

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
August 3, 2006
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Clay Larkin, Vice Chair	City of Post Falls
Dixie Reid	City of Coeur d'Alene
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Tom Freely (Alternate)	Worley Highway District
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
Andrea Storjohann (Alternate)	Idaho Transportation Department
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District

Board Members Absent:

Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	Idaho Transportation Department
Gus Johnson	Kootenai County

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles, Executive Director
Jennifer Wash, Administrative Assistant

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.

It was noted the minutes should be corrected to indicate the correct spelling of Senator Geodde's name.

Mr. Dick Edinger made a motion to approve the July 6, 2006 meeting minutes with the correction noted. Mr. Vic Holmes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments.

4. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles

a) KMPO Vouchers – June 2006

Mr. Clay Larkin made a motion to approve the payment of the June 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$8,863.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Clay Larkin made a motion to approve payment of the June 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of \$4,550.67. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.

c) Bridging the Valley State and Local Agreement

Mr. Glenn Miles, Executive Director of KMPO, stated that Mr. Bob Austin is working on a revision to Bridging the Valley State and Local Agreement. KMPO will have their name on the agreement with SRTC managing the contract with HDR. Updates will be brought to the KMPO Board and then the KMPO Board will be asked to approve the paying of the bills for that project.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Miles introduced Ms. Staci Lehman who is the new Public Education and Information Coordinator. She will help set up the public meetings and workshops that KMPO will have on the Transportation Plan and the State Highway 97 Corridor Study.

Mr. Miles reviewed with the Board pertaining to the ITD Board tour, which was a great opportunity for them to see the projects of local interest. During the Board discussion they talked about Preliminary Development going to the new Horizons program. Mr. Miles emphasized the need for the Board to place themselves in a role to assist local jurisdictions along with ITD in defining and developing these projects into more than a concept so they can be ready for funding, etc. Mr. Humphreys commented about the need for all of the members of the Board to join together and work diligently on projects that are important to the community.

Mr. Miles reported to the Board on the Pacific Northwest Economic Region Conference in Edmonton, Alberta at the request of Senator Geodde to talk about what is going on in Kootenai County and Northern Idaho. He stated it was well received about the improvements to US 95, with the Huetter Corridor and the interest in the economic development in this region.

Mr. Miles also reported that ITD's consultant for Intelligent Transportation Systems was here last week to meet with local jurisdictions, ITD, Sheriffs Department, the Idaho State Patrol, and Post Falls Police Department. The meeting detailed how the transportation system can be more efficient in Kootenai County area.

6. KCATT Recommendations -

a) Resolution Regarding Extending Limits—Garwood to Sagle GARVEE Project

At the July KCATT meeting they recommended that a resolution be submitted to the KMPO Board. The resolution reads in part as follows: "that a resolution be adopted to request the inclusion of the U.S. 95 Wyoming to Ohio Match segment and Lancaster Road interchange be added to the current U.S. 95 Garwood to Sagle project." The resolution also states "the KMPO Board requests the ITD Board, and if necessary the Idaho State Legislature, to adjust the project limits of the current U.S. 95 Garwood to Sagle widening GARVEE project southward to include the Wyoming Road to Ohio Match Road segment of U.S. 95 and the Lancaster Road interchange contained therein."

Mr. Clay Larkin stated that with no disrespect to the Lancaster Project he has to vote no on the resolution. After a number of questions pertaining to this resolution, Mr. Miles clarified that projects that are on the GARVEE list are not in the Horizons program because they are two different funding programs and therefore not in competition with one another. A number of Board members expressed their views on the resolution and a motion was made.

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the resolution regarding extending limits on the Garwood to Sagle GARVEE project southward to Wyoming to include the Lancaster Interchange. Ms. Dixie Reid seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority of the Board with Mr. Clay Larkin voting nay.

Chair Humphreys asked Mr. Miles to direct them to a resolution concerning Mayor Larkin's I-90 Access project and how to get this project to the forefront of projects instead of in the mid-horizon program. There was a suggestion made from Ms. Andrea Storjohann that the STIP is open for comment and if a letter or letters were written to support this project it would be most beneficial.

Mr. Dick Edinger made a motion to draft a letter to support the Access 90 project to advance it from mid to near horizon. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

7. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee – Update

Mr. Miles provided the draft minutes from the most recent Urban Balancing meeting. The City of Rexburg has had a project in the program for 26 years and they were ready to proceed for obligation and were \$2.5 million out of budget. He stated that they had

\$300,000 set aside for cost increases that had not been used and a unobligated balance of about \$973,000. Thanks to Mr. John McHugh, ITD Board, there is \$1.4 million back in the urban program. This money will fund projects in Canyon County and an additional \$500,000 will be given to Hayden. The balance of the remaining money would be provided to the City of Rexburg and who could then advance construct the remaining portion and then the balance would be funded next year through the urban balancing program with the anticipated funds for the new year.

8. Public Transportation Report.

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

Mr. Bill Spencer passed out the Citylink ridership packets and reported to the Board that they have had 7.5 percent increase in ridership and gave a status report of the Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Link, and rural ridership. He is still expecting the new bus in August.

Ms. Annie Nomee reported that Citylink has passed their 500,000-mile mark. There will be press releases out pertaining to this milestone and the Casino is preparing a marketing campaign for the anniversary of Citylink, which is scheduled for November.

Mr. Allen Eirls, Transportation Manager of Citylink, made known that there was one missed run this month. He stated that Tidyman's has sold their operation, but so far the new owners have continued to let Citylink use their facilities as a pick up area. Mr. Eirls also gave an update of the Art Show downtown this weekend, which will block off most of Sherman causing them some difficulty getting in and out of the Resort. He also stated that there was a request to have bike racks put onto the backs of the buses which request he took to Idaho State Patrol. At this time Citylink is not allowed to have racks on the back of its buses, but he is looking into getting bigger bike racks for the front. Mr. Eirls reported that they are in the final process of hiring an assistant and a mechanic.

Mr. Eirls also mentioned that he and Mr. Spencer were in Boise this week for the Intelligent Transportation Seminar. They will review new concepts in marketing and tracking within transportation systems.

b) Status Report on Public Transportation North Service

Mr. John Austin reported that KATS has the operation in place with Rathdrum. It is not a large ridership, but it is a daily service and they hope to have more ridership later as KATS increases routes.

Mr. Miles informed the Board that representatives from Boise Chamber of Commerce, Canyon County, and Ada County are coming in September to discuss local options and local funding for public transportation. He would like three or four Board members to attend the meeting, which is planned for the first part of September. Chair Lynn Humphreys, Mayor Clay Larkin, and Ms. Dixie Reid volunteered to be at the meeting.

9. Other Business.

a) Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study (Updated)

Ms. Christine Fueston from Ruen-Yeagar give an update of the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study and the comments that were turned in from each jurisdiction. A revised map of the document was passed out to the members. Public meetings will be set up within the next 6 weeks and after the public process there would be adjustments made based on the comments. The map and report would then be brought back to the Board for approval, and then to each jurisdiction for consideration to adopt into their comprehensive plan.

b) S.H. 97 Route Development Plan (Status Report)

Mr. Miles mentioned that the Request for Proposals are out for S.H. 97 Route Development Plan and are due August 14, 2006. Four firms have expressed interest in submitting responses to the RFP.

i) Draft Developer Participation Agreement

Mr. Miles stated there has been discussion regarding the financial participation of some developers that are in the S.H. 97 Corridor; some have expressed a willingness to financially participate. A draft contribution and credit agreement was drafted so the Board can see the intent behind the agreement. Mr. Miles stressed that no one is asking the KMPO Board today to take an action on this, but just to read the document and get some understanding behind the agreement and he asked for comments once they have reviewed the agreement.

10. Board Member Items.

Ms. Dixie Reid expressed the importance of starting to think of the legislative session and to find someone to sponsor a bill that would give the Highway Districts the ability to impose impact fees. After some discussion a request was made by the Board to have Mr. Miles set up a meeting with local legislators and the KMPO Board to discuss legislation that would allow Highway Districts as well as ITD to receive and impose impact fees.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary