanenburg ..... Kootenai Electric Cooperative

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes:**

Bonnie Gow clarified that under “Upcoming KMPO Board Items,” the Inland Pacific Hub (IPH) Board meeting was not postponed, but rather, the request to the ITD Board to provide the local match for Phase II of the IPH project was deferred to the May ITD Board meeting. The minutes will be corrected accordingly.

**Gordon Dobler made a motion to approve the April 27, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

## **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

## **Project Updates:**

Eric Shanley reported that Lakes Highway District will host another public meeting on the Lancaster Phase III project on July 14 from 4 to 7 pm at the Lakes Highway District office. The Lancaster Phase II project was advertised Saturday with bids due by July 8 for construction this year. Work has also begun on their Diagonal Road project west of Ramsey.

Gordon Dobler reported that the City of Coeur d'Alene has a project in progress on 15th Street. A contract was awarded for the Howard Street extension to Kathleen Avenue, which will include a signal at Kathleen. The project is expected to take 3 months to complete. The Golf Course Road/Marie Avenue connection project at Ramsey Road is completed. The road widening/signal project at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue will commence in a few weeks. It was noted that the Ironman competition is this weekend and Hanley Avenue on both sides of the roundabout is under construction; however, 4<sup>th</sup> Street will remain open for traffic. The closure of Hanley Avenue is expected to last up to 60 days.

Lisa Key provided an update on the City of Hayden's Walmart project, which has caused the closure of Honeysuckle Avenue at US 95.

John Pankratz reported that work has begun on the East Side Highway District's STP rural modifications on Burma Road. An additional \$3.36 million in funding has been received; however, construction will not commence until 2012. The O'Gara Road project has been advertised. The East Side Highway District's original stimulus fund projects totaling 11.4 miles of pavement overlay which did not receive funding has now been incorporated into the draft STIP for approval from the ITD Board for STP funds. Unfortunately, this will require the highway district to come up with more matching funds. A total of \$10 million in infrastructure improvements are expected over the next several years.

John noted that to his understanding, no matching funds are required on roads on the reservation for federal aid funding. Since 99% of O'Gara Road is on the reservation, the highway district is researching whether or not a match is required and where the funding is derived from. Also, their Driftwood Heights project is underway, weather permitting; they hope to have the project completed by July 4.

Robert Palus reported that the City of Post Falls' William and Frederick Street project is substantially complete. The contractor for the widening and overlay of Idaho Street from Mullan to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue is expected to commence construction on June 28. Greensferry Road near the Post Office is closed due to modernization improvements; paving is anticipated to commence this week. The last draft of the final document of the CMAQ Study for the Seltice Way and Mullan Avenue project has been reviewed. The City Council approved the second alternative, which

involves creating a revision to the on/off ramps at Spokane Street and I-90 to allow traffic to go down 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue parallel the freeway to better distribute traffic.

Kelly Brownsberger reported that the Post Falls Highway District opened their Beck Road project last Tuesday; they are in the process of completing the landscaping. Maintenance operations will commence pending improved weather conditions.

Kevin Jump reported that the City of Rathdrum has two projects out for bid, a pavement overlay project throughout the city and a street improvements project on either side of the BNSF railroad. Construction on both is expected to commence in mid July. The closure of Lancaster Road just west of Meyer Road due to a development project has been advertised and will be closed starting tomorrow through Friday.

Eric Shanley added that construction on Lakes Highway District's stimulus-funded Lancaster overlay project from Huetter Road to Highway 95 will begin this year. Several frontage road projects are also in the works including an ITD/City of Hayden project from Wyoming Avenue to Lancaster Road, which is expected to go out to bid this week. A frontage road project from Boekel Road north past Murphy Road is expected to affect approaches to Highway 95. Traffic will also be impacted by the continuing joint North Kootenai Water District project in the Avondale area.

