

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
November 2, 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
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	Idaho Transportation Department
Anson Gable	City of Hayden

Board Members Absent:

Gus Johnson	Kootenai County
Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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 October Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the October 5, 2006 meeting minutes. Mr. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles

a) KMPO Vouchers – September 2006

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the payment of the September 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$11,013.26. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mangan and unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Mark Soderling a motion to approve payment of the September 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of \$8,526.07. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mangan and unanimously approved.

c) Huetter Corridor Study Key 9170 Vouchers – April through September 2006

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve payment of the September 2006 Huetter Corridor Study Key 9170 Vouchers. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mangan and unanimously approved.

d) Huetter Road Corridor Right of Way Needs Study

Ms. Christine Fueston gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs explaining the study purpose, study goals, need, area of study, project history and proposed alignments. She concluded with the process steps which include consideration of the public, any changes to the Right of Way Needs Map, adoption by KMPO Board, presentation to member agencies, consideration of adoption by agencies to comprehensive and long transportation range plans and the right of way preservation through dedication and setbacks.

4. Public Transportation Report.

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

Mr. Bill Spencer passed out two newspaper articles on the first anniversary of Citylink. A presentation will be given for this as well as an overview of future growth planning next month at the KMPO Board meeting.

Mr. Alan Eirls, Transportation Manager, updated the Board on ridership for the year, which came to 152,000. During this last month Citylink dropped in ridership in the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls area, but increased in the rural area. Mr. Eirls mentioned that he and Ms. Dixie Reid met with Kootenai Alliance Church and discussed the possibility of getting sponsorship for shelters by the church as well as advertising Citylink by providing literature and bus schedules in their churches.

b) Status Report on Public Transportation North Service

Mr. John Austin thanked Ms. Dixie Reid for setting up the meeting with Kootenai Alliance. He also reported that Mayor Larkin requested information on the cost for boarding for Citylink for their first year so Mr. Austin compiled a form for the Board that showed Citylink, KATS and NIC that compared boarding costs.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Miles stated that four jurisdictions are seeking a 2008 Rural Highway Investment Program request in Kootenai County. Lakes Highway District submitted a Steele Curve project to improve the intersection of Lancaster Road and East Hayden Lake Road. Post Falls Highway District submitted a project that entailed safety improvements for Up River Drive and Riverview Road. East Side Highway District submitted a request to reconstruct and pave one mile of Latour Creek Road. Worley Highway District submitted a project for Tall Pines Road Bridge. These jurisdictions have requested \$100,000 for each of their projects. The requests have been reviewed by the KCATT committee and will be recommending that the Board authorize Mr. Miles to send the letters of support for these four projects.

Mr. Miles also stated that he was asked to prepare a draft resolution for the Board related to the Beck Road Interchange and the potential for the use of STAR Financing to finance this project, which was provided to the Board.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the resolution for the use of STAR Financing to finance the Beck Road Interchange project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clay Larkin and unanimously approved.

6. Public Comments

There was a public comment period pertaining to the Huetter Road Corridor Right of Way Needs Study and many people gave their comments on this matter.

Please see attachment of the detailed comments.

7. KCATT Recommendations –

Chairman Bill Melvin of the KCATT Committee stated two recommendations to the Board; one pertaining to the resolution for STAR Financing to finance Beck Road Interchange that was previously addressed and the other to have Mr. Miles draft a letter supporting the four projects that were submitted for the 2008 Local Rural Highway Investment Program.

Mr. Clay Larkin made a motion to approve Mr. Miles drafting the four letters of support for the 2008 Rural Highway Investment Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mangan and unanimously approved.

8. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee – Update

Mr. Miles reported that the Urban Balancing Committee will meet in Boise in two weeks to discuss the money available for upcoming projects which include Lancaster Road Interchange at U.S. 95 becoming a GARVEE Project in its entirety.

9. Other Business.

No other business was presented at this time.

10. Board Member Items.

There were no additional Board member items presented at this time.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary