

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
April 1, 2004
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
Ken Renner (for Dick Edinger)	East Side Highway District
Vic Holmes (for Bryan Steele)	City of Rathdrum
Lynn Humphreys	Post Falls Highway District
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County Commissioner
Clay Larkin	City of Post Falls
Dixie Reid, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Andrea Storjohann (for Scott Stokes)	ITD District 1 Engineer

Board Members Absent:

Anson Gable - City of Hayden
Dick Edinger – East Side Highway District

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles, Transportation Manager
Tanna Dole, Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chair, Dixie Reid, at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes.

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the March 4, 2004 meeting minutes. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Administrative Matters.

a) Approval of February 2004 Vouchers

James Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the February voucher list in the amount of \$10,598.35 Lynn Humphreys seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Director's Comments

Glenn Miles provided an update regarding the reauthorization of the transportation bill. Miles stated the bill was in the House for review and expected a completed process within the next few weeks. Miles said the Bridging the Valley project was receiving support. The House would propose to re-open the bill in two (2) years to review revenue options.

5. KCATT Recommendations.

Glenn Miles recapped the status of the travel demand modeling software. Rather than Emme/2 software it has been recommended for the Kootenai travel demand model to use the software Vissum by PTVision. Vissum has robust capabilities, operates in a friendly user environment and easily integrates GIS files. Vissum is approved by both Federal Highways and Federal Transit and offers a sizable cost savings over Emme/2.

Glenn Miles reported that KCATT has recommended for KMPO to contribute \$2,000.00 to the National Aerial Imagery Project (NAIP) sponsored by Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The project will be flown between June and August and will provide 1-meter color images. **Clay Larkin made a motion to approve a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the NAIP sponsored by the FSA and the NRCS. Gus Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

5. Urban Balancing Committee.

Glenn Miles reported that he expected the next Urban Balancing Committee meeting to be held either April 28 or April 30. Miles will be attending the meeting held in Boise.

6. Public Transportation Report

John Austin reported the new FTA 5307 grant year was underway and the transition has been smooth.

Glenn Miles said the Strategic Advisory Committee for the Public Transit Study had met for their first meeting on March 18. (See attached meeting notes) Miles stated that Nelson/Nygaard would prepare a public telephone survey. It is expected the survey will take place the week of April 12.

Miles also reported the Idaho legislature has appointed an interim legislative committee to examine public transportation issues brought up by the Idaho Public Transportation Task Force during testimony given during the 2004 session. Senator John Goedde from Coeur d' Alene will be on the interim committee.

7. Old Business

US 95-Garwood to Sagle Project Update

Lou Krug from HDR Engineering reported on the progress over the past year. Meetings with businesses, residents, community leaders and legislators have defined a wide range of alternative routes. Now it is necessary to choose a smaller number of alternatives to advance for detailed analysis, including a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There have been three (3) public meetings with an average of 150 people attending each meeting. Krug said to ensure safety and capacity along this route they believe a freeway

facility is indicated. There has been overwhelming support for improvements to the highway. Krug explained the recommendations from the Kootenai County Commissioners and Lakes Highway District are to advance only those alternatives that improve the highway primarily along its current alignment. Krug explained they would be meeting with the City of Athol, Bonner County Commissioners and BCATT also. The KCATT members and the KMPO board will review the documents that have been put together explaining the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. At the March 23 meeting of the KCATT the members will prepare a recommendation for the KMPO board meeting on May 6.

Huetter Road Corridor Study

Glenn Miles reported that 40+ turning movement traffic counts were underway and results should be back by mid April. High-resolution ortho photography from Avista Utilities has also been obtained for the study area.

Enhancement Program

Patti Raino from ITD in Boise has requested the KMPO rank the enhancement projects submitted by the agencies. Glenn Miles explained there are three (3) enhancement projects submitted from the agencies. The City of Post Falls has submitted two (2) applications and the City of Rathdrum one (1). Miles suggested ranking the City of Post Falls project along 15th between Idaho and Spokane and the City of Rathdrum pedestrian crossing as prior #1 and #2 respectively. **Gus Johnson made a motion to rank the City of Post Falls 15th Street project as the #1 enhancement project and the City of Rathdrum pedestrian crossing project as #2 priority. Ken Renner seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

8. Board Member Items

None

9. Public Comments

None

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary