

## MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Board Meeting  
February 7, 2008  
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
Al Hassell	City of Coeur d'Alene
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Marv Lekstrum	Lakes Highway District
Andrea Storjohann (Alternate)	Idaho Transportation Department
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum

### Board Members Absent:

Rick Currie	Kootenai County
Damon Allen	Idaho Transportation Department
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 January Meeting Minutes.**

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the January 3, 2008 meeting minutes. Mr. Anson Gable seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

### **3. Public Comments –**

Ms. Kathryn Kincel made comments on the Citylink bus route on Foster stating her concerns about safety and noise. She read from the City of Coeur d' Alene Comprehensive Plan and gave other documents stating the use of commercial buses in residential areas. Ms. Kincel asked for more public awareness and notification when

Citylink decides to put in a bus stop so people can fairly share their comments and concerns.

Mr. Miles stated that he would set up a meeting with PAC and Citylink to discuss possible alternate routes or solutions to this issue.

Mr. Al Hassell asked to have a copy of her comments.

Mr. Stan Sieczkowski stated he is in support of Ms. Kincel's concerns and in agreement with Mr. Miles about looking at alternate routes.

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

**Mr. Jimmie Dorsey made a motion to approve the payment of the December 2007 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of \$11,214.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mangan and unanimously approved.**

#### **5. Public Transportation Reports.**

##### **a) Status Report on Citylink Service**

Mr. Alan Eirls, Citylink Transportation Manager, passed out the monthly Citylink report to the Board and gave an update of ridership for the month of January. They had a good month even with a couple of breakdowns.

Mr. Larkin addressed the Board about a stop that was changed from in front of a daycare center to another street for the privacy of the children. He asked if the Board should have a sub-committee to address public comments on routes.

There was discussion by the Board that with proposed route changes there should be public meetings for input. Mr. Miles emphasized that for expansion of routes; public meetings should be available before the route goes in place.

Mr. Larkin also stated he is meeting with the Urban Renewal Committee, Citylink, and Spokane Transit Authority about the City of Post Falls regional transportation hub of a Park and Ride located in Cabela's parking. He mentioned that this may be an opportunity for more people to travel to Liberty Lake.

##### **b) Status Report on KATS Service**

Mr. Joe Crowe handed out the Kats-link report and gave an update of ridership in their area. He reported that the snow has affected ridership and the KATS service had to drop service to the outer county and switch to emergency service only. Mr. Crowe mentioned that there was an article in the STAR about KATS and when their service is available. Advertisements will also begin soon.

Mr. John Austin presented the Board with PAC's proposed budget for the year. He stated that he has gone to the Tribe and asked for additional funding since they have expanded routes. There is still a \$6,000 shortfall and Mr. Austin asked the cities for additional funding. Each Board member representing a city stated they will take this information to each of their City Councils to review.

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

Mr. Miles stated that the National Commission, concerning the next re-authorization bill for Federal Transportation, released a report earlier this month. The Commission intends to rewrite the bill so it will be referred to as a new authorization bill rather than a re-authorization bill. Mr. Miles mentioned some of the recommendations from the Commission and proposed changes. He suggested to the Board that the state of Idaho and Kootenai County need to be watching very closely on what they plan on doing because the traditional programs are expected to change.

There was some discussion on tolls and financing transportation issues.

## **7. KCATT Recommendations –**

Mr. Jeff Zaugg the new Chairman for KCATT informed the Board of the new officers for KCATT. Mr. Zaugg stated that he was the Chair and Kevin Howard is the Vice-Chair for this term. He also reported that KCATT recommends the two enhancement projects submitted by Lakes Highway District for the Stormwater Pollutant Research and Mitigation project and the City of Rathdrum Pathway project from SH41 to Boekel Road. As far as the CMAQ applications they have been ranked by cost-effectiveness and have been recommended by KCATT to move forward as well.

**James Mangan made a motion to have KMPO write letters of recommendation for the Lakes Highway District Storm water Pollutant Research and Mitigation project and the City of Rathdrum's Pathway project. Mr. Marv Lekstrum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

Concerning the CMAQ Applications they will be handed over to Mr. Don Davis, ITD, today after the meeting for the next step in the process.

Mr. Zaugg also stated that the Highway Districts are working with the County establishing impact fees for construction outside the cities. He also reported to the Board that a committee was formed to discuss options for the Lancaster Interchange looking at alternatives for the project and where to reallocate the 3 million dollars that was given to fund the project. Mr. Miles made the Board aware of a letter that was provided to the Board in their packets from the City of Hayden regarding the Lancaster Interchange Project.

## **8. Other Business**

### **a) City of Rathdrum STP-Rural funding application**

Mr. Miles stated the City of Rathdrum has submitted a STP-Rural funding application to be sent to LHTAC, which is to improve Lancaster Road west of SH41 and to service the growth and development going on in that area. He stated that this project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Miles also reported that the Post Falls Highway District has also put in a STP-Rural application for the Prairie Avenue Reconstruction project, a continuation of the widening project from east to west towards SH 41. He expressed that these two projects will compete with another and the interest of KCATT was that both will be supported, but if it came down to a tie the support will go to the Prairie Avenue project.

**Mr. James Mangan made a motion to support both the Lancaster Avenue project, submitted by the City of Rathdrum, and the Prairie Avenue Reconstruction project, submitted by the Post Falls Highway District, for STP-Rural funding. Mr. Clay Larkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**

## **9. Board Member Items**

Mr. Mangan stated that the Worley Highway District is continuing to work on their impact fee proposal.

Mr. Marv Lekstrum reported on the US95 Access Study Committee meeting and that Ms. Carole Richardson has written an Request for Proposals (RFP) and is almost ready to go out. He also stated that Lakes Highway District is redoing their impact fees as well.

Mr. Jimmie Dorsey from East Side Highway District stated they are also working on their impact fees.

Mr. Clay Larkin reported the City of Post Falls is working on the Beck Road interchange and updated the Board on the preliminary interchange design and his view on the design.

## **10. Adjournment.**

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

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Jennifer Wash  
Recording Secretary