John Pankratz inquired as to whether former Burma Road funds partially funded the Lakes Highway District's Lancaster Road project. Eric replied that Glenn Miles indicated that STP rural funds were used for 3 miles of the Lancaster Road project. John noted that portions of the Burma Road funding supported other projects in northern Idaho.

Andrea Storjohann, who arrived late, provided the ITD project update at the end of the meeting. She reported that the bridge projects at the state line are completed and went better than expected. The contractor, who completed the job in 22 days, will receive a bonus for early completion. The incident response truck, borrowed from District 3, was well utilized. Their Wyoming to SH 53 is continuing as weather permits. ITD is close to signing a Record of Decision for their Garwood and Sagle project, which will enable them to move forward on the right of way acquisition.

**Utility Updates:**

Ron Helmick reported that Verizon is changing their name to Frontier Communications as of July 1. Verizon will still maintain its wireless network while Frontier is taking over the broadband portion to provide high speed internet to the rural areas. Frontier has stated that it is a community based/involved corporation. Ron stated that several of their former projects will continue and that jurisdictions can contact him if they have any questions.

Dan Hanenburg from Kootenai Electric reported that they have another week on their overhead line conversion project on Highway 95; when completed, the crew will transfer to the Lancaster Road Phase II project. Their City of Coeur d'Alene's

Howard Street project is completed. Kootenai Electric is working on several miscellaneous subdivision projects, but hope to return to their power line construction project on Highway 95 in Worley. He noted that the power lines were moved for the City of Rathdrum's Lancaster Road project as well.

### **KMPO Planning Updates:**

#### **a) MTP 2010 Update**

Bonnie Gow reported that staff is updating the 2010 MTP for the KMPO. She noted that they will be reporting on the model in terms of level of service on the links. Several emails will be forthcoming requesting clarification on the projects included in the 2015-2030 program project list; a packet is expected to be distributed for review prior to the next KCATT meeting.

### **ITD Board Update:**

No ITD Board update was initially available; however, Andrea Storjohann arrived late and provided an update later in the meeting. She reported that the ITD Board gave approval for the City of Sandpoint's Highway 2 extension project, which will improve connectivity between Sandpoint and Dover.

### **Current Business:**

#### **a) STP Application Discussion**

Bonnie Gow reported that a KCATT sub-committee was formed to develop the standard scoring and guidelines for the STP application that was used for the 2011 Urban and Rural proposals. The sub-committee also approved the application. Some comments were received at the close of the call for projects which questioned the application process.

KMPO staff is requesting a discussion and review of the application criteria to either continue with the current format or solicit suggestions to change it for future funding opportunities.

Lisa Key stated that there were projects that had a minor impact on the region which ranked relatively high. She suggested that the scoring be reviewed to ensure that projects having a greater impact on the region rank higher on the project list.

Lisa requested to be on the sub-committee to review the STP application process.

Robert Palus concurred, stating that there may be weaknesses in the application in that it fails to highlight those projects that are regionally significant. Bonnie asked KCATT whether they wanted to address these issues or have the subcommittee address them. Gordon suggested that the subcommittee reconvene and that KCATT members forward any STP application questions/concerns to the subcommittee. Gordon requested that KMPO staff send out a reminder for the reconvening subcommittee to schedule a meeting.

Bonnie agreed to coordinate convening the subcommittee, noting that although it was not urgent, it was important to address this as soon as possible for future funding opportunities. Lisa Key requested that the project scores be made available to KCATT members. Bonnie replied that the individual scores are available for review at the KMPO office location. Lisa asked for a consolidated list of scores by category. Bonnie stated that she would check with either Ryan Stewart or Glenn Miles to see if that could be made available.

Robert Palus stated that for previous call for projects, a KCATT subcommittee was convened to review the applications and score the projects vs. staff review and scoring. Bonnie noted that the types of projects are scored differently and that the process leaves little room for interpretation. The committee stated that it would be helpful to see the unscored applications along with the final rankings.

