



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

AMENDED KCATT MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2019 - 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 January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments
5. Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
 - a. Priority Corridors Subcommittee - Critical Arterial Corridor Policy – **Action Item**
 - b. Quiet Zone Subcommittee - Railroad Quiet Zones Policy – **Action Item**
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
 - a. Critical Arterial Corridor Policy Recommendation
 - b. Railroad Quiet Zones Policy Recommendation
10. Other Business
 - a. City of Dalton Gardens - 4th Ave-Dalton to Prairie Ave Project Scope Discussion – **Action Item**
 - b. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – March 26, 2019
12. Adjournment

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KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

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Call to Order:

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

Welcome / Introductions

Rob Palus, Chair	City of Post Falls
Kelly Brownsberger, Vice Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
John Parmann	Community Member, Aviation
Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
Chris Bosley	City of Coeur d'Alene
David Callahan	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Mac Cavasar	Community Member, Bike/Ped
Bill Roberson	Idaho Transportation Department
Marvin Fenn	Idaho Transportation Department

KMPO Staff

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Steve Roberge	Dalton Gardens, Mayor
Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Angela Comstock	JUB
Riannon Zender	JUB
Jason Stippich	Avista
Todd Kiesbury	Avista
Donna Montgomery	KMPO Volunteer
Ben Weymouth	T-O Engineers
Jamie Smith	Dalton Gardens, Council Member
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Ron Helmick	Frontier Communications

3. Approval of January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Eric Shanley moved to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes as presented. John Pankratz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Project, Transit & Utility Updates

Bill Roberson, ITD, reported they were expecting the PS&E package for stage one of the US-95/SH-53 interchange next month; the PS&E package for stage two is expected in June. The

Granite North project will be done next year. District 1 is working on two grants, SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange and the relocation of the I-90 port of entry. Crews are doing winter maintenance.

Mac Cavasar, Bike/Ped – Community Member, had no updates to report.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported bids opened for their 2019 road construction projects two weeks ago; Coeur d'Alene Paving will be the contractor. He commented on planned roadway projects. The District is in winter maintenance mode and hoping to begin doing utility moves in March.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, noted a public hearing on the reinstatement of the County's building code will be held at North Idaho College on March 28th. The Planning Commission will roll-out an update to the comp plan in the next few weeks; there will be a public campaign and a series of public meetings. Mr. Callahan noted Omnibus III was the proposed update to the development code. In the next few weeks, the Planning Commission is expected to make a recommendation on some of the topics KCATT had discussed. The new Board of County Commissioners will need to address portions of Omnibus III before it goes to a public hearing.

Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the City was doing winter maintenance.

Alan Soderling, City of Hayden, reported the City was expecting to go out to bid next month on the Hayden Avenue – Government Way to US-95 project. The transportation master and comp plans will likely be updated this summer. City crews are doing winter maintenance.

John Parmann, Aviation – Community Member, had no updates to report.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported their Board adopted their new transportation master plan during the last Board meeting. Crews are doing winter maintenance.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, provided an update on the Kidd Island Road project; they are hoping to go out to bid this summer for a 2020 build. The District is in winter maintenance mode.

Vice Chair Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported the Skalan Creek project was out to bid; bid opening is the end of March. A consultant will begin the design for the Prairie Avenue/Idaho Road intersection improvements. Crews are doing winter maintenance.

Chair Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, provided an update on the Seltice Congestion Mitigation project; two of the three lights are operational. The PS&E for the Seltice Way – Idaho to Bay Street pedestrian project is wrapping up; the project is expected to go out to bid in April. City crews are doing winter maintenance.

Jason Stippich, Avista, noted a few projects; they are dealing with winter conditions.

Ron Helmick, Frontier Communications, questioned the jurisdictions about upcoming projects.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, provided an update on the Transit Center. He reported 3,600 Paratransit riders and 11,900 fixed route riders in January; a 4% increase over last year.

6. Planning Updates

Ali Marienau noted she is updating the text of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to reflect changes including the updated non-motorized plan, model, and model documentation. She is working on the 2018 model. In March, she will ask planners from local jurisdictions to look at potential future land use along the Huetter Corridor.

Glenn Miles noted ITD took the IDAGO 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to the ITD Board last month; he understands it is going to be released. Ken Kanownik, ITD Planning Services Manager, has offered to give the presentation to KCATT; the committee expressed interest.

Mr. Miles noted he had recently given a presentation to the Spokane-Kootenai-Bonner Real Estate Market Forum; he discussed transportation projects that will be done in the next 4-5 years.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Marvin Fenn commented on the status of the appointments to the ITD Board. District 1 approached the Board about a section of pavement on I-90 (at MP 49) that has started sinking due to groundwater under the roadway.

8. Current Business

a. Priority Corridors Subcommittee - Critical Arterial Corridor Policy – *Action Item*

Mr. Miles thanked those who participated in putting together the Critical Arterial Corridor Policy. The intent of the Policy is to provide guidance for development in the future. He noted the map of the proposed arterials. Jurisdictions will be able to provide the development community the Policy and a checklist of those with whom they should speak; utilities will be included in the list.

Chair Palus noted the selected arterials and said, in discussing the critical corridors with Post Falls administration, they questioned the designation of Poleline and Hanley Avenues and the section of 16th Avenue between Greensferry and Meyer Roads. The City of Post Falls recommends striking those two roadways from the critical arterial designation.

Chris Bosley commented on the section of Hanley Avenue through Coeur d'Alene and noted the roundabouts along the section of roadway.

John Pankratz moved to make the revisions and bring the matter back to KCATT. If it receives approval, the document will go out to the local jurisdictions for review. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. Railroad Quiet Zone Subcommittee - Railroad Quiet Zones Policy – *Action Item*

Ali Marienau noted the Railroad Quiet Zone subcommittee had put together the Railroad Quiet Zones Policy. The Policy provides guidance for affected jurisdictions; proposed quiet zone locations and prioritization were included.

Mr. Shanley noted page 10 of the Policy and commented on the costs for engineering, railroad coordination, and surveying. He recommended increasing the improvement costs saying he wanted to ensure they were sending the right message about the cost for improvements.

Mr. Miles suggested noting costs may run an additional 15-20% for engineering, 25% for contingency, and 10% for the railroad factor.

Mr. Shanley agreed with the percentages and stated that may be a simple way to adjust costs.

Mr. Brownsberger noted costs were site-specific and recommended the inclusion of a disclaimer to further address the issue of cost.

Mr. Shanley again stated he wanted to ensure they were sending the right message and did not want there to be any misconception about the cost for improvements.

Chair Palus requested the definition of a "constant warning detection" be included in the Policy.

Mr. Roberson suggested addressing quiet zone bike/ped path requirements.

Ms. Marienau will revise the document and email it to the committee. The final draft will come back to KCATT in March for a recommendation.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

- a. Critical Arterial Policy Recommendation
- b. Railroad Quiet Zones Policy Recommendation

Mr. Miles will provide the KMPO Board an update on the status of the policies.

10. Other Business

- a. City of Dalton Gardens - 4th Avenue-Dalton to Prairie Ave Project Scope Discussion – **Action Item**

Mr. Miles noted Steve Roberge, Mayor of Dalton Gardens, had asked to come before KCATT to discuss the 4th Street – Dalton to Prairie Avenue project.

The City of Dalton Gardens Mayor Steve Roberge addressed the committee regarding the 4th Street – Dalton to Prairie Avenue project. He provided the background on the project and the 2017 grant award for nearly \$4.2 million; funding will be available in 2024. The City Council elected to begin design and have the project shovel-ready in the event of early funding. During the first and only public meeting that has been held, citizens provided input on the project which included the two intersections shared by the cities of Coeur d’Alene and Hayden; approximately 90-100 people attended. The City received numerous negative comments about the planned sidewalks, gutters, and curbs. The Mayor said citizens of Dalton Gardens view their community as “rural” and want to keep the “feel” of the City. He stated 4th Street was a residential street and is posted at 25 miles per hour. Traffic studies indicate their section of 4th Street receives approximately 7,000-10,000 vehicles a day. The City envisions a project design similar to what is in existence today but with drainage, shared-use paths, and bikes lanes. Future public meetings have not been scheduled. The Mayor said he and the City Council are listening to their citizens and is the reason they are before KCATT today.

Mr. Miles provided additional background on the 4th Street project which had been evaluated and scored by KCATT. The project was not awarded the grant until after the City requested a change of scope in order to meet the urban standard. Based on the City’s representation of the scope change, they were awarded the nearly \$4.2 million grant. The City applied for federal aid urban funds and is in a federally designated urbanized area. Mr. Miles commented on the City’s options in regard to the grant and addressed the committee stating the matter was before them in the form of a recommendation; the recommendation would then go the KMPO Board.

Committee members commented on and questioned Mayor Roberge about the project area, speed limits, and existing urbanization of 4th Street just outside the city limits into the city limits of Coeur d’Alene and Hayden.

Mr. Soderling said while he supported the urban section, he did not support the use of federal funds on a project that was not interested in moving traffic through the area. He noted speed limits entering the cities of Coeur d’Alene and Hayden from Dalton Gardens were posted 30 and 35 miles per hour; he did not support a 25 mile per hour speed limit through the section.

Mr. Shanley stated 4th Street was not a residential street but, at the very least, a major collector as it connects I-90 with the northern part of the county. He felt the urban funds should be spent as they were intended – with the purpose of not just moving traffic but also to address multi-modal needs. He noted area schools and the existing unsafe conditions for pedestrians.

Chair Palus commented on the amount of traffic on 4th Street through Dalton Gardens. FHWA statistics show sidewalks increase pedestrian safety by 88%; the combination of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks was cited as being more effective in slowing traffic than posting a lower speed limit. Chair Palus explained KCATT was looking at the greater regional significance of the roadway and a design that is going to address the increasing traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The grant does require the facility be maintained.

Mayor Roberge questioned the committee about alternatives including a shared use path. The consensus of the committee was that a shared-use path would be an acceptable alternative to a traditional sidewalk but said curb and gutter would still be required. Various committee members encouraged the City to use creative ideas and designs to help them retain their City's identity while meeting the federal aid grant requirements.

Mr. Fenn noted the City had used the speed limit for traffic calming but said it was not working; drivers continue to travel 35 miles per hour. He explained 4th Street had grown to be what it was intended to be, a collector, citing its connection to an I-90 interchange. Mr. Fenn said he would like to see the section of roadway developed correctly, not downsized.

Jamie Smith, City of Dalton Gardens Council Member, noted the overwhelming number of negative comments they received about the curb and gutters. The City does not have a road department so has no way to maintain curbs, sidewalks, and the drainage. She said the City's Comprehensive Plan describes the community as "rural" and said that is how the citizens view their community, as "semi-rural." The current project design would take considerable property away from many people on 4th Street. The City would like the road to stay as it is but with a shared-use path meandering alongside the roadway and built to avoid disturbing existing trees. She asked about alternatives and said the City wants to work creatively.

The grant award included the cities of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden in that each jurisdiction shares half an intersection with the City of Dalton Gardens in the project area. Mr. Bosley and Mr. Soderling discussed the impact Dalton Gardens' decision would have on their jurisdictions.

Mr. Miles said he was concerned about the travel way, safety aspects, and ADA compliance. He felt this was a great opportunity for the Mayor and Council to work with their community. Although the City may consider themselves to be "rural," they are in a federally designated urbanized area. Mr. Miles said it is up to the City and their consultant to come up with a creative design that meets the design, concept, and scope for the grant they were awarded.

Mr. Pankratz questioned the Mayor about the number of comments they received on the project. He said KCATT had come a long way in the planning of transportation, addressing safety issues, and the movement of people and goods. Mr. Pankratz said he could not support a deviation from the urbanized design in the section of 4th Street through Dalton Gardens.

Mayor Roberge hoped to be back before the committee in March.

Alan Soderling moved to table the Dalton Gardens – 4th Avenue-Dalton to Prairie Avenue project discussion until the March 26, 2019, meeting. John Pankratz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. KCATT Member Items

Mac Cavasar noted the City of Coeur d'Alene Bike/Ped Committee put together some public service announcements that are posted on the City's website. He offered to put together the list and provide it to those who were interested at the next meeting.

John Parmann noted the Air Expo was scheduled for July 20-21, 2019. The event is free and open to the public. The B-17 is expected to fly in July 15th; ticketed flights will be available July 15-19. The event was originally scheduled in July of 2018.

Kelly Brownsberger requested the agenda be displayed on the overhead for the benefit of those who did not have the information. The request will be accommodated.

11. Next Meeting – March 26, 2019

12. Adjournment

Kelly Brownsberger moved to adjourn the February 26, 2019 meeting. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Recording Secretary