



City of Coeur d' Alene
City of Post Falls
City of Hayden
City of Rathdrum
Coeur d' Alene Tribe
East Side Highway District
Idaho Transportation Department
Kootenai County, Idaho
Lakes Highway District
Post Falls Highway District
Worley Highway District

Cooperatively Developing a Transportation System for all of Kootenai County, Idaho

KCATT MEETING AGENDA

September 27, 2016 - 8:00 AM

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Approval of August 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. KMPO Planning Updates
 - a. FY 2017-2021 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Approval
 - b. SH 41 Corridor Master Plan Update – Comments and Responses
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
 - a. SH 41 Corridor Master Plan Update – Comments and Recommendations
 - b. FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
10. Other Business
 - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – October 25, 2016
12. Adjournment

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KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

September 27, 2016

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Call to Order:

Chair Kevin Howard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions

Kevin Howard, Chair	Worley Highway District
Kevin Jump, Vice Chair	City of Rathdrum
Marvin Fenn	Idaho Transportation Department, District 1
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
John Kelly	Community Member
John Parmann	Community Member

Staff

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Kimberly Hobson	Kootenai County
Donna Montgomery	KMPO Volunteer
Jay Hassell	JUB
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Christopher DeLorto	HDR
Diane Fountain	Lakes Highway District
Angela Comstock	JUB
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Thomas Gwin	Charter
Susan Kiebert	LHTAC
Marshall Law	AVISTA

3. Approval of August 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mr. John Pankratz made a motion to approve the August 23, 2016 KCATT meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Rob Palus seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Project, Transit & Utility Updates

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported the Highway 41 project was nearly complete. The I-90 Highway 97 interchange is expected to open the first of November. The Plummer Creek Bridge is open. A realignment project on Highway 5 under the railroad trestle is expected to be complete in three to

four weeks. The FAST Act funds have been programmed; once approved, local agreements will be done with the City of Coeur d'Alene and the City of Hayden and design work will begin. ITD will be doing some corrective action on the weigh-in-motion slab on I-90 near the Greensferry Overpass; the lane is expected to be closed for three to four weeks. They are working with a fiber company who will be putting fiber along I-90, up Highway 95 to Athol and over to Spirit Lake. Mr. Fenn provided an update on the Highway 95 project south of Worley and issues related to a project in the St. Maries area.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported 2016 roadwork was complete. They are working on the design of the 2017 construction projects and gearing up for right-of-way acquisition of the 2018 Bunco Road project. The District is considering projects to put forth to LHTAC on the call for projects for grant funding this year. They are in fall maintenance and preparing winter maintenance equipment.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the 7th Avenue construction project was underway; the contractor will be doing waterline repairs/replacements in Spokane Street from the I-90 ramps to 7th Avenue for the next two weeks. The City is discussing a few changes to the Seltice Congestion Mitigation project with their consultant and hope to have the project out for bid February 2017. The Mullan/Idaho safety project was awarded to Thorco; as LHTAC had requested a local consultant do the project management, a professional services agreement with HMM will be presented to their City Council next week. Mr. Palus noted they were setting up a final workshop for the Transportation Master Plan with City Council and a multi-modal facilities workshop with local entities/project holders in the November/December timeframe.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported the construction of the traffic signal at Huetter Road and Seltice Way was expected to start next month. Crews are doing drainage work and working on the traffic signal at Atlas Road and Prairie Avenue today; summer projects have been completed.

Alan Soderling, City of Hayden, reported crews were doing crack sealing; 2016 preservation projects had been completed this summer. Updates on upcoming projects including the Ramsey Road extension, Hayden Avenue between Government Way and Highway 95, Ramsey Road/Honeysuckle Avenue roundabout, and the Government Way project were provided.

John Kelly inquired on the ped/bike facility on the Government Way project. Mr. Miles explained the PS&E package had been sent to LHTAC; he will ask Matt Gillis to send a copy of the profile to Mr. Kelly.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported the Burma Road project slide repair was expected to be paved tomorrow and the guardrail and striping complete by Saturday. Mr. Pankratz noted seal coat and striping were complete and thanked Worley Highway District. The District is in fall maintenance, doing some drainage structure replacements, ditching, and preparing for winter.

John Parmann, Community Member (aviation), stated he withhold comment until KCATT Member Items.

John Kelly, Community Member (bike/ped), stated he withhold comment until KCATT Member Items.

Vice Chair Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported their street rehabilitation work was underway. The contractor is working on urbanized improvements in the downtown area on 2nd and McCartney Streets. A pavement overlay on Montana Street is scheduled. The City issued Notice of Award to BCR Land Services for Barrett Road right-of-way clearing; they have until mid-December to complete the work.

