

**KCATT MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 25, 2005  
ITD District 1 Conference Room  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Welcome and Introductions:**

John Pankratz welcomed the group and asked if each person would introduce themselves. Those present were: Scott Stokes, John McHugh, Sean Hoisington, Andrea Storjohann, Rand Wichman, Joe Wuest, Kelly Brownsberger, Chet Anderson, Tom Nigh, Tanna Dole, Glenn Miles, Mark Soderling, Dean Primer, Bruce Hathaway, Steve Meredith, Jim Dorsey, Lynn Humphreys, Elmer Smith, Al Hassel, John Austin, Jim Roletto, and Larry Comer.

**Approval of the December Minutes:**

**Andrea Storjohann made a motion to accept the December 28, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Nigh, which passed unanimously.**

**Update With Utilities:**

**Avista:** Steve Meredith reported work was progressing on an easement north of Kathleen on Government Way for a re-location and work on the Avondale sub station is underway.

**Project Updates:**

**ITD:** Andrea Storjohann reported work on SH 53 at Rathdrum Creek and bridgework on SH 97 is shut down for the winter months. Storjohann said the Setters to Belgrove portion of the US 95 project and the Government Way overpass at I-90 will be both out for bid this week.

**Post Falls Highway District:** Kelly Brownsberger reported the acquisition of right-of-way is continuing on the Prairie Avenue project. Brownsberger stated there has been no change in the status of the Seltice Way Bridge project.

**Lakes Highway District:** Joe Wuest reported work has begun on the Howard Road project.

**City of Post Falls:** Bill Melvin reported the City of Post Falls was working on the State and Local Agreement for the bike/ped path on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and the city is considering extending sewer service north of Mullan Avenue along SH 41.

**Kootenai County:** Rand Wichman report the County will meet with the Highway Districts to discuss the implications of the new subdivision ordinance.

**ITD Board Update:** John McHugh said Governor Kempthorne is planning to present a bill to the Legislature for approval to use Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonding as a funding source for the transportation needs in Idaho.

## **Current Business:**

**a. Lancaster Road Interchange Update** – Sean Hoisington explained that ITD has been exploring designs for an interchange at the intersection of Lancaster Road and US 95. Hoisington had several drawings depicting a variety of possibilities. Scott Stokes emphasized these are preliminary designs and still are testing the feasibilities of the options. Glenn Miles explained the Urban Balancing Committee would be meeting in March and having a concept report for the interchange would improve any request for available funding.

**b. Lancaster/Boekel @ SH 41** – Sean Hoisington said ITD has been working with the City of Rathdrum to plan for signalization on SH 41. Hoisington said ITD has an MOU with the City of Rathdrum regarding signalization and originally Boekel was believed to be the primary east/west route between US 95 and SH 41. However, because of the development that will soon be impacting Lancaster a discussion will be necessary to re-examine previous thought. Larry Comer, the City of Rathdrum engineer, gave a presentation and reviewed the Transportation Plan adopted by the City of Rathdrum. Comer said the MOU between ITD and the City of Rathdrum includes signals at Lancaster, Nagel and Boekel. Comer said the city's future Transportation Plan calls for an alternate route for SH 41 through Rathdrum, using Lancaster east to Meyer and then north connecting at the intersection of Diagonal Road. Because of the present rate of development on the south edges, the City of Rathdrum believes the immediate needs of the city is for signalization at Boekel first and then Lancaster. Discussion ensued regarding the placing of signalization at the two locations.

**c. Enhancement Projects – Sub Committee Selection** – John Pankratz called for volunteers to be on the KCATT sub committee to prioritize the 2005 Enhancement Projects applications. Pankratz recommended those submitting applications abstain from volunteering for the duty. Volunteers for the sub committees were Rand Wichman, Tom Nigh, Kelly Brownsberger, and Joe Wuest. Volunteers will be notified of the meeting time and place and copies of applications will be provided for review prior to the prioritization meeting.

**d. Travel Demand Model Update** – Glenn Miles reported that KMPO staff had contacted the Department of Commerce and Labor to request employment data. Miles said the process involved KMPO signing an agreement with the Department of Commerce and Labor regarding disclosure and security of the data. Miles stated the data request and delivery was a lengthy process and now work is progressing. Miles continued and said a home interview survey in both Kootenai and Spokane Counties will take place in the spring and results will be available by summer. The last time any survey of this type was taken in Kootenai County was in 1985.

**e. Huetter Road Corridor Study** – Glenn Miles reported the project would kick off within 30 days.

**f. Public Transportation Update** – Glenn Miles reported the public comment period for the Public Transportation Study was over on January 11. Two comments were received and will be incorporated in the final document. The final study document will be presented at the KMPO board meeting on February 3, 2005 for adoption.

**g. SH 97** - Glenn Miles gave a presentation of the area from the interchange on Interstate 90 south on SH 97 using a series of photographs. The digital photography illustrated the geography and the geometrics of the roadway along SH 97. Several developments are proposed resulting in an increase of 1000+ housing units. Miles stated the traffic count for the intersection at I-90 and SH 97 is approximately 1400 vehicles daily. Miles stated adding 1000+ housing units would more than double vehicle trips. Also, SH97 is a Scenic By-Way, which increases summer traffic volumes and includes larger, slow moving recreational vehicles. Because of the narrow and curved roadway and geographic limitations for road improvement Miles suggested an examination of the practical capacity on SH 97 would be useful. John Pankratz stated the East Side Highway District has required developers to prepare traffic impact studies. Scott Stokes said ITD District One sees this as an opportunity to partner with KMPO to prepare a route development plan for SH 97. Stokes further stated he is committed to look for funding avenues. Stokes said the ultimate goal would be for an adoption of a land use policy agreement.

**Other Business:**

Joe Wuest reminded the members of the construction map endeavor that was started a year ago. Both the Kootenai Utilities Council and the KMPO supported the idea and pledged \$1,000 each toward the construction map. Wuest stated the response from the agencies has not been 100%. Wuest questioned the members if the effort on the construction map should be continued. John Pankratz asked if the response was sufficient enough to print a map with using what we have. Wuest thought there was. Scott Stokes supported the continued effort. One more call for project descriptions and a draft map will be printed for the members to review.

Dan Redline said the CMAQ Program applications from North Idaho are very competitive this year.

Glenn Miles said the House and Senate would begin on the transportation re-authorization bill early February and plan to be finished by late April.

Next meeting –February 22, 2005

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 35 a.m.

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TANNA DOLE  
Recording Secretary