### **b) STP Projects to TIP**

Bonnie reported that the Urban Balancing Committee recommended six of the STP projects submitted (five roadway and one transit center) for inclusion in the 5 year STIP (the Idaho 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program) that will be adopted by the ITD Board later this year. These projects will go through a public involvement process and will also be approved by the KMPO Board.

As funds become available and projects advance or delay, the project funding may move from year to year based on the recommendations of the Urban Balancing Committee and approval of the ITD Board. The funding is available October 2010 for the new fiscal year. A recommendation to the Board is needed to incorporate these projects into the TIP.

Bonnie asked what the status of each project was. Gordon reported that the final design has been approved and the environmental report has been signed off on the City of Coeur d'Alene's Government Way – Dalton to Hanley project. The right of way plans have been signed off and approved as well, a consultant has been retained, and the appraisal process is underway.

There was a discussion regarding what the year as noted in the project name refers to. Andrea Storjohann stated that typically the year listed in the project name refers to when construction on the project will commence.

Robert Palus asked for clarification on what constitutes "preliminary development." Andrea Storjohann stated that the term is used for flexibility purposes to enable funds to be applied towards preconstruction preparation activities.

**Andrea Storjohann made a motion to recommend that the KMPO Board approve the incorporation of the following projects into the TIP: Government Way – Dalton to Hanley 2011, Government Way – Prairie to Hanley 2015, Seltice Congestion Mitigation – Preliminary Development, Miles Avenue Reconstruction – Preliminary Development, and the Ramsey Road Extension – 2011. Gordon Dobler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

### **c) Transit Center Funding**

Bonnie Gow stated that conditional funding of \$1,007,000.00 was approved by the Urban Balancing Committee for the transit center, dependent upon a local funding match of 7%. The deadline for matched funding is July 1, 2010. KMPO staff is requesting a discussion to determine the responsible jurisdiction to match the funding and to make a recommendation to the KMPO Board. The committee briefly discussed the matching fund issue, but was uncomfortable identifying a responsible jurisdiction to match the funding without full representation on hand.

**Gordon Dobler made a motion recommending that the KMPO Board approve the incorporation of the transit center into the TIP with the responsible jurisdiction(s) to provide the local match to be determined at the earliest possible date. Lisa seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

#### **Upcoming KMPO Board Items:**

Kevin Jump noted that there are two items to be brought before the KMPO Board: 1) KCATT recommendation that the KMPO Board approve the incorporation of the 5 Urban Balancing Committee approved STP projects into the TIP, and 2) KCATT recommendation that the KMPO Board approve the incorporation of the transit center into the TIP with the responsible jurisdiction(s) to provide the local match to be determined at the earliest possible date.

Bonnie Gow noted that staff will be obtaining more traffic counts, which are scheduled for October through November, weather and construction permitting.

She inquired whether KCATT would be interested in additional participation in non-motorized transportation issues, either in the form of an advisory group to the KMPO Board or a KCATT committee member. There was committee agreement that the KCATT members are all involved in non-motorized projects/issues on a jurisdictional level and could serve to inform the Board. John Pankratz asked whether the Public Transportation Roundtable group was already charged with this task; it was noted that the Roundtable group prefers to focus mostly on motorized transportation issues.

Gordon asked what is expected in terms of non-motorized input, since a non-motorized plan has been incorporated into the MTP. Bonnie noted that it is primarily to promote public awareness. It was suggested and agreed upon that the SRTC staff member involved in non-motorized issues will discuss the needs and expectations with the committee at a future meeting.

Robert Palus asked whether anyone has seen the applications for the Tiger II grant; the last day for pre-app submission is tomorrow. The City of Post Falls intends to submit an application for their Greensferry Interchange project. No one responded that they had seen it. He announced that the City of Post Falls is participating in a webinar hosted by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) on June 25, 2010

on the Safety Aspects of Timing Traffic Signals from 8 to 10 am at their City Council Chambers. All jurisdictions are invited to attend.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

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Donna Lively  
Recording Secretary