

KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
December 16, 2008
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman Jeff Zaugg called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Jeff Zaugg requested all those present to introduce themselves. Don Davis, Kevin Jump, Gordon Dobler, Eric Shanley, John Pankratz, Robert Palus, Kevin Howard, Kelly Brownsberger, Jeff Zuagg, Jenny Wash, Bonnie Gow, Carole Richardson, Marv Lekstrum, Monty Montgomery, Donna Montgomery, Diana Best, Melissa Cleveland, Matt Gillis, Sean Hoisington, Jimmie Dorsey, and Dick Edinger.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

It was noted the minutes should be corrected to indicate in a statement by Rod Twete to read ‘...concerning the transition coming from the North for the South Bound traffic on US95 during slick conditions.’

Robert Palus made a motion to approve the November 25, 2008 meeting minutes. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

KMPO Planning Updates:

Carole Richardson updated the members on KMPO projects. US95 Access Study is wrapping up and hope to get the recommendations adopted by the KMPO Board in January and then to the IT Board at the end of January. The US97 Study report is being reviewed by ITD and once they make comments KMPO will be getting those to KCATT to review. The report for the Huetter Corridor needs to be written by the consultant, and KCATT members need to submit resolutions in support of preserving Right of Way in the corridor.

Carole also reported KMPO is in the process of a model update and stated she will be working with the jurisdictions on land use projections through 2030. There was an administrative adjustment on the FFC maps that has to do with the City of Post Falls and Post Falls Highway District. Riverview Drive, which is on the edge of the urbanized area and was shown on the rural map, but ITD in Boise needs it to be shown on the urban map.

Utility Updates:

Avista: Diana Best gave an update of all the projects Avista is working on in Kootenai County.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) reported that because of the cold temperatures the de-icer does not work and they have put out a news release stating this issue.

Each member of KCATT reported that they are in the process of winter maintenance and had no new road updates to report.

ITD Board Update:

No representation present.

Current Business:

a) Current Stimulus Update

Carole Richardson reported on the draft KMPO list of economic stimulus projects to be submitted to the legislature. KMPO hopes to have this list finalized within the next week or so. She stated that KMPO's approach is to not only find small quick projects such as overlays, but to also consider Washington State's approach. Washington is making a concerted effort to find projects that will last longer than a few weeks so that the economic stimulus effect of the project is greater. For example, Ms. Richardson noted that the Bridging the Valley Pleasantview Interchange on 53 may be a risk to submit, but may be worth the risk because of the potential for 100% federal funding for construction with no local match. There is money in the STIP at the present time for design. The problem is finding matching funds in order to use the 5M currently available for design. Ms. Richardson noted that right of way has not been acquired for this project, but she advised that Mr. Miles indicated that it may be possible to expedite the right of way process if there are willing property owners. Mr. Miles has been in discussion with the Post Falls Highway District to find the matching funds and start on the design for the Pleasantview Interchange. Post Falls Highway District Commissioners will be considering this at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Richardson went through the list with the group to explore possibilities and asked about the readiness of some projects such as the Greensferry/I-90 Interchange. Discussion ensued. The group determined to strike several projects from the list after a discussion of potential delivery issues. The Greensferry/I90 interchange project was removed from the list as it does not yet have an environmental clearance and interchange justification report. Also, a project to add a pathway adjacent to US95 from Garwood to Athol was removed as ITD

advised that there is uncertainty about whether the pathway should go in the US95 right of way or in the right of way for a new frontage road.

There was concern about the time required for a project to go through the LHTAC/ITD project development process. ITD's current process may prevent new agency projects from making the stimulus list. Ms. Richardson noted that she would inquire further at ITD to see if something might be done to resolve this.

KCATT members were asked to provide any other projects for the stimulus list asap. Ms. Richardson stressed that agencies wishing to add projects to the stimulus list must assume full responsibility for developing their projects with their own funds. There is a risk that even if local agencies are able to get their projects designed in time to meet a stimulus deadline, they may not be funded. It is important that everyone understands this risk.

b) Public Involvement Policy

Ms. Richardson stated that the Public Involvement Policy, which was included in the agenda packet, has gone through its 45 day public comment period with no comments received. KMPO Staff is seeking a KCATT recommendation to the Board for approval.

John Pankratz made a motion to recommend the Public Involvement Policy for Board approval. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

c) STP Rural Funding

Kevin Howard reported that the Worley Highway District has completed a 3-year hiatus on the Elder Road project and is seeking STP funding for Kidd Island Road project which is an initial 3.12 mile project cut down to 2 miles. He stated that with KCATT's approval the WHD would like to put this in the STIP and propose to KMPO Board.

John Pankratz stated that East Side Highway District has already received STP funding for 2.7 miles of Burma Road, but is now applying for additional funding to finish construction.

It was requested that each jurisdiction write a letter of support for these projects to receive STP funding.

Gordon Dobler made a motion for recommendation of Worley Highway District and East Side Highway District's projects to the KMPO Board for Rural STP Funding. Andrea Storjohann seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Eric Shanley proposed a project to widen Government Way from Wilbur to Prairie. This is an important project and support was expressed by the group. However,

because this segment of US95 lies within the urbanized area, it is not eligible for STP Rural funding. Mr. Shanley, Mr. Dobler and Mr. Zaugg determined to start coordinating on this segment, so that they can be ready to submit this project for STP-Urban funding when the next call for projects occurs.

d) Right of Way Fund Legislation

Carole Richardson reminded the group that she had circulated some legislation proposed by Rep. Phil Hart that would establish a state fund for right of way acquisition. KMPO staff will be preparing a response letter and comments on the proposed legislation from KCATT members are due by December 22.

e) Confirm Officer Elections for 2009

As Kevin Jump was not present for the officer elections last month, Carole Richardson asked the group to confirm the KCATT elected officers for 2009 as being Kevin Howard as Chair and Kevin Jump as Vice Chair. There were no objections.

There was a unanimous acclamation for this confirmation from the group.

Upcoming Board Items

Items that will go before the Board in January are as follows:

- US95 Access Study recommendations
- Economic Stimulus update
- Letters of support for the two rural projects; Worley Highway District and East Side Highway District

Cities of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden will be going before their Councils this month to share the US95 study recommendations before the recommendations are sent to the IT Board.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be January 27, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary