

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
September 2, 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
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County Commissioner
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

Staff Present:

Tanna Dole, Transportation Planner
Ed Hayes, Senior Transportation Planner, SRTC

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 July 2004 Meeting Minutes.

Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the July 1, 2004 meeting minutes. Clay Larkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Administrative Matters.

Approval of June 2004 and July 2004 Vouchers

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the payment of the September 2, 2004 voucher list in the amount of \$16,678.21 for June 2004 and \$6,392.29 for July 2004. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved

4. KCATT Recommendations.

Joe Wuest distributed a spreadsheet illustrating the KCATT recommended cost share formula for local jurisdiction contributions. The cost share would be applicable for those projects sponsored by the KMPO. **Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the cost share formula as presented. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

5. Idaho Urban Committee.

Scott Stokes briefed the board regarding Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Stokes explained ITS as having three elements. The first element being travelers services, such as variable message boards and radio stations referring to road conditions and weather reports. The second element as emergency response services and the third element involving signal timing. ITS requires sophisticated technology and coordination between transportation jurisdictions. Program funding for ITS will be available to the KMPO for the program years of 2005 and 2006.

Dixie Reid reported the Mullan Avenue projects are now timed in sequence for construction in 2007, the Honeysuckle Avenue has moved from preliminary development and scheduled for construction in 2008, and the Government Way from Neider to Miles has increased project costs by \$395,000.00 for utility re-location.

6. Public Transportation Report

John Austin reported that Kootenai Medical Center would have a request for several additional vans. This will be added to the grant process for next year and KMC will match the 20% for the capital purchase.

Glenn Miles and John Austin met with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and they are interested in finding a way to partner for public transportation purposes. Austin stated the Coeur d'Alene Tribe spends approximately \$400,000.00 yearly on public transportation services and Austin believes the money could be used as match for grant funding. This would be a help for the urban areas as well as rural areas. Dixie Reid asked Austin if the Tribe has expressed any interest in participating on the KMPO board. Austin suggested approaching Coeur d'Alene Tribal management to discuss the possibility. Gus Johnson said the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners has received a letter from the

Coeur d'Alene Tribe inquiring about partner possibilities. Johnson said the Board of Commissioners has responded by telling the Tribe all public transportation coordination would be through the KMPO.

The KMPO board requested John Austin to investigate the cost of advertising on the North Idaho Community Express. Austin provided a handout listing the cost of advertising options available. Austin said that NICE has a goal of selling \$25,000.00 of advertising annually and is currently not selling all the available space. Austin said by his calculations if all the space were sold it would double the annual income from advertising.

Dixie Reid reported the legislative interim committee on public transportation and air quality met on August 3rd and will meet again on September 14th. Reid stated the majority of the committee members agree something must be done for public transportation but need more details. Reid continued by stating it is unlikely that local option approval will be given during the next legislative session. More likely there will be a recommendation from the interim committee for local option as a funding mechanism and draft legislation will be prepared outlining a statewide policy addressing

public transportation. It will be the aim of the committee to demonstrate there is no statewide solution, but rather the solution will be found on the local community level.

Tanna Dole reported that Nelson/Nygaard recently completed the draft service alternative report as part of the Public Transportation Study. Dole explained the draft report has been distributed to the KCATT members and the Strategic Advisory Committee members for comment. After the comments have been received, compiled and any changes made to the draft, the results will be presented to the KMPO board.

7. Other Business

Draft Unified Planning Work Program 2005

The KMPO board was provided the draft UPWP 2005 prior to the meeting for review. **Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program for 2005. Lynn Humphreys seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

KCATT Transportation Plan Update – Key No. 9025 - Local Match for Update

See KCATT recommendations.

Consolidated Planning Grant Budget Modifications

Tanna Dole explained the budget modifications were anticipated funds for 2004 made available recently from FHWA. **Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the CPG budget modifications for July in the amount of \$23,000.00 and for August in the amount of \$31,893.00. Gus Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

8. Board Member Items

Dick Edinger said he will propose to the Local Highway Technical Council to accept correspondence on KMPO letterhead as representative of the local transportation jurisdictions in Kootenai County.

Scott Stokes appreciated the participation of the KMPO at the ITD District One tour on August 19.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary