

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Board Meeting  
May 4, 2006  
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Scott Grant, Alternate	City of Post Falls
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
Andrea Storjohann, Alternate	Idaho Transportation Department
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Rick Currie, Alternate	Kootenai County

### **Board Members Absent:**

Clay Larkin, Vice Chair	City of Post Falls
Scott Stokes	Idaho Transportation Department
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County
Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe

### **Staff Present:**

Glenn Miles, Executive Director  
Jenny Wash, Administrative Clerk

### **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 April Meeting Minutes.**

**Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the April 6, 2006 meeting minutes. Mr. Dick Edinger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

### **3. Public Comments.**

Mr. Dennis Hinrichsen who resides in Coeur d'Alene expressed his concerns about growth and development and its affect on Kootenai County.

Each of the Board members stated that each of their jurisdictions have long range traffic plans in place which include counts and studies.

### **4. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles**

#### **a) KMPO Vouchers – March 2006**

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the March 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$14,366.49. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.**

#### **b) KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers – March 2006**

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve payment of the March 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of \$26,244.58. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.**

#### **c) Heutter Corridor Key 9170 Vouchers – March 2006**

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve payment of the March 2006 KMPO Huetter Corridor Study Key 9170 Vouchers in the amount of \$34,681.98. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved**

#### **c) S.R. 97 Route Development Plan–State and Local Agreement Discussion**

Mr. Glenn Miles, Executive Director of KMPO, reported that in terms of the State Route 97 Development Plan (RDP), he is still working with ITD District 1 putting the Local/State agreement together and hopes to have this completed in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Miles indicated there are three developers that have offered to contribute local matching funds towards the route development plan. In the draft STIP ITD was able to get advanced funds for the Highway Planning Funds into 2007, which will take effect at the beginning of October. The purpose for getting the state and local agreement in place early is to allow using the local funds to get a jump start on that RDP pending the October beginning of the next fiscal year.

### **5. Director's Report**

Mr. Glenn Miles provided copies of A Forum on Transportation Investment Report and Recommendations upon request from the Board. He also passed out the KMPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program list of projects from 2007-2011 based upon the most recent round of urban balancing and DOT District balancing. Mr.

Miles has pointed out that the Lancaster Interchange has been changed from 2008 project start date to 2011 based on the minutes from the last Urban Balancing meeting. He reminded the Board that this list is in a draft format and project dates might change once it is finalized.

**6. KCATT Recommendations - None this month**

**7. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee**

**a) Revisions to SAFETEA-LU Distribution of Annual Apportionment Method**

Mr. Miles announced that the Urban Balancing Committee would meet again July 24<sup>th</sup>. Hayden's project finished up with their last right-of-way parcels and they are in their final design review and will make the cutoff. Dalton Gardens project needs more funds and KMPO is striving to figure out how to come up with more money for this project to start on time. Due to this funding issue it may have to be pushed back for two years.

**8. Public Transportation Report.**

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

Ms. Rozi Taylor presented Citylink's usage chart that shows that they stayed about the same as far as ridership. They also reported that the link with KATS is working well. They had a few slight route changes one of them being a Wal-Mart parking lot stop changed to the street due to congestion in the parking lot. There has been a request to change many stops to be on the street, which they hope to have changed by the summer. She also reported that the detour on Currie is now a permanent route. Ms. Annie Nomee reported on the Citylink marketing. They are still doing billboard, radio, and newspaper advertising and the Casino is putting together a Spring/Summer newspaper ad campaign in regards to the bike racks.

Mr. Bill Spencer expanded on the bike rack usage and how to utilize the racks. He also commented on the need for bus shelters. The tribe will be trying to find as much private funding as they can to fund this need. He will update the Board with the progress next month.

**b) Status Report on Public Transportation North Service**

Mr. John Austin confirmed that the North Idaho College is going to discontinue their shuttle service, which causes a shortfall of \$12,000 needed for KATS. Mr. Austin went to local colleges and the University of Idaho agreed to pay \$3,000 out of the \$6,000 initially asked from them. He asked the Board for any other suggestions to raise the last \$9,000. The Board discussed this issue and came to the conclusion that each jurisdiction would look at their budgets and see what they can contribute to closing the gap for this service. Mr. Austin wants to tell FTA, with the approval of the Board, that

the money will be coming. This will guarantee the grant will be issued and KATS will not be passed over.

**Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve Mr. Austin telling the FTA that money is available for the Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Grant and unanimously approved.**

## **9. Other Business.**

### **a) Bridging the Valley – State and Local Agreement Update**

Mr. Glenn Miles reported that he went to Washington D.C. with the Regional Chamber Alliance last week. There were 52 people from Spokane and Kootenai Counties to meet with the Congressional Delegation in various agencies regarding four priority topics within this area. The four topics were Bridging the Valley, continued funding for U.S. 95, the North Spokane Freeway in Spokane and to deal with the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loading) issues which has to do with water quality in the Spokane River. Mr. Miles reported that each of the Senators representing this area spoke in unison in support of Bridging the Valley. KMPO/SRTC has obtained the Army Corp. 404 permits for Rathdrum Creek and Hauser Creek. They have also completed the Historic and Archeological review by the Preservation Offices and will be meeting with BSNF representative for a walk through Rathdrum Main Street extension and underpass. Once the State and Local agreement is signed the project will start with HDR doing the final design work.

### **b) Kootenai Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update - Status**

Mr. Miles stated that KMPO has the first three sections drafted out for the plan update. KMPO has met with all the jurisdictions on their financing and project lists and they are all almost in for KMPO to put into the model and to develop the financial plan.

### **c) U.S. 95 – Wyoming to Ohio Match Project Status Report by ITD & Keller Associates**

Mr. Rick Bailey with ITD gave a status report of the meeting goals, key features, right-of-way needs, agencies involved, project timeline, costs and funding for the Wyoming to Ohio Match Project to the Board for input and comment. Mr. Rod Linja from Keller and Associates presented detailed solutions for the Lancaster Interchange comparing three different interchange types based on traffic volumes and scenarios: Roundabout, Single-Point and Tight Diamond. Mr. Linja presented solution designs and long-term goals for the Boekel Road intersection as well. A handout was given to the Board members showing the information presented. A question and comment period followed the presentation where each Board member was asked for their comments, suggestions and which interchange they preferred.

**Mr. Dick Edinger made a motion to have Mr. Miles draft a letter with the proposed interchange on U.S. 95 for the Board to approve next month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.**

**10. Board Member Items.**

Ms. Dixie Reid reminded the Board that ITD will be in Coeur d'Alene for a meeting July 19, 2006. There will be a public discussion and public input on the transportation forum recommendations, which is the 30 year plan for the State of Idaho.

**11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Jennifer Wash  
Recording Secretary