

**KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
June 24, 2003
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Call to Order:

Gordon Dobler, Chair called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of the March Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 27, 2003 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Verizon – Jack Pachosa – They are in the process of finishing their modernization project.

Adelphia – Bruce Hathaway – Fiber-optic cable is being installed into sub-divisions.

Kootenai Electric – Bob Hallock – They are doing a major rebuild in the Green's Ferry area.

Avista – Steve Meredith – They are gearing up for relocation of gas lines on the Government Way Bridge.

Project Updates:

ITD:

The intersection of Boekel and US 95 is completed. Other projects in the county – Belgrove to Mica still underway; Mica to Cougar Creek has some paving still to be done; Bids are out on I-90 from Sherman Avenue interchange to Wolf Lodge for an overlay (bids will open July 4th); a chip-sealing job will be done at the Ross Point intersection, 41 miles north to Rathdrum. They will be using a new type of chip seal. The contract should go out in August.

Eastside Highway District:

Summer maintenance underway.

Worley Highway District:

Contractors are finishing work on a road into the south side of Rockford Bay. The second phase of this project will start in the fall.

Post Falls Highway District:

Work was done which improved the intersection at Prairie and McGuire; they paved from Hayden Avenue to Burlington. They did a complete pavement bridge overpass with the railroads and it is now connected and striped. The speed limit was raised to 45 mph. Pleasantview (Seltice to Prairie) will go to bid in a few weeks. They will also be doing chip seals and overlays.

Lakes Highway District:

Ramsey Road project has been completed other than striping. East Hayden Lake Road will be undergoing paving and reconstruction. The paving portion of the project will begin July 7th. Work is being done on the last mile of the Flagstone Road project and will be completed the week of July 7th. Rebuilding and paving Buckles Road. Utility problems in the area. Paving and reconstruction on Upper Hayden Lake Road is scheduled to begin mid-July. Also, about 30 miles of chip seals will be done this summer.

City of Hayden:

Charlie Gay, Ruen-Yeager Associates, reported that the Concept Report for Government Way is completed. They will be doing a 3-lane road with additional right turn lanes at the intersections. The Concept Report will be submitted today, June 24th. Construction funds will be available in 2006. A lengthy question and answer period followed his report.

City of Post Falls:

Minor widening and overlay project on Pole Line Avenue from Idaho to Chase. Most of it will now be a 5-lane roadway. They also have some small projects they will do this summer.

City of Coeur d'Alene:

Gordon Dobler reported that Coeur d'Alene will start their overlay program this summer – 4th Street (Harrison north to Best). They will be working at night to minimize the impact on traffic. Fruitland Lane will be reconstructed for water and sewer lines in August and the paving will be reconstructed on 15th. They have acquired 12 of 15 parcels they will need at this point on the Government Way project. It has been bid through the final design. The Seltice project will be completed soon. They are exploring a new product, Cape Seal, which is a chip with slurry on top.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh stated that the new director of ITD, Dave Ekern, will be starting next month. He will be attending the July ITD Board meeting which will be held in District 1 in Coeur d'Alene on July 18th. A tour will be held on the 17th. Discussion took place about a possible reception during the days Mr. Ekern will be in the area in order for people to meet him.

Mr. McHugh explained about a lawsuit that has been filed by the City of Eagle regarding a traffic signal. Due to this problem, the Mayor of Eagle is proposing that Transportation Board members be elected rather than appointed.

He pointed out new monitors in the room, which have video conferencing capabilities and are connected to ITD headquarters in Boise.

Old Business:

Functional Classification Map:

All the jurisdictions have given their functional classification maps to Glenn Miles. The GIS Department of SRTC is in the process of putting all the maps into one map, which will be brought to the KCATT members for review in July. It was agreed that KCATT would hold a functional classification map work session in July for all jurisdictions affected to coordinate their maps.

New Business:

Idaho Transportation Department Access Management Program Presentation

Carole Richardson, ITD, gave an overview of ITD's policy for access management for the state highway system, explained what is happening with Highway 41 and the Post Falls' Master Plan for that corridor and what ITD would like to do in response to the Master Plan, and briefed the KCATT on the future of US 95.

➤ ITD Access Management Policy

Access management is a balance of two basic concepts – logical access to properties and mobility down roadways. She explained the difference between major and minor arterials, collectors, local roads and the interstate as well as the difference between urban and rural roads. She explained how important the distance between traffic signals is to traffic flow. ITD's recommendation is half-mile intervals between traffic signals. At half-mile spacing, it takes 40 seconds at 45 mph to drive a half a mile.

➤ **SH 41 Access Management Master Plan**

State Highway 41 is a principal arterial between Post Falls and Rathdrum. The City of Post Falls developed a Master Plan that has established key locations where signals will be allowed and other existing intersections where there will be left turn restrictions needed in order to follow the Master Plan. At this time, SH 41 is a Type 3 Access (driveways still allowed every 300 feet). The Idaho Transportation Board will be asked to change the access type to fall more in line with Post Fall's Master Plan. They will be asking that signal locations be no closer than one-half mile intervals. The ultimate goal is that private access comes from cross streets and not directly onto SH 41. The KCATT made a recommendation of support for the SH 41 Access Management Master Plan to the KMPO Board.

➤ **Future Access of US 95**

A study was undertaken by ITD on US 95. The study characterized what the traffic was like and what they think the traffic demand will be in the future. They identified what types of improvements will be needed and looked at the various options available to fix them. The study did not recommend a single preferred alternative but assessed the options. Carole presented the results of the study showing all the possible alternative routes.

ITD will be taking this presentation to the KMPO Board and asking that the Board:

Support the ITD proposal to establish a new access policy for SH 41.

Help establish a vision for US 95. A consensus of local leadership is needed on the future of existing US 95.

Support in implementing ITD's Access Policy (signal spacing and median decisions).

KMPO sponsored public outreach may be needed.

Other Business:

The members of KCATT awarded a plaque to Barbara Babic as a thank you for her years of service to the committee. She thanked everyone and told them she would miss working with them.

Carole Richardson suggested that the membership roster and by-laws of the KCATT be updated and/or redone in lieu of the formation of the Kootenai Metropolitan Transportation Organization (KMPO). It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at next month's KCATT meeting.

Glenn Miles reported that the KMPO approved the addition of a member of the Air Quality Committee to the KCATT.

Next meeting – July 22, 2003

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

JUDY HAZARD
Recording Secretary