

KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
October 25, 2005
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

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

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

It was noted the minutes should be corrected to indicate Tom Nigh's name and Lofft's Bay were misspelled.

Joe Wuest made a motion to approve the September 2005 meeting minutes with the correction noted. Tom Nigh seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: Tom Burke of Avista said they finished on the Seltice Bridge Project the week of October 17th and notified Verizon they were off the poles and Verizon will be starting October 25th. Avista intends to start Diagonal Road the first week of November. They are finished with the gas line on the Bridge. They want to start the Prairie project as soon as possible after January 1st weather permitting.

Adelphia: Bruce Hathaway of Adelphia said they are just keeping with the road moves and subdivisions. They have no big projects going on.

Project Updates:

John Pankratz of the East Side Highway District indicated they are starting a minor reconstruction project on Tamarack Ridge Road. It is anticipated it will be paved by the end of next summer.

Tom Nigh of the Worley Highway District had a meeting October 24th regarding their critical bridge at Mica Creek. October 25th they will be ordering a bridge. The bridge should be in December 7th. The current bridge could not be repaired so they needed to build a whole new structure. They hope to go to bid shortly on the Gould's Landing Road rebuild along with a rebuild of the intersection.

Kelly Brownsberger of the Post Falls Highway District said they are getting their loose ends wrapped up for the winter. The Seltice Bridge project is proceeding on schedule.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls said they are wrapping up small projects. All the roadways have been paved back on Highway 41 sewer LID. The last big project open is the Syringa sewer and water, which should be paved back in the next two weeks.

Jeff Zaugg of the City of Hayden reported their Atlas Road work is near completion. Their Planning and Zoning Commission is continuing hearings (October 17th to November 17th) to deliberate the Hayden Canyon Development which is tied to the Lancaster interchange.

Gordon Dobler of the City of Coeur d'Alene indicated Fourth Street is paved and will be striped next week. It is open for traffic now. The only other project they have going now is the companion project to the Seltice Bridge. They will be doing leaf pickup and shoulder grading in anticipation of winter.

Joe Wuest of Lakes Highway District said they are working on the Diagonal Road project. Started with the contractor last week on the mile section between Hwy 41 and Ramsey Road. Chilco Road is almost finished with striping and shoulders.

Andrea Storjohann with ITD reported they are working on the change order for the diversion. There have been some struggles with the Government Way Bridge in getting good submittals that can be approved. For now they are just going to begin fabricating the grooves within the next few weeks. A meeting will take place on October 26th to discuss their progress. The contract should be awarded this week to Harcon, out of Spokane for the Harrison Bridge. The Setters' projects (down south on US 95) are finished for the winter. All ground-disturbing activities were stopped October 15th. Regarding the Safety Corridor project (Coeur d'Alene to Sandpoint) ITD continues to get calls from people about the rumble strips. The response is that the rumble strips should improve the safety out there and accidents are expected to drop based on installations in other areas throughout the country. October 25th is the kick-off for the Wyoming to Ohio match project.

Tom Nigh said he had concerns on Setters to Belgrove. How long will work continue on the Bridge? If blocked, the Worley Highway District won't be able to maintain it this winter. Also, he indicated that Bitter Road is so soft it will never last through the winter. Ms. Storjohann indicated she would get back to him regarding these matters.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh mentioned that he felt the Huetter Rest Area that is scheduled tentatively for 2010 on the TIP may be very tentative because the KMPO is looking at that area for an interchange for Huetter. He also said that over the years the rest area issue has taken second place to roads; when prioritizing engineers would rather build roads than rest areas. This has now been taken away from the highway engineers and put into a separate area at headquarters. \$10 million a year has now been dedicated for rest area restoration and construction. Mr. McHugh said that the AGC came to the last Board meeting with the request that they help the smaller contractors with the fuel increase. Larger contracts have an automatic escalation clause for fuel but not in smaller contracts. They are studying this issue and will see how much they can help. Winter road reports will all now be available by calling 511. This goes into effect November 1st. The Board received a presentation on red light running. Idaho state law doesn't allow for ticketing cars only drivers so cameras are not useful in this regard. The only way to use cameras for red light runners would be to change the law. New federal law appropriates a minimum of \$1 million per state for safe route to schools issues. A discussion followed regarding funding.

Current Business:

2006-2010 Transportation Enhancement Program and Local Rural Highway Investment Program

John Pankratz said East Side Highway District is applying for Local Rural Highway Investment money through LHTAC for \$25,000 (total cost \$31,000) for sign upgrades and \$75,000 (total cost \$100,000) for a seal coat project on Canyon Road.

Lakes Highway District is applying for LRHI funds in the sum of \$100,000 for surfacing Lancaster Road from Atlas to Huetter Road.

Kelly Brownsberger said the Post Falls Highway District is applying for LRHI funds in the sum of \$100,000 (total cost \$150,000) for a structural overlay on Hayden Avenue (Atlas to Hwy 41).

Tom Nigh made a motion to forward the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Local Rural Highway Investment Program projects to the KMPO Board for approval. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

VISUM Model Demonstration

Ed Hayes of KMPO staff gave a presentation on the VISUM model. This was followed by a question and answer period.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be November 22, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Judy Hazard
Recording Secretary