

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
January 6, 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
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	ITD District 1 Engineer

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 Chair, Dixie Reid, at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes.

Lynn Humphreys made a motion to approve the December 2, 2004 meeting minutes. Vic Holmes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Director Comment

Glenn Miles reported that KMPO has received notification from the Idaho Transportation Department there are rideshare funds available in the amount of \$80,000 for statewide distribution. The funds can be used for coordination of all modes of transportation, such as car pool, vanpool, employer programs and public education. Miles said the application must be submitted by January 28. **Dick Edinger made a motion to apply for the statewide rideshare funds. Clay Larkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

Continuing with director comments Glenn Miles said State Highway 97 has become a topic of discussion over the past few months because of the development and proposed development of the areas on the east side of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Miles suggested a route development plan may

be helpful in terms of evaluating the growth and development plans for capacity issues along the route. Scott Stokes said ITD currently works with East Side Highway District to determine traffic impacts and continued by saying he believes this could be an opportunity to coordinate with Kootenai County Planning also. Stokes supported the concept of a route development plan and stated he would be willing to pursue funding for such a plan. Stokes desire would be for the jurisdictions involved to agree on criteria of how future development will be evaluated and ultimately formulate development requirements along the route.

4. Administrative Matters.

a.) Approval of November Vouchers

James Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the December 2, 2004 voucher list in the amount of \$9,855.85. Lynn Humphreys seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

a) SRTC Contract Renewal

Glenn Miles reminded the policy board the contract between Spokane Regional Transportation Council and the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization was due for renewal in March. Dixie Reid said this was an informational item and requested it be on the agenda for the board meeting February 3.

5. KCATT Recommendations

a.) Letter of Support for STP Rural Highway Projects

Glenn Miles reported the KCATT has recommended support letters be written for the STP Rural applications from Worley Highway District, Lakes Highway District and the City of Rathdrum.

Worley Highway District has applied for funds to improve pavement conditions on Elder Road with an estimated cost of \$1.9 million, Lakes Highway District has applied for funds to construct Phase 3 improvements to Lancaster Road with an estimated cost of \$2.7 million, and the City of Rathdrum has applied for intersection improvements at Wright Street and State Highway 41 with an estimated cost of \$500,000.

Mark Soderling made a motion for KMPO to write letters of support for STRP applications from Worley Highway District, Lakes Highway District and the City of Rathdrum. Dick Edinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. Idaho Urban Committee – No meeting to report.

7. Public Transportation Report

a.) Status Report on Operations – John Austin

John Austin distributed a summary of operation in 2003 and 2004. Austin reported that boardings per vehicle have more than doubled and the cost per boarding has been reduced by more than half. Austin said the coordination of trips is largely responsible for the improvements. Austin said the next efforts would be to coordinate the current service providers with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe. The Coeur d' Alene Tribe will be providing a fixed route service from south Kootenai

County to Coeur d' Alene and Post Falls. Austin expects the contract agreement between Kootenai County and the Coeur d' Alene Tribe will be signed by the end of the month.

8. Other Business

a.) Amended STIP Update

Glenn Miles reported submitting an amendment to the STIP to reflect the funding changes since the public transportation partnership with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe.

b.) Title Fee Legislation

Gus Johnson said the Association of Cities and Counties will be supporting the \$10.00 title fee legislation and is requesting support letters. **Dick Edinger made a motion for KMPO to write a letter of support for the \$10.00 title fee legislation. Gus Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved, with Scott Stokes abstaining from the vote.**

c.) Election of Officers

Chair Dixie Reid called for nominations. **James Mangan made a motion to retain the current officers, Chair Dixie Reid and Vice Chairman Lynn Humphreys, for another year. Anson Gable seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

7. Board Member Items

a.) Commissioner Gus Johnson

Commissioner Johnson expressed concerns regarding implementing the planning efforts of the KMPO and since Kootenai County has no direct involvement in the operation of transportation Johnson felt uncertain of the role of the County on the policy board. Members assured Commissioner Johnson of the need for a representative from the Board of County Commissioners particularly because land use planning is such an integral part of planning for transportation. Commissioner Johnson stated he would remain as the County Commission representative on the KMPO policy board.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary