

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
November 4, 2004
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
Lynn Humphreys	Post Falls Highway District
Clay Larkin	City of Post Falls
Dixie Reid, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	ITD District 1 Engineer

Board Members Absent:

Gus Johnson – Kootenai County

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 October Meeting Minutes.

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the October 7, 2004 meeting minutes. James Mangan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Administrative Matters

Glenn Miles requested the members review the designated alternate to the policy board from their respective jurisdictions and send letters of designation to update the KMPO office file. Miles reminded the members as per the inter-agency agreement the designated alternate must also be an elected official.

Approval of September Vouchers

Clay Larkin made a motion to approve the payment of the September voucher list in the amount of \$ 19,288.45. Lynn Humphreys seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. KCATT Recommendations

Glenn Miles said there are five (5) jurisdictions submitting applications to the Local Rural Highway Investment Program. The LRHIP is specifically for highway districts or cities with populations under 5,000 and has a maximum award of \$100,000. Post Falls Highway District, Lakes Highway District, East Side Highway District, Worley Highway District and the City of Rathdrum have made application. If program funds are awarded Post Falls Highway District will fund a portion of an overlay on Hayden Avenue, Lakes Highway District will fund a portion of the Ramsey Road widening project, East Side Highway District will do a minor rebuild of a portion of Latour Creek Road, Worley Highway District will rehabilitate the Rose Creek Bridge, and the City of Rathdrum will construct and add additional signing for pedestrian walkways. KCATT has asked the KMPO to send statements of support for the above named projects. **Mark Soderling made a motion for the KMPO to send statements of support for each of the projects recommended by the KCATT. James Mangan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

Glenn Miles reported to the members that several jurisdictions and developers have been discussing the intersection of US 95 and Lancaster Road north of the City of Hayden. Development is expected to occur at the intersection in the near future. Miles stated that a signal at the intersection would not be a suitable treatment. It was suggested by the Idaho Transportation Department to consider studying the option of a full interchange at the location. Because of the development plans and the improvements currently anticipated for the US 95 north of the City of Hayden the KCATT recommends a conceptual design effort and asks for comment from the KMPO board. **Dick Edinger made a motion to support the conceptual development of an interchange at the intersection of US 95 and Lancaster Road. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

5. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee

Glenn Miles stated the next Urban Balancing Committee meeting will be in Boise on November 16. Miles said there would be an end of the year review of the program. Miles said the KMPO would chair the Balancing Committee for 2005. Miles also mentioned the Intermodal Working Group will meet in the morning prior to the Urban Balancing Committee.

6. Public Transportation Report

John Austin thanked Glenn Miles for his contributing effort to engage the Coeur d' Alene Tribe in dialogue regarding public transportation in Kootenai County. Meetings with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe has yielded an agreement to make a service proposal for a public transportation partnership. Austin believes the service proposal will be complete and ready to present to the KCATT later in the month of November and KMPO for the December meetings.

7. Other Business

US 95 – Garwood to Sagle Update - Don Davis presented the update on the US95 – Garwood to Sagle project. The emphasis of the update was to present the route alternatives that will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The draft EIS is expected by spring and the final will be written by summer 2005. Alternatives not chosen to move forward will remain in the backup documentation. Davis said the next challenge in the process would be the arrangement of interchanges and frontage roads. Davis said there should be a record decision on the project in approximately a year.

8. Board Member Items

Dick Edinger asked Glenn Miles about the status of the Huetter Road Corridor Study. Miles said the project has been moving slowly while waiting for the re-authorization of the transportation bill and the travel demand model update.

Dixie Reid said she would participate on the Transportation Funding Forum as a representative of the KMPO.

9. 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