Chair Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported completion of the Kidd Island right-of-way acquisition was expected by the end of October. The Bloomsburg Road project, which is a joint effort with the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation, is complete. Two intersection projects, Sun-Up Bay/Bennion Road and Finnebott/Bennion Road, have been combined as they are only a few hundred yards apart; the project is in the planning stage. The District is finishing up striping, in fall maintenance, ditching and preparing for winter.

Kimberly Hobson, Kootenai County, noted the packet the committee had been provided included a portion of their Technical Memorandum; if requested, she will email the document in its entirety. The Kootenai County Board of County Commissioners have given them direction to look into charging a bus fare. There was a discussion on the implementation of ADA accessibility at the bus stops. Mr. Palus suggested they address the matter adequately.

Mr. Miles noted the Technical Memorandum's list of "commonly requested stops" did not include the airport or KTEC and NIC's Career and Technical Education Facility which are both located on Lancaster Road. These locations have been discussed a number of times during KCATT meetings. Although the area cannot currently be served, the stops have been discussed and requested. Mr. Miles asked that the Technical Memorandum reflect the requested locations.

Ms. Hobson explained their survey did not reflect a number of requests for the area, but said they are working with NIC who had also made the request. She did not expect the area to be serviced with the bus system, but with a shuttle.

Mr. Kelly noted the Seltice Way presentation/open house was scheduled for tomorrow, questioned Ms. Hobson's involvement in the transit component and if she was aware of the open house.

Ms. Hobson stated she would be attending the Seltice Way open house.

Marshall Law, AVISTA, reported their project on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive was completed last week. A reconductor project east of Rathdrum on Highway 53 is nearing completion.

Thomas Gwin, Charter (Time Warner Cable), reported on current projects, noted a fiber relocation project on Prairie Avenue was complete and thanked Post Falls Highway District. They still have a project in the Bayview area. Mr. Gwin thanked the jurisdictions for the issuance of a number of permits. The merged is official, Time Warner is now Charter.

Ralph Paul, IDEQ, had no updates to report.

6. KMPO Planning Updates

a. FY 2017- 2021 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Approval

Mr. Miles noted the 2017-2021 draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had been provided to the KMPO Board for their review. The 30 days public comment period and open house had been held; a few individuals attended the open house. The FAST Act grant will be included in the TIP since it has been officially accepted by Congress. There are approximately \$225 million worth of projects between 2017 and 2021. In order for the matter to be presented to the KMPO Board, a recommendation is needed from the committee.

Mr. Rob Palus moved KCATT recommend to the KMPO Board they adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2017-2021. Mr. Eric Shanley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. SH 41 Corridor Master Plan Update – Comments and Responses

Ms. Gow reported the Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan Update public comment period ended September 9th. The three public open houses were fairly well attended; a total of 74 people attended with 37 from the general public. Ms. Gow is currently working on addressing the comments. The final draft of the Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan Update will be presented to KCATT next month. Ms. Gow thanked everyone for their assistance.

Mr. Kelly commented on a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Freight Planning webinar, “Accommodating Trucks in Innovative Design Intersections and Interchanges.” He understood roundabouts may be an option for Highway 41 and said he was interested in the “Vision Zero” initiative and how they can design roadways to reduce/eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes; roundabouts may be a possible countermeasure to traditional intersections.

Mr. Fenn said, in the next three weeks, ITD will have a proposal out to begin the design process on the Highway 41 corridor; roundabouts have been discussed. There is a concern about pedestrians and where they access the roundabouts. He explained the concerns and benefits of using roundabouts and noted it came down to a compromise.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn reported the next ITD Board meeting would be held in District 4 October 19-20. The subcommittee made a recommendation to the Board to resume the 129K applications; the District is processing the applications which are posted on their website. The September meeting addressed “house cleaning” the funds and the Board’s recommendation of the 2017-2021 Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP).

Mr. Jump noted they were making improvements to the Meyer/Boekel Road intersection; a single lane roundabout. They will be receiving left over funds from the Urban Balancing efforts. Mr. Miles assisted in the advancement of the project.

8. Current Business

There was no current business.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Mr. Miles noted the recommendation to adopt the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and SH 41 Corridor Master Plan updates comments/responses will be presented to the Board. Projects in the TIP can be advanced without an amendment.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Palus noted the City of Post Falls had a roundabout at Poleline and Idaho Street; there were concerns about the safety of the roundabout. A small curb/reflectors were installed on the northbound right-turn only lane. Mr. Palus felt this was a safety improvement to the intersection. The City has received positive comments from the public on how much safer they feel the roundabout operates. He commented on the use of turbo roundabouts in the Netherlands and said the elements make this type of roundabout safer than a traditional roundabout and can improve peak hour capacity. Mr. Palus will be looking at turbo roundabouts in the future.

Mr. Parmann noted the Historic Flight Foundation is looking at relocating to the Coeur d'Alene Airport. The Foundation specializes in World War II aircraft. The addition would contribute to the future of the airport.

Mr. Kelly wanted to follow-up on last month's discussion on vulnerable street user crash information; he was concerned about the first week of school and said two students were hit. He believed it would be beneficial to the committee to obtain a monthly crash data report. The 2016 bike crashes have surpassed 2014 and 2015 numbers.

Mr. Miles questioned where enforcement fit into the issue. He noted Mr. Kelly had discussed vulnerable users, but said a number of bicyclists do not observe the laws. Mr. Miles questioned at what point enforcement of the laws make the public aware of the responsibility of a bicyclist. He agreed the design aspect was important, but noted lack of enforcement would even cause motorists to become complacent on well-designed roadways; it is important to look at the matter holistically. Mr. Miles said, if the committee was interested, he would look into the report as suggested by Mr. Kelly, but said, realistically, it would be quarterly not monthly. He noted a map reflecting bicycle crashes was available.

Mr. Kelly said he was a firm believer that enforcement was a key component early on, but said he has been reading about the Vision Zero initiative which suggested engineering was "first" – even before enforcement as it is a sustainable model. He recognized law enforcement did not place a lot of emphasis on ped/bike related laws/issues. The Office of Highway Safety had notified him they were finishing up the collection of the 2015 data, but had not yet done the analysis. Mr. Kelly felt old data was not useful as he would like to be aware of accidents that are currently happening; the information would enable the committee to identify emerging patterns and make changes in the way they do engineering.

Chair Howard agreed with Mr. Miles and noted he receives a copy of every accident report that occurs in his District; he knows where each accident occurs and said they are not being ignored. He did not believe it was necessary to present accidents that occur in his District to the committee.

Mr. Fenn questioned the amount of time that would be spent on reports and explained ITD had people who look at trends; they need to react to those things that have history. He commented on the 5 year TIP and said funding determines how quickly they can react to projects. Mr. Fenn questioned who would be compiling the data and providing the report.

Mr. Palus suggested they consider the purpose of the overall group which was to find out what other jurisdictions were doing, share, and learn from each other. Quarterly or annual reports would tie in with their annual budgets and allow them to see where problems are within each jurisdiction and how they are being addressed. Though he felt Mr. Kelly brought up a valid point, the information was covered in their Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He was concerned monthly/quarterly reports would be beyond the scope of what the committee was intended to address.

Mr. Miles noted the committee has suggested highlighting topical areas such as ADA or Title VI. He recommended a safety seminar with ITD and FHWA to discuss current safety trends and things they are observing on a statewide basis. The committee could compare what they are seeing here versus other areas of the state. Mr. Miles agreed with Mr. Palus, their job as KMPO/KCATT was to ensure jurisdictions have access to information, education or training.

Mr. Soderling said there were a number of things to consider when doing roadway design including the financial aspect. He suggested looking at the "bigger picture" and defining two-three major bike routes and focusing on funding and resources. Bike lanes must be maintained; there are no

funding sources for maintenance or improvements to bike lanes and most are under-utilized. Bike corridors were likely to have higher usage; with counts, they could show a valid need. Mr. Soderling said it was not realistic to put the highest use bicycle facility on every street; placing the minimum bike facility on every street may not be the best approach.

Mr. Miles noted there was technology for getting bicycle counts and has been discussing options with FHWA; he agreed with Mr. Kelly that data was important. The FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes an update to the Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Mr. Miles commented on bike lane corridors and noted commerce corridors included I-90, US 95, Highway 41 and Highway 53. These corridors are important for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. It is important to ensure they are serving the highest and best purpose for the community as a whole.

Mr. Shanley noted they analyze traffic on a daily basis.

Mr. Miles will be participating with a representative from LHTAC on a Federal Highway/ITD program in mid-November on Context Sensitive Solutions seminar; the three day course will include a design discussion on the Ramsey Road extension project. FHWA has approved the FY2017 UPWP. The Obama Administration is expected to release the next round of FY17 FAST Lane and TIGER Grant applications in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Miles said two projects are being considered, the Pleasant View Road grade separation at Highway 53 and the relocation of the Port of Entry from Huetter to the Pleasant View Road area; Highway 53 will be placed on the National Highway Freight Network.

11. Next Meeting – October 25, 2016

12. Adjournment

Mr. John Pankratz moved to adjourn the September 27, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Recording Secretary