

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
May 5, 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
Bob Wilbur	Post Falls Highway District
Dixie Reid, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Francis SiJohn	Coeur d' Alene Tribe

Board Members Absent:

Clay Larkin – City of Post Falls
Gus Johnson – Kootenai County
Scott Stokes – Idaho Transportation Department
Vic Holmes – City of Rathdrum

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 April Meeting Minutes.

Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the April 7, 2005 meeting minutes with the correction to “Board Members in Attendance”. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Director/Public Comments

Glenn Miles gave a progress report regarding the home interview survey underway in Kootenai and Spokane Counties. Dick Edinger asked when the survey would be complete. Miles said the initial results of the survey should be available June 30.

4. Administrative Matters.

a) Approval of March 2005 Vouchers

Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the payment of the March 2005 voucher list in the amount of \$8,067.44 Anson Gable seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. KCATT Recommendations.

None

6. Idaho Urban Committee.

Glenn Miles reported the Urban Committee would meet May 26th at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the ITD Division of Aeronautics Bldg. at the Boise airport.

7. Public Transportation Report

John Austin reported preparing for the FTA tri-annual review next week.

Dick Edinger asked if Austin had made contact with Benewah County. Austin said yes he had been in contact with Mr. Burphy of Valley Vista and plans are being made to have a connection to rural route in Kootenai County. Edinger also asked about qualifications for the bus drivers. Pam Wagner, operations manager, stated the bus drivers must have Class B CDL's prior to application and they must also have a clean driving record for three years. Francis SiJohn said the Coeur d' Alene Tribe has stringent requirements for bus drivers and along with the employee application requirements there are random spot checks of employees.

Bill Spencer gave an update on the procurement of buses. Spencer said the Coeur d' Alene Tribe was able to "piggy back" on the bid made by Tillamook County and has ordered a total of five (5) buses. Four of the buses have a 33-passenger capacity and one of the buses has a 23-passenger capacity. The 23-passenger vehicle is expected by mid June and Spencer is waiting to confirm a delivery date for the other four buses ordered.

Laura Stensgar, marketing director for the Coeur d' Alene Casino presented two potential logos for the new fixed route service. Discussion ensued. Board members requested Stensgar return for the June 2 meeting with several variations of logos presented. Variations to the logos would include merging the "City Link" name with the graphics and color scheme of the "Raven Run" alternative. Stensgar agreed to return to the June 2 meeting with the variations requested by the board.

8. Other Business

a.) US 95/Lancaster Road – Intersection Improvements

Glenn Miles explained that airport development on the west side and a large development anticipated on the east side of US 95 and Lancaster Road has prompted ITD/KMPO to begin exploring changes for the intersection. Sean Hoisington and Linda Mitchell, traffic engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department, District One provided plots illustrating several possible intersection improvements for the intersection at US 95 and Lancaster Road. Illustrations included a round about, a single point urban interchange (SPUI) and a diamond interchange. Mitchell also presented a computer simulation of

solutions that included the round about, the SPUI and diamond interchange. Dixie Reid asked what the time frame would be for the changes at the intersection. Glenn Miles said if developer participation was forthcoming the improvements could be made quite soon. Anson Gable added that the US 95 and Lancaster Road intersection is one of the worst in North Idaho in regards to accidents occurring.

b.) Review Construction Map Proof

Glenn Miles reported the proof for the construction map identifying projects for 2005, 2006 and 2007 had been reviewed by the KCATT. Miles requested the board review the proof posted in the room and provide comments and/or edits. The map is expected to be ready for distribution the week of May 16th.

9. Board Member Items

Bob Wilbur reported Post Falls Highway District has posted a 4-way stop at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Atlas Road.

Dixie Reid reported traveling to Pocatello with Scott Stokes to represent the KMPO at the statewide meeting for long range transportation planning.

Glenn Miles reported traveling to Washington D.C. with a group of 40 individuals from the states of Washington and Idaho in an effort to represent a variety of issues facing both states. Miles met with both the Idaho and Washington delegation to discuss transportation issues. Miles anticipates \$284 billion to be approved for the re-authorization of the transportation bill.

Dick Edinger introduced Amy Schroder who will be the interim transportation planner for ITD.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary