

KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
January 22, 2008
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman Kelly Brownsberger called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Kelly Brownsberger requested all those present to introduce themselves. Those present were: Don Davis, Gordon Dobler, Joe Wuest, John Pankratz, Robert Palus, Kevin Howard, Kelly Brownsberger, Jenny Wash, Glenn Miles, Carole Richardson, Tina Jacobson, Tom Burke, Cary Stewart, Donna Montgomery, Monty Montgomery, Marv Lekstrum, Rod Twete, Diane Best, Bruce Hathoway, Damon Allen, Jimmie Dorsey, and Dick Edinger.

Transfer of Officers:

Chairman of KCATT was passed to Jeff Zaugg with the City of Hayden and the Vice-Chair position was passed on to Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District.

Chair Jeff Zaugg was absent. Vice-Chair Kevin Howard led the meeting.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

Rob Palus made a motion to approve the November 27, 2007 meeting minutes. John Pankratz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: Tom Burke reported working on standard maintenance. He introduced Diane Best who will periodically be coming to the KCATT meetings with updates. Diane Best stated Avista is doing work at Boekel and Meyer a road widening project as well as a gas replacement project.

Time Warner: Bruce Hathoway reported having to relocate a fiber optic cable around the pump station in the City of Coeur d'Alene.

Verizon: No representation was present

Kootenai Electric: No representation was present

Project Updates:

Don Davis reported on the status of the Turner Creek Bridge and Harrison Bridge. He also updated KCATT on the I-90 repair work and the status of upcoming projects such as the 9th Street Bridge and Worley North.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District stated that Lancaster Road project has closed down for the winter. LHD did open a bid for Lancaster Road project and received a record amount of 14 bidders. Interstate received the bid for this portion of the project.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) mentioned the District is shut down for winter maintenance with some work inside subdivisions.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls reported the Mullan Avenue widening project bids came in under the engineer's estimate and is moving forward. Cabelas engineer Taylor is working on designs for a signal at Beck and Seltice with coordination with Post Falls Highway District, Ruen-Yeager and utilities.

Vice-Chair Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District stated they are in winter maintenance, but in the process of a right of way acquisition for the Hole Loop and Kidd Island intersection.

Kelly Brownsberger with Post Falls Highway District indicated they will be going out to bid to build Kira Road off of the west end of Prairie Avenue.

ITD Board Update:

No representation present.

Current Business:

a) Enhancement Project Ranking Process

Carole Richardson stated that KCATT needs to rank the Enhancement Projects and the applications are due at the end of January. She asked the members how they would like to proceed with this process. Joe Wuest mentioned that in prior years a sub-committee was formed to review the Enhancement projects and then reported back to the KCATT members. He stated that the committee was represented by agencies that did not have enhancement projects along with KMPO representation. Rob Palus, Kevin Howard, and Gordon Dobler volunteered to form the Enhancement Sub-committee. Jenny Wash would contact them soon to set up a time, place, and date of the meeting.

b) CMAQ Projects

Glenn Miles informed the members that we have received six CMAQ applications that will be going to the Board for their approval. He stated that KMPO has put together a list based on cost effectiveness ratio for the committee to look at. After KMPO has reviewed the applications and signed off on them they will be forwarded to Don Davis and then on to ITD for ranking.

c) Annual Traffic Count Process

Carole Richardson commented that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) agreed to help with regional counts for Kootenai County and to keep the Kootenai model current. She stated that the KMPO Model is obtaining a complete overhaul with a goal of having the Spokane and Kootenai models match. Carole will be identifying locations for traffic counts for the model update, and coordinating with each jurisdiction.

d) Huetter Corridor Update

Carole Richardson updated the committee on Huetter Corridor and distributed maps showing the final corridor alignment. For agencies affected by this, which are Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene, and the County, Christine Fueston is developing parcel-by-parcel maps for specific information for the planners to detail right of way needs. Glenn Miles mentioned that the recommendation in the Huetter Corridor report was that this map be included as a comprehensive plan amendment.

e) U.S. 95 Access Study

Carole Richardson reported a steering committee for the U.S. 95 Access Study has been formed and will meet Wednesday, January 30th at 9:00 am. The committee will be looking at median crossings that are currently un-signalized on U.S. 95 between I-90 and Highway 53 and discuss what would happen to operation of the system if we attempted various median treatments such as closing the medians, restricting turning movements, or signalizing those intersections.

f) Impact Fees

Joe Wuest updated the committee on the progress of obtaining countywide impact fees. He reported that county commissioners are working with the highway districts, fire districts and sheriffs department and are wanting to adopt this as soon as possible.

A discussion transpired among the members about impact fees and how they are collected within each jurisdiction. Because cities collect impact fees for projects

outside their existing city limits, coordination between the cities and highway districts will be needed before the county impact fee structure is established. Those involved with this issue will attend a meeting at the end of the month.

g) Lancaster Road Interchange

Joe Wuest brought up a discussion on the issue of the Lancaster Road Interchange. He said there are annexations occurring in Hayden that are affecting this interchange. There is not enough money for the original interchange project and therefore other plans need to be made for the money that will not be used. The City of Hayden has written a letter to the Board as well as to the KCATT members asking KMPO to reallocate the money, which was proposed for an interchange in 2011 on the STIP, for widening signalization improvements. After some discussion it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to discuss options prior coming back to KCATT next month with their proposal. Members selected for this sub-committee were Joe Wuest, Jeff Zaugg, Andrea Storjohann, and Glenn Miles.

Other Business:

Damon Allen of the Idaho Transportation Department thanked the local jurisdictions for trying to help ITD with their impact fees and putting money toward transportation. He reported that ITD is seeking revenue enhancement through this legislation session and gave an update on an efficiency report that was put together to show how ITD is saving money.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be February 26, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary