

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Board Meeting  
December 7, 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
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Andrea Storjohann (Alternate)	Idaho Transportation Department
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Rick Currie (Alternate)	Kootenai County

### **Board Members Absent:**

Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
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 November Meeting Minutes.**

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the November 2, 2006 meeting minutes. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

### **3. Public Comments – no public comments were given**

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

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

**Mr. Clay Larkin made a motion to approve the payment of the October 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$7,998.55. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anson Gable and unanimously approved.**

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

**Mr. Clay Larkin made a motion to approve payment of the October 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of \$5,737.81. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anson Gable and unanimously approved.**

##### **c) Election of 2007 Officers**

Board Chair Lynn Humphreys opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Mark Soderling nominated Lynn Humphreys as KMPO Chair for 2007. Ms. Dixie Reid nominated Clay Larkin as KMPO Vice-Chair for 2007.

**Mr. James Mangan moved that nominations be closed and unanimous consent for the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anson Gable and approved unanimously.**

#### **5. Public Transportation Report.**

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

Mr. Bill Spencer and Mr. Alan Eirls from CityLink brought cake to share in the celebration of their first year anniversary of CityLink. Mr. Alan Eirls gave an update on CityLink routes for the month of November. Mr. Eirls also introduced his new assistant transportation manager, Ceddio Barelo.

Mr. Bill Spencer and Mr. Alan Eirls showed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed growth plans for CityLink to the Board. This presentation gave an overview of the present bus system, operational challenges, and their objectives to increasing ridership within two different phase proposals. After the presentation it was open for questions and comments. In addition, they are giving the Board thirty days to look over the plan and then hope to have final approval of this proposal in January. The public meetings would then be scheduled for public comment.

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

Mr. John Austin introduced Ms. Helen Stephens to address an issue pertaining to transportation for a charter school using NICE buses. She clarified that NICE offers a

service to the parents of students who go to the Charter school who are unable to use any other service. This service is also offered to the KATS users as well as whoever else in need of a bus service. The only difference is the price.

In response the Board asked if Ms. Stephens could provide a report to them that showed ridership and areas of service each month.

Ms. Tammy Rubino and Ms. Karin von Krenner from the Kootenai Alliance for Children and Families (KACF) addressed the Board about the proposal of seeking financial sponsors for the construction and/or decoration of a series of 10 bus shelters to be permanently placed in and around Coeur d'Alene, ID. They asked the Board for their support on this project as well as the specifications/restrictions for constructing the shelters.

## **6. Director's Report**

Mr. Glenn Miles, KMPO Executive Director, addressed the memo to the Board concerning the Bridging the Valley Update for Rathdrum Main Street Underpass. He stated that KMPO was advised in November by ITD that funds earmarked for BTV in the Federal Re-authorization bill have an 80/20-match requirement. This was confirmed last week by Senator Craig's office in Washington D.C. Mr. Miles said he met with the City of Rathdrum staff, Mayor and some City Council members regarding this project. He stated that the City of Rathdrum has expressed concern that they were unaware of a need to provide non-federal matching funds to the project. As a consequence, they have not budgeted or programmed funds to support the improvement project, yet they are hopeful that other resources can be found to provide what would be considered their local match. Mr. Miles reported different ways to address this issue of finding funds and will further research how Rathdrum can address them. There was a letter from the City of Rathdrum addressing this concern to the Board and Mayor Brian Steele, Mr. Brett Boyer, and Mr. Chet Anderson were given the opportunity to speak to the Board on this matter. The Board stated that they are dedicated to helping Rathdrum find the appropriate funds for their match.

## **7. KCATT Recommendations –**

There was a recommendation presented to the Board pertaining to the Construction Map being updated for the 2007–2009 construction season. Mr. Miles received information that the Utility Coordination Committee has put \$1,000 towards the printing costs.

**Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the update of the Construction Map. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmie Dorsey and unanimously approved.**

## **8. Idaho Urban Balancing Committee – Update**

Mr. Miles reported there are two projects coming up for 2007; both are in Post Falls (Mullan Avenue Reconstruction project and Mullan Avenue Overlay project) with a combined cost of 1.7 million dollars. Mr. Miles was recently informed that the City of Post Falls has anticipated that there will be a cost overrun of up to half a million dollars. The recent shortfall in the Urban Program has resulted in the Urban Program eliminating the \$300,000 put in for contingencies and cost overruns making this highly unlikely that additional funds are going to be available to projects. Mr. Miles detailed several options that may be available to Post Falls to receive extra funds to complete their projects. He also has asked Post Falls for an update on their projects in January so they can be prepared in February when the Urban Balancing Committee starts talking about where projects are at in this upcoming year.

## **9. Other Business.**

No other business was presented at this time.

## **10. Board Member Items.**

Mr. Jim Mangan asked Mr. Miles what has happened with the public comments from the Huetter Corridor Study meeting last month. Mr. Miles stated that KMPO is looking at the Board's direction for the alternative alignments that were discussed and are hopeful that in January or February these comments will be addressed to the Board. The effect of the different alignments in terms of traffic volumes will also be addressed.

Ms. Dixie Reid brought up an issue of a pledge that the Board made about a committee for median closures and that the public would be in on making these decisions. It was recommended that Ms. Reid Chair this committee to look at the alternative routes of closing non-signalized crossings of Highway 95.

## **11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

---

Jennifer Wash  
Recording Secretary