

KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
April 24, 2007
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Jeff Zaugg called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Jeff Zaugg requested all those present to introduce themselves. Those present were: Don Davis, Andrea Storjohann, Gordon Dobler, Joe Wuest, John Pankratz, Robert Palus, Kevin Howard, Bob Wilbur, Jeff Zaugg, Jenny Wash, Deborah Napier, Staci Lehman, Jimmie Dorsey, David Bryant, Mark Soderling, Dean Primmer, Dick Edinger, Mark Broyer.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Gordon Dobler made a motion to approve the March 27, 2007 meeting minutes. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: No representation.

Kootenai Electric: No representation

Time Warner: No representation

Verizon: David Bryant reported that they are working on a project on Hwy 95 North of Choekel. They are starting a project on Hwy 97 from Arrow Point to Gozzer Ranch entrance putting in conduit.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann with the Idaho Transportation Department reported that the resurfacing project has started on I-90 Blue Creek Bay Bridges. Worley North has been awarded to DeAtley Construction and this project will start the first of May. She stated that the GARVEE Bonding funds this construction. The two Setters projects have started back up which is mainly bridgework. A paving job is out on

advertisement that will repave the section of I-90 from Washington State Line to Sherman Ave IC.

Gordon Dobler with the City of Coeur d'Alene stated the city has two projects Seltice Way with paving of the South side first lift, switching traffic this week putting them on the bridge and then reconstructing the North Side with a finish date in July. Ramsey Road will start next week and will be closed from Hanley to Prairie for about 6 weeks.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District (LHD) stated that they are in the process of paving from Atlas Road to Huetter Road intersection on Lancaster. LHD is still working on Rice Road in front of the elementary school as well as some developer projects that consist of future Verizon moves on Howard Road, Lewellen Creek Road, and Diagonal Road.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) reported that the Right of Way acquisition continues for Fernan Lake Road and hope to have this advertised sometime this spring. The preliminary hearing is continuing on Burma for the Federal Aid project. ESHD has an intersection realignment with Burma and S.H. 97 planned. The Latour Creek Road Right of Way trees have been removed and will be starting this project in May. In addition, Mr. Pankratz stated he has a pre-construction meeting with a contractor and engineers on the Gotham Bay Road today.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls stated the contractor is starting with the Poleline Avenue/Syringa roundabout in the near future. They are down to their last two property owners to sign the letter of early possession for the Mullan Avenue Widening project nearing the end of the Right of Way acquisition process which will allow them to get the construction plans into ITD within the next month.

Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District reported that Doubletree Lane (formerly Goulds Landing Road) will get in the final ditch work and final grading by the contractor this week. This will be completed in May with paving to start in July. Kidd Island Road/Valhalla Road Intersection working on mitigation with POE Asphalt to fix the failing asphalt. Ness Road and Conkling Park Drive are both in design for construction. Kidd Island Road and Hull Loop intersection, Cougar Gulch Road, Clemetson Road, Watson Cul-de-sac, Tall Pines Road realignment and bridge, Rockford Bay Road and Loffs Bay Road intersection, and Pilot Rock Road are all in Right of Way acquisition. For the Elder Road project the Geotech report is complete. J-U-B is reviewing and will apply the information to the concept. When this has been completed, the concept plan will be sent to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) and Worley Highway District for review.

Bob Wilbur with Post Falls Highway District reported that Huetter from Hayden North to Lancaster will tie in with Lakes Highway District's Lancaster project. For now they are working on spring maintenance.

Jeff Zaugg with the City of Hayden reported that the Government Way project is going forward. The contractor has considered combining two phases in the paving so they may have the south section of Government Way paved before anticipated in the schedule. Our utility lines are buried and they are working right now on service crossings. There is a developer that will be doing work on Ramsey Road south of Hayden Avenue with an anticipated start date next week. They will be installing a reach of sewer and some services as well as widening the road section just North of Orchard Avenue. Bids opened for Honeysuckle Beach improvements as well.

ITD Board Update:

No representation present.

Joe Wuest commented that he had an informal conversation with Jim Coleman about funding issues. Andrea Storjohann asked to give a presentation on Idaho Transportation Funding next month at the KCATT meeting to go over some of these issues.

Current Business:

a) Construction Map (Progress)

Jenny Wash stated that the Kootenai Construction Maps are printed and ready to be distributed to each of the jurisdictions. Maps will be passed out at the end of the meeting. The committee concurred that the map looked good and will be a useful tool to the community.

b) Human Services Transportation Plan

Staci Lehman, KMPO/SRTC Staff, presented the Kootenai County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan document. She stated that beginning fiscal year 2007, SAFETEA-LU now requires projects funded under the 5310, 5316, and 5317 programs to have a coordinated public transit human services transportation plan in order to receive state and federal funds. She explained who is involved and what the document entails. The committee asked for more time to review this document.

Gordon Dobler made a motion to bring this item back next month after a more thorough review of this Kootenai County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan document. John Pankratz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

c) EV/WRP Scoping Results

Staci Lehman reported they had a scoping meeting with jurisdictions for the East Valley / West Rathdrum Prairie study. They discussed major projects in the study area, which involves Sullivan Road in Spokane Valley to Highway 41 in Post Falls, Trent on the north side and up to Mica Peak on the south side. A public meeting was held on April 11th at Central Valley High School, which mainly consultants attended. Another meeting will possibly be held in Idaho sometime next month or the following month.

c) Proposed Comp Plan Amendment Guidelines

Deborah Napier, KMPO Planner, explained the Proposed Comp Plan Amendment Checklist. There was a discussion to clarify how this checklist would be used in Kootenai County. It is appropriate to re-name this list to the Proposed and Approved Development Projects Checklist. The attendees requested a desired workflow and updated list, specific to Kootenai County, to gather information to be used to update the base and forecast models. Both will be provided at the next KCATT meeting next month.

Other Business:

Don Davis stated the Federal Highway Administration reminded the planning group that any MPO that has within its boundaries a GARVEE project that the project has to be listed on the MPO's TIP in order for the SAFETEA-LU planning regulations to be met. This will be addressed at the June KMPO Board meeting for further discussion.

Don Davis also announced that submittals of letter of intent for Enhancement Projects are due June 29, 2007.

Joe Wuest brought up the need for coordination between agencies on area roads as developments in one jurisdiction may affect roadways in the adjoining jurisdictions. He showed a map of Prairie Avenue at Mineral Drive and Cornerstone Avenue. He indicated there are some issues developing because of conflicting left hand turning movements on Prairie Avenue. He also indicated there is a recent traffic study showing the need for a center-raised median on Prairie because of the left hand turning movements to adjacent businesses. There was brief discussion on what direction the jurisdictions need to go with this and concluded they would support further study on this issue.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be May 22, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary