

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
October 6, 2005
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
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
Andrea Storjohann (Alternate)	ITD District 1 Assistant Engineer
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Rick Currie	Kootenai County

Board Members Absent:

Francis SiJohn	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
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Staff Present:

Glenn Miles, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chair, Dixie Reid, at 1:35 pm.

2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.

Clay Larkin made a motion to approve the September 1, 2005 meeting minutes. Dick Edinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Director/Public Comments.

Glenn Miles indicated that given the large amount of items on the agenda, he would defer to those items. There were no public comments.

4. Administrative Matters.

a) Vouchers

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the payment of the August 2005 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$4,985.59 and \$10,648.92 for the KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

b) Enhancement Project Update

Glenn Miles informed the KMPO Board that he had been advised the Harrison School Transportation Enhancement Project had been removed from the ITD program due to the property being sold and unavailable for development as submitted in the application.

c) 2006 Unified Planning Work Program

Glenn Miles presented to the KMPO Board the Draft 2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which outlines the anticipated activities that will be undertaken by the KMPO Staff or through consultant services in the upcoming fiscal year. This year's work program has a projected budget of \$902,000.

A motion was made by Lynn Humphreys to adopt the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program as presented to the KMPO Board. The motion was seconded by Jim Mangan, which was passed unanimously.

5. KCATT Recommendations.

KCATT Chair, John Pankratz indicated KCATT has reviewed the development pressures facing the Hayden, US 95 and Lakes Highway District area and is recommending to the KMPO Board that staff be requested to develop an analysis of the distribution of trips from various traffic analysis zones that would benefit from the development of Lancaster Road and an interchange with U.S. 95

6. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee.

Glenn Miles reported the Urban Balancing Committee is expected to meet in November to look at the current 2006 transportation improvement projects for their status in being prepared to obligate federal funds by July 2006. In the event the projects are unable to move forward, those funds associated with the project will be redirected somewhere else in the State to projects ready to go. Mr. Miles reminded the KMPO Board of the loss of funds to the City of Idaho Falls this year and expressed some concern regarding the City of Hayden's current ability to deliver the project by the July time frame.

7. Public Transportation Report.

Laura Stensgar, Bill Spencer, and Rosie Taylor gave an update on the status of the City Link Urban Service and the delay that has been experienced as a result of the delay in receiving the new buses. Bill Spencer informed the Board the City Link rural service began on September 12, 2005 and ridership has been increasing.

8. Other Business.

a) Huetter Corridor Initial Travel Demand Analysis

Glenn Miles indicated that item b) of this #8 would likely incorporate Huetter Corridor in the discussion about the use of the new travel demand model. He therefore requested the Board to defer this item.

b) Regional Travel Demand Model Development

Mr. Robert Shull, Vice President of PTV America gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the results of the regional travel demand model. Mr. Shull, during his presentation, indicated that with the solid data provided through the Travel 5 Survey, the population and employment forecasts by Intermountain Demographics, and the information provided as well as reviewed by the local jurisdictions, KMPO now has a very good travel demand model. Mr. Shull stepped through the development of the model, characterizing the process as establishing the rules the model should operate under.

Mr. Shull then described to the Board the anticipated travel demand forecasts in the Kootenai Metropolitan Area. As an illustration, the Huetter Road Corridor Study alignment had been placed in the 2030 forecast year to determine the effect and utilization of such a large-scale infrastructure investment. The model showed that Huetter could receive as much as 40,000 cars per day, with the primary traffic reductions associated with SH-41 and U.S. 95. It also indicated that without making future improvements, State highways and local arterials are going to be overwhelmed.

Board members had an opportunity to inquire about the capabilities of the model and expressed an expectation that future development and planning studies should be based on the same travel demand model. Board members also requested the KMPO staff develop some type of training program opportunity for local jurisdictional staff and consulting firms to become familiar with the model and how it should be used in the future.

9. Board Member Items.

Dixie Reid informed the Board the ITD was having a two-day safety conference in Boise on October 19th and 20th and expressed a desire for as many Board members as possible to attend.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Glenn F. Miles
Executive Director