

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
April 7, 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
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
Lynn Humphreys	Post Falls Highway District
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County Commissioner
Clay Larkin	City of Post Falls
Dixie Reid, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
Tom St. John, Vice-Chair	Worley Highway District
Frances SiJohn	Coeur d' Alene Tribe

Board Members Absent:

Scott Stokes	ITD District 1 Engineer
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Staff Present:

Glenn Miles, Transportation Manager
Tanna Dole, Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Vice Chair Lynn Humphreys at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes.

Gus Johnson made a motion to approve the March 3, 2005 meeting minutes. Clay Larkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Director/Public Comments

Glenn Miles reported that KMPO has been awarded \$15,000 from the Ride Share Grant.

Miles also reported that Dale Rosebrock of Intermountain Demographics has forecasted Kootenai County future population for the year 2009 at 147,000 and for 2030 at 211,000. Miles said Rosebrock is also working on employment data and all of the research is part of the travel demand model update.

Chair Dixie Reid arrived and resumed the meeting by calling for public comments. No public comments.

4. Administrative Matters.

a) Approval of January/February Vouchers

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the payment of the January/February 2005 voucher list in the amount of \$12,378.22. Gus Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b) Home Interview Survey/Household Travel Characteristic Study

Glenn Miles reported the first Household Travel Characteristic Study in Kootenai County is underway. Approximately 800 randomly chosen residents will be recruited to participate in keeping a travel log of all the trips they make in one day. This data is used to predict how people travel in Kootenai County. An even geographic and economic distribution of the recruited residents will be used.

c) Kootenai County Request to Amend 2005 STIP to Increase 5307 funds

Glenn Miles explained that Aging and Adult Services contribution has been reduced by \$30,000 and in order to recover that match Kootenai Medical Center has agreed to increase their service, which will increase their need for operating assistance and preventative maintenance. **Gus Johnson made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2005 STIP. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

5. KCATT Recommendations.

a. Vehicle Registration Fee

Glenn Miles explained that KCATT was again looking at alternative funding sources for local transportation projects. Miles said the vehicle registration fee is allowable under Idaho state law and KCATT would be interested in exploring that as a possible solution for transportation funding shortfalls. Miles said the KCATT would develop a priority list of projects. Approximately 30% would be allocated for maintenance and preservation of the existing system and 70% would be allocated for construction and capital improvements. **Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve KCATT to further investigate vehicle registration fees as an alternative funding source for local transportation construction and maintenance. Clay Larkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.** The board members requested a presentation from the KCATT upon completion of the investigation.

6. Idaho Urban Committee

Glenn Miles said the next meeting of the Urban Committee was scheduled for the first week of May.

7. Public Transportation Report

John Austin thanked the Kootenai Medical Center for providing the additional match to make up a shortfall. Gus Johnson said Aging and Adult Services is phasing out of funding public transit match and asked how the coming shortfalls will be solved. John Austin said there would be several options to look into over the next year.

Clay Larkin requested John Austin to prepare a cost per boarding review for the May meeting.

Glenn Miles said the Coeur d' Alene Tribe is working with the Tillamook County Transit Authority on a federal procurement to purchase new buses. This cooperation would shorten the time for delivery of the buses.

Dick Edinger asked John Austin if anyone in the Bennewah area has been contacted regarding partnering. Austin said he has been in contact with Scott Murphy and plans are being made to connect the Valley Vista fixed route into Plummer.

8. Other Business

a. US 95 at Kidd Island Bay Road

Commissioner Gus Johnson recused himself and left the room during the discussion of agenda item #8.a.

Martha Cook from Presley Road, representing the residents of the surrounding area presented concerns regarding land use along the US 95 corridor through the Mica Flats and south.

b. Huetter Road Corridor Study

Commissioner Johnson returned to the room and took his seat with the board members.

Christine Fueston from RuenYeager, Inc presented a map defining the corridor study area, including preliminary alternatives. Glenn Miles discussed the development of a purpose and need statement. See attached map and purpose and need discussion paper. Miles said it is critical to form consensus regarding the vision for the corridor. Fueston described the three areas within the study and the unique circumstances within each area. Discussion ensued regarding the preliminary alternatives.

c. SH 97 Route Development Plan

Glenn Miles provided handouts illustrating the process of Route Development planning. Miles discussed the concepts outlined in the handout. See Attached.

9. Board Member Items

Dixie Reid reported that legal counsel Freeman Duncan reviewed and approved the renewal contract with SRTC. Reid signed the renewal contract with SRTC.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary