

**KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
December 28, 2004
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Call to Order:

Chair Joe Wuest called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the November Minutes:

Tom Nigh made a motion to accept the November 30, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Lloyd, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Avista: Steve Meredith reported working on easements for the Government Way project Phase II. Meredith stated work would begin on the Lancaster sub-station project the first week of January.

Project Updates:

ITD: Sean Hoisington encouraged members to use ITD as a resource for program application cost estimating. Hoisington said the review for a preliminary design of an inter-change at US 95 and Lancaster Road has begun. Also, two consultants have been short listed for the I-90 Corridor Study. Hoisington said the study would examine the portion of Interstate 90 from the Washington Idaho state line east to MP 15 and evaluate interchange locations, capacity, multi-modal transportation, utilities and right-of-way.

Andrea Storjohann reported roadway work would begin in April on Government Way.

Eastside Highway District: John Pankratz said East Side Highway is brush cutting and doing regular winter maintenance.

Worley Highway District: Tom Nigh reported the Rockford Creek project was open to traffic for the winter. Nigh expects the project to be completed in the spring.

Lakes Highway District: Joe Wuest reported that Lancaster west is finished and will be paved in the spring. Lakes Highway District has been working on right-of-way for Lancaster east. Wuest also stated Lakes Highway District has funds released for work on Diagonal Road north east of Rathdrum between SH 41 and Ramsey Road. Also, there will be a bid process for clearing right-of-way for utilities on Howard Road.

City of Post Falls: Bill Melvin said the City of Post Falls Mullan Avenue projects was moving forward in design.

City of Rathdrum: Bob Lloyd reported the City of Rathdrum was repairing potholes with cold mix.

City of Hayden: Jeff Zaug reported the City of Hayden has opened bids on the Honeysuckle utility project. City of Hayden, Hayden Irrigation District and the Hayden Area Regional Sewer are coordinating the project on Honeysuckle between Ramsey and Atlas. Zaug also reported the City of Hayden has been working on Atlas Road north of the Coeur d' Alene Airport.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh reported a sub committee of the ITD Executive Board has been asked that ITD take ownership of more county roads. McHugh explained ITD has had a policy to not add additional road mileage to the state system. McHugh said the sub committee would be re-considering the long-standing policy.

McHugh also reported the statistics released for November 2004 have shown fewer fatalities to date for 2004 as fatalities for 2003. He continued by stating Dave Ekern, ITD Executive Director wants safety to continue as a priority.

McHugh said the governor has directed agencies to work on alternative fuels. McHugh stated that District Three ITD is using bio-fuels.

Dick Edinger asked if the ITD Board would support Garvee Bonds. McHugh said the ITD Board is in favor of Garvee Bonds and McHugh thought the governor would likely state his support as well.

Current Business:

a.) Enhancement Projects Review

City of Coeur d' Alene - Elaine Smith who is preparing an application for the City of Coeur d' Alene contacted the KMPO. The project is described as an extension of the existing bike path along Atlas Road from Appaloosa south connecting with the Centennial Trail at Interstate 90. The estimated cost of the enhancement is \$500,450.

City of Rathdrum – City engineer Larry Comer said the City of Rathdrum would be re-submitting an application to complete pedestrian paths along SH 41 and SH 53. Comer said the estimated cost would be \$270,000+.

East Side Highway District – East Side Highway District is sponsoring an enhancement project for the Boy Scouts of America. District Director for the Boy Scouts Chris

Peterson explained that Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d' Alene is bi-sected by SH 97 resulting in young campers crossing the highway to access the beachfront. Peterson explained the project would provide a tunnel under the State Highway for the safe passage of several thousand camp visitors each year. Peterson had no cost estimate at this time but thought it comparable to a similar project recently constructed by the Coeur d' Alene Tribe that had an approximate cost of \$350,000.

City of Harrison – East Side Highway District's Road Supervisor John Pankratz reported the City of Harrison would be applying for enhancement funding. The project the City of Harrison is proposing is to purchase the parking lot adjoining the old school. The parking lot is expected to provide parking for the more than 75,000 annual users of the Trail of the Coeur 'd Alenes. The City of Harrison also plans on using a portion of the funding to renovate the old school for a transportation museum. Estimated cost of the project is \$350,000.

City of Post Falls –Bill Melvin, engineer for the City of Post Falls said the city would be re-submitting an application from last year but was not sure which project it would be.

Joe Wuest said the enhancement projects are due January 31 and would be reviewed by the KCATT sub-committee in February prior to the regular KCATT meeting. Wuest said the sub-committee would be selected at the January meeting. Recommendations to be forwarded to the KMPO board for the enhancement projects will be determined at the regular KCATT meeting on February 22.

b.) STP Rural Projects Review

Worley Highway District – Road supervisor Tom Nigh said the Worley Highway District would re-submit an application for pavement repair on Elder Road. Elder Road functions as a collector. The proposed pavement repair is 4.3 miles and the cost estimate in 2009 dollars is \$1.9M.

City of Rathdrum – City engineer Larry Comer said the City of Rathdrum would re-submit the application to improve the oblique intersection at SH 41 at Wright Street and McCartney Street. The alternatives to be evaluated are a conventional intersection or a roundabout configuration. Comer stated the estimated cost in 2003 dollars is \$570,000.

John Pankratz made a motion to recommend to the KMPO board to write letters of support for each of the STP rural applications. The motion was seconded by Tom Nigh, which passed unanimously.

c.) Amended STIP

Glenn Miles reported the amendment to the STIP because of the partnership development with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe in regards to public transportation.

d.) Election of Officers

Chair Joe Wuest read through the KCATT by-laws regarding the election of officers. Wuest then opened the floor to nominations for Chair. **Tom Nigh moved to move John Pankratz from Vice Chair to Chair of the KCATT. Bob Lloyd seconded the motion. Sean Hoisington moved to close the nominations. Tom Nigh seconded the motion. With nominations the membership unanimously voted John Pankratz as Chair of KCATT.**

Wuest opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. **Bob Lloyd moved to nominate Bill Melvin for Vice Chair of the KCATT. John Pankratz seconded the motion. With nominations the membership unanimously voted Bill Melvin as Vice Chair of KCATT.**

Other Business:

Larry Comer brought Krispy Creme donuts in honor of Bob Lloyd's retirement and birthday. The membership thanked Bob for his many years of contribution.

Next meeting – January 25, 2005

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary