

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
March 2, 2006
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Dixie Reid	City of Coeur d'Alene
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	ITD District 1 Assistant Engineer
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County
Scott Grant (Alternate)	City of Post Falls

Board Members Absent:

Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Clay Larkin, Vice-Chair	City of Post Falls

Staff Present:

Ed Hayes, Senior Transportation Planner
Jenny Wash, Administrative Clerk
Jeff Selle, Manager of Transp. Relations

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the February 2, 2006 meeting minutes. Ms. Dixie Reid seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments.

No public comments.

4. Administrative Matters.

a) KMPO Vouchers – January 2006

Mr. Jim Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the January 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$9,794.71. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.

b) KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers – January 2006

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve payment of the January 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of \$3,032.14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dick Edinger and unanimously approved.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Ed Hayes, KMPO Staff, stated that Mr. Glenn Miles was meeting with the federal government pertaining to Bridging the Valley today and that next week he will be in Washington D.C. meeting with the FRA, USDOT, and congressional delegation staff both in Washington and Idaho to provide an update on Bridging the Valley Project.

6. KCATT Recommendations -

a) Transportation Enhancement Recommendations

KCATT Chairman Bill Melvin indicated that the sub-committee has reviewed the enhancements and have decided on the following recommendations in order of preference. These recommendations will then be sent to ITD.

- #1 - City of Coeur d'Alene Atlas Bike Pedestrian Project
- #2 - Lakes Highway District Storm Water Runoff Study
- #3 - Boy Scouts of America Underpass.

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the recommended Enhancements by KCATT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Mangan and unanimously approved.

7. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee

Mr. Hayes reported on the update from the minutes of the Urban Balancing Committee meeting. Mr. Hayes started with Key 08465 noting that the Right-of-Way is moving along as planned, and Key 09026 needs an additional \$250,000 for the Mullan Road Right-of-Way.

8. Public Transportation Report.

a) Status Report on Coeur d'Alene Tribe South County Service

Ms. Rozi Taylor presented Citylink's usage chart that showed an overall daily 19.9 percent growth over last month as well as an increase in rural routes. She also presented the Board with Citylink's detailed progress reports that cover accidents, break downs, route changes as well as marketing, personnel, direct marketing, etc. Ms. Annie Nomee who does the marketing and advertising for Citylink reported that they are advertising on radio as well as on billboards and also have ads in the Sunday Spokesman Review and Coeur d'Alene newspapers.

Mr. Bill Spencer of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe commented that they have not yet heard from ITD on the 5311 Funding Grant bus request. He stated that the 5309-07 Fiscal Grant for the maintenance facility is in progress and probably wouldn't hear anything on this Grant till summer. This grant is for \$1,250,000 with an 80/20 match from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

b) Status Report on Public Transportation North Service

Mr. John Austin introduced Ms. Helen Stephens who is the manager of NICE, which operates as KATS. The county commissioners have approved the three-year contract with KATS to invite the demand response element of the link system. He thanked Ms. Stephens for the work she has done to recognize the coordination that KMPO requested between Citylink and KATS. The buses will be linked together with a new logo that will show the link between the KATS and Citylink system. Mr. Austin also stated that the language in the agreement says that in all instances people will be transported between cities by Citylink. This, he emphasized, would enhance the system, which Ms. Stephens has set up and fostered for seventeen years.

Mr. Humphreys thanked the county commissioners for approving the contract and also thanked Ms. Stephens for being here and working with the board on this project.

Mr. Austin also commented on the Tribal Agreement per the contract signed a year ago by the County Commissioners that they have approved the second year of the three agreements with the Tribe. Per the agreement they were allowed to negotiate a higher budget that the County Commissioners approved based on last year's budget. The tribe has agreed to match \$50,000 for the additional \$60,000 from FTA for this purpose.

Mr. Austin indicated that it is time to send the bill out to the cities for NICE Bus Transit services. Last year the cities agreed to the annual appropriation of \$74,000. This bill would only be \$37,000 since there are only six more months in the fiscal year. The cities should be receiving a letter of agreement regarding this funding shortly.

9. Other Business.

a) Bridging the Valley – Rathdrum Underpass Draft Agreement

Mr. Hayes reported that details for this agenda item are still being finalized. Mr. Hayes indicated that Mr. Miles is in the process of negotiating certain issues pertaining to the draft agreement and hopes to have this presented to the Board by next meeting.

10. Board Member Items.

Ms. Reid of the City of Coeur d'Alene asked Mr. Scott Stokes of the City of Post Falls, about the proposed rule making pertaining to the disposal of surplus property belonging to ITD. Mr. Stokes answered that he has spoken with Mr. Miles concerning this issue and there will be further investigation concerning these rules and he will have a comment by the next Board meeting, if not sooner.

Mr. Scott Grant, alternate Vice-Chair, indicated that he expects Mr. Clay Larkin back to the Board meetings in May.

Mr. Edinger mentioned ITD's open house (SR95 North) received good attendance and the presentations were presented well.

Mr. John McHugh commented that their main concern is the GARVEE funding. GARVEE is holding up their appropriations since legislature is critical on some parts. This project also has implications on other projects in the area, which affects funds and coordination of finalizing those projects.

Mr. Gus Johnson reported that the County Commissioners met with the Tribal Council on different matters, but the subject of most importance was the representation of the Tribal Council at the KMPO Board meetings. The issue was a scheduling conflict. Mr. Johnson asked on behalf of Mr. Francis SiJohn if the Board meetings could be changed to a different time to accommodate this representation. The Board discussed that the time change would be difficult to accommodate, but suggested rather that the Tribal Council designate a different member to represent the Tribal Council at the Board meetings. Mr. Johnson will meet with Chief Allen to see if there is another designee available at the time of the Board meetings to come and represent the Tribal Council.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary