

**KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
November 23, 2004
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the October Minutes:

Tom Nigh made a motion to accept the October 26, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Brownsberger, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Avista: Steve Meredith reported several projects at or nearing completion, including the work at the Rathdrum Creek Bridge and the illumination project on I-90.

KEC: Bob Hallock reported preparation for winter was underway and work on the Hayden sub-station was continuing.

Project Updates:

ITD: Sean Hoisington reported the concept of an interchange at the intersection of Lancaster and US 95 is under study. Hoisington said a public open house for the Post Falls I-90 Access Improvements has been scheduled for December 2 at the Post Falls City Library from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Hoisington also reported a project to study the I-90 corridor from the Washington/Idaho state line east to the Sherman Street exit was seeking consultant proposals. The I-90 corridor study would be the companion project to the Post Falls Access Improvement study. The corridor study will examine such things as capacity and general operations.

Hoisington also reported the repair work on the Blue Creek Bay Bridge was finished for the winter and construction on Wolf Lodge Creek will continue through the winter.

Eastside Highway District: John Pankratz reported the East Side Highway District is preparing for winter maintenance.

Worley Highway District: Tom Nigh reported the Rock Creek project is behind schedule and that Worley Highway District is preparing for winter maintenance.

Post Falls Highway District: Kelly Brownsberger reported that Post Falls Highway District was on schedule with the Prairie Avenue project. Brownsberger also reported the Seltice Way Bridge improvements were still waiting for the Union Pacific right-of-way abandonment process to move along.

City of Hayden: Jeff Zaug reported the project on Atlas Road was finishing up and the project on Honeysuckle was moving along. Zaug said the City of Hayden is still evaluating the application from Wal Mart to build a store on Honeysuckle and US 95.

City of Coeur d' Alene: Gordon Dobler reported the bid for the next phase of the Government Way project was ready to be awarded. Dobler also said the intersection of Government Way and Appleway would now incorporate video with signalization.

ITD Board Update: Executive Board member John McHugh reported that Garvee bonding would be a topic at the legislative sessions in 2005.

Current Business:

Public Transportation Draft Report Service Alternatives, Organization and Funding

Glenn Miles reported there would be a public meeting on December 1 at the North Idaho College Student Union Building in the Lake Coeur d' Alene Room to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding the draft report. The meeting will be held from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Miles encouraged the members to read the draft report and provide comments.

Coeur d' Alene Tribe Public Transportation Service Proposal

Glenn Miles introduced Bill Spencer, Guest Services Director, Coeur d' Alene Casino and Pam Wagner, transportation manager for the Coeur d' Alene Tribe. Miles explained the proposal from the Coeur d' Alene Tribe would allow for public transportation connectivity to the southern part of Kootenai County. If there were a decision made to partner with the CDA Tribe all transit vehicles would be marketed as area wide public transportation and bear no reference to the Coeur d' Alene Tribal Casino. John Austin distributed a handout to the members and explained the financial details. Glenn Miles explained while there is authority in Idaho to organize a regional public transit authority there is not authority to tax for public transportation. Miles further explained that a partnership with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe would provide south county connectivity and allow for more FTA funds to be leveraged. **Sean Hoisington made a motion to recommend to the KMPO policy board that a public transportation partnership with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe be approved. The motion was seconded by Gordon Dobler, which passed unanimously.**

Travel Demand Model Update

Tanna Dole reported progress is being made in the travel demand model update. Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) have been re-structured to reflect the 2000 U.S. Census Block Groups, road network changes have been confirmed, more than 100 traffic counts within the last year have been included and housing units have been aggregated according to TAZ. Dole said the goal has been to complete the base year model by the end of 2004. Dole further explained there have been complications in receiving the employment data necessary for the model input. No date has been projected for the base year model completion at this time. In the interim PTV America has taken delivery of the data KMPO staff can provide and has begun preliminary work.

Next meeting – December 28, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary