

**KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
April 26, 2005
ITD District One Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Call to Order:

Chair John Pankratz called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the March Minutes:

Tom Nigh made a motion to accept the March 22, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Rand Wichman, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Kootenai Electric Cooperative: Bob Hallock reported work was underway in the Chilco and Rockford Bay areas. Also Hallock said KEC was working south on the Belgrove to Setters part of the US 95 south project.

Avista: Steve Meredith reported work was finishing up on Government Way. There are minor adjustments in the gas line at the south end of the project before paving can occur. Meredith asked Kelly Brownsberger if there was change in the status of the bridge on Seltice Way over the Union Pacific Railroad. Brownsberger said the status remains the same with no news regarding abandonment proceedings.

Project Updates:

ITD: No Report

Kootenai County: Rand Wichman reported business as usual.

City of Coeur d' Alene:

Gordon Dobler reported the Government Way project is on schedule. The utility work is nearing completion and paving should begin in a few more weeks. Dobler said the 4th Street project from Appleway to Timber will go out to bid in two weeks and construction would begin after the 4th of July. Overlays will also start after the 4th of July. Dobler said the City of Coeur d' Alene has several storm water projects planned also.

City of Post Falls: No Report

City of Hayden:

Jeff Zaug reported the Honeysuckle utility project is nearing completion and expects Honeysuckle Avenue would be open to traffic mid-May. The road closure due to development construction on Atlas Road north of Prairie Avenue is nearing completion and should be open mid-May also. Zaug said officials from the City of Hayden traveled to Boise to make a presentation for a revitalization grant to be used in combination with the Government Way project currently underway.

City of Rathdrum:

Chet Anderson reported the City of Rathdrum was doing regular seasonal maintenance and would begin work soon on the SH 41 and Boekel Road intersection, anticipating the intersection will be signalized by next year.

Eastside Highway District:

John Pankratz reported that East Side Highway District is working on Tamarack Ridge Road to reconstruct and resurface. Pankratz said the work on Bonnell Road would be completed by mid-July.

Lakes Highway District:

Joe Wuest reported Chilco Road construction has begun between Ramsey and US 95. Wuest said Lakes Highway District is waiting for paving bids to pave approximately one mile of Howard Road north of SH 54. Wuest expects the work to begin June 1. Wuest said Singer Road has a homeowner participation project that will reconstruct the road. Wuest stated Lakes Highway District still plans to call for bids on Diagonal Road from Ramsey to SH 41. The last lane of paving on Lancaster Road would be completed this week. Also, the portion of Lancaster between Atlas Road and Huetter Road will have topsoil excavated and sub base placed. Wuest said that ballast and base would need to be added at a later date. Lakes Highway District is still acquiring right-of-way for Lancaster, east of US 95.

Post Falls Highway District:

Kelly Brownsberger reported the dirt work on Lancaster Road from Meyer Road to SH 41 is nearing completion. Brownsberger also reported work has begun to construct a new base on Bean Avenue. Brownsberger said Bean Avenue would remain a gravel surface.

Worley Highway District:

Tom Nigh reported the Worley Highway District is applying road stabilent, starting in the Worley area and working north. Nigh also reported bids will be taken soon for the paving portion of a new section of road near Rockford Bay.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh reported the ITD Executive Board discussed the GARVEE bonding at the meeting held in Shoshone last week. The ITD Board will prepare a list of projects to be submitted to the Idaho Legislature and anticipate the first funding available will be the spring of 2006. Glenn Miles asked if the projects chosen would be from an equal geographic distribution across Idaho or would be based on which projects were prepared and ready to go. McHugh believed it would be according to the projects ready for submission.

Current Business:

a. Interstate 90 – Post Falls Access Improvements

Dick Jacobsen and Jeanne Acutanza from CH2M Hill presented an update on the project. Jacobsen explained that after input from the public meeting last December seven alternatives were selected for further analysis. After screening, the seven alternatives will be reduced to two (2) or three (3) and would become part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There will be another public meeting in May. Jacobsen said the City of Post Falls has a web page on their web site that provides information about the project. Jacobsen described the current alternatives

and stated all seven of the alternatives call for a new configuration at the SH 41 access to I-90. Jeanne Acutanza provided an explanation of the traffic analysis on the seven alternatives.

b. US 95/Lancaster Road Improvements

Sean Hoisington, District One planner and Linda Mitchell, traffic engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department, provided plots illustrating several possible improvements for the intersection at US 95 and Lancaster Road. Hoisington said ITD has hired Keller & Associates to prepare a PS&E package for the portion of US 95 from Wyoming Avenue north to Ohio Match Road. Hoisington explained the Wyoming north section includes the intersection at Lancaster Road. Hoisington said that ITD wanted to review potential design solutions for the intersection that may be helpful preparation prior to the work by Keller & Associates. Hoisington said the emphasis is to examine which design solution will provide for the long term capacity needs of the area. Illustrations included a round about, a single point urban interchange (SPUI) and a diamond interchange. Mitchell presented a computer simulation of design solutions that included the round about, the SPUI and diamond interchange. Hoisington said special considerations include accommodating bicycle and pedestrian traffic and the overall right-of-way impact to the area.

c. Construction Map Proof Review

Tanna Dole provided proofs of the construction map for review by the KCATT.

As part of the review process the KCATT members were encouraged to fill out a form and list any errors within their jurisdiction and any general comments about the map. Bonny Flagg distributed a complete list of the projects that were submitted to be part of the map. After review by the KMPO board next week the maps will print and Dole expects distribution mid-May.

Other Business:

Glenn Miles explained the home interview survey would soon be underway in Kootenai and Spokane Counties. Miles said letters would be sent to random households asking them to participate in keeping a travel diary. Miles said 2400 total households between both counties would participate in the survey. A travel characteristic survey has never been done in Kootenai County and is important in order to gather data, particularly trip length. Miles said the press releases announcing the projects will be released today.

Next meeting – May 24, 2005

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary