



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

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

## **KCATT MEETING AGENDA**

**\*MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING (link provided below)**

November 24, 2020 - 8:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Approval of October 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
  - a. Upcoming Election of 2021 KCATT Chair and Vice Chair
  - b. Huetter Corridor Update
  - c. Regional Funding Effort – Discussion
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
  - a. Election of 2021 KMPO Board Officers
10. Other Business
  - a. Online Construction Map Project Updates – Request
  - b. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – December 15, 2020
12. Adjournment

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**KCATT MEETING MINUTES**  
**for**  
**November 24, 2020**  
Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting

**Call to Order:**

Vice Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Welcome / Introductions**

Chris Bosley, Vice Chair .....	City of Coeur d'Alene
Rob Palus .....	City of Post Falls
Kevin Jump .....	City of Rathdrum
Ben Weymouth .....	East Side Highway District
Marvin Fenn .....	Idaho Transportation Department
Bill Roberson .....	Idaho Transportation Department
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Mike Fuller .....	Community Member, Bicycle
Halley Jalbert .....	Community Member, Pedestrian

**KMPO Staff**

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

**Alternates and Guests**

Sean Messner.....	HDR Inc.
Chad Ingle .....	Kootenai County
Jody Bieze .....	Kootenai County
Jason Stippich.....	Avista
Diane Fountain.....	Lakes Highway District
Angela Comstock.....	JUB Engineers
Jeff Peters.....	Lochner
Riannon Zender .....	JUB Engineers
Adam Miles .....	DOWL

**3. Approval of October 27, 2020, Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**David Callahan moved for the approval of the October 27, 2020 minutes as submitted. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments provided.

**5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates**

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported construction on the Grange Avenue/Union Pacific railroad crossing was stopped early November; the project will be completed next spring. The City is reviewing their short list for consultant services and the 45 applications they received during the extended advertisement. Mr. Palus provided an update on the Prairie Avenue/Spokane Street project, which is expected to include a multi-lane roundabout and urban improvements on Prairie Avenue from Spokane Street to the Chase roundabout; construction is planned for the summer of 2021. The City is preparing for an open house on their projected impact fee increases; an online

open house is expected in the December/January timeframe, and a public hearing/discussion is planned before the City Council in February. The City is preparing for winter.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the Latah Street Bridge project was open for traffic. Last week, the Rathdrum City Council approved an update to their Transportation Plan; they will begin working with the consultant. The City is in winter maintenance mode; they are no longer issuing right-of-way encroachment permits that require work beneath the pavement surface.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported the Yellowstone Trail Road will likely have a summer 2022 construction; Western Federal Lands is working on the project. The French Gulch/Fernan Hill Road project will go to construction the summer of 2021. Mr. Weymouth provided an update on the Canyon Road Bridge over the Coeur d'Alene River at Cataldo. He noted related projects and thanked ITD, LHTAC, and FHWA for working together to make a state and local joint project work; an RFP was currently out and due December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Roberson, ITD, reported the environmental for the SH-41 industrial spur had been cleared by the Surface Transportation Board (STB); ITD is waiting for a final ruling for abandonment and is working to get early possession to avoid construction delays next spring. The low bid on the SH-41 – Mullan Avenue to Prairie Avenue project was Scarcella. The US-95/SH-53 interchange is expected to open this week. The District is in winter maintenance.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, thanked all four highway district directors/supervisors for attending the Planning Commission minor subdivision hearing noting their input was very helpful. The matter will be going forward and is scheduled for public hearing with the Board of County Commissioners on December 10<sup>th</sup>; possible outcomes were discussed. Mr. Callahan noted that he had reviewed Spokane County's language for exemptions on how they allow families to divide land prior to death and will be recommending the Spokane County model. He reiterated the importance of the highway districts attending the December 10<sup>th</sup> hearing and providing input.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, noted ITD had notified him that the US-95/SH-53 interchange was expected to open today at noon; the District will be maintaining a number of frontage roads associated with the interchange.

Vice Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the downtown signal project was currently out to bid; the project has been reduced from 11 to 5-6 signals. The Lacrosse Avenue project is planned for 2021 and is currently in design. The City is currently working on right-of-way acquisition for the Kathleen Avenue project; it is also a planned for 2021.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported the final inspection on their new fixed routes buses is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are currently working on their Triennial Review which will take place over the next few months. Fixed route ridership is at 70-75% normal ridership; Paratransit is at 85-95% normal ridership.

Jason Stippich, Avista, reported crews were working on SH-41 utilities and finishing up projects.

## **6. Planning Updates**

Ali Marienau noted she is continuing work on modeling for the City of Coeur d'Alene's Comprehensive Plan, the Armstrong property impact study, and the Health Corridor Study. Once the 2020 Census data is received, she will continue updating the 2020 model; she is planning a couple of workshops with the committee to ensure the model is reflecting the actual network and will review projects in the forecast models. The Non-Motorized Transportation Roundtable was held last Tuesday via Zoom; the next meeting is expected to be held in May of 2021.

## **7. Idaho Transportation Board Update**

Marvin Fenn noted the November Board meeting was quiet; ITD is updating Chapter 6 of the Guide for Utility Management; he will share it with the committee once the update is complete. The next ITD Board meeting is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> in Boise.

## **8. Current Business**

### a. Upcoming Election of 2021 KCATT Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Miles noted the committee would be electing the 2021 chair and vice chair in December; a highway district representative will be appointed to the vice chair position.

### b. Huetter Corridor Update

Mr. Miles noted the firm that had done the original Huetter Corridor Right-of-Way Plan will be using the recent photogrammetry and topography to set the updated Huetter Corridor centerline; work is expected to begin in December.

### c. Regional Funding Effort – Discussion

Mr. Miles commented on the Kootenai County Local Option Vehicle Registration Fee ballot measure results. He provided a map showing the measure was passed by one precinct in downtown Coeur d'Alene area. While precincts along Atlas and Huetter Roads and areas near Hayden and Cougar Gulch were supportive, precincts in the northern portion of the county and those in East Side Highway District provided the lowest support. The KMPO Board is interested in what can be done in the 2022 general election; the campaign group is still interested in supporting the effort and recommends continued outreach. The two most common comments were related to the age of the vehicle and cost to those over the age of 70. Mr. Miles commented on the way the code is currently written and believed they should be talking with their legislators about aligning it with the demographics and/or economics of the area. He felt it was important to take the next 12-18 months to discuss, with the community, the cost of transportation and how it is funded. A unified education effort involving the local jurisdictions in a roving educational presentation was suggested as a way to reach communities throughout the County.

### d. Corridor Access Management Discussion – **Action Item**

Mr. Miles commented on US-95 and SH-41 and noted one of the key features of the SH-41 Corridor Master Plan was the use of backage roads and evenly spaced signaled intersections. The Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) provides rules and conditions with which access is provided to properties. The SH-41 plan was developed from a regional standpoint and is how they want to protect the corridor. Based on the discussions that have taken place, they need to reaffirm the ability to work with ITD and the possibility of an amendment to IDAPA that would recognize corridor plans and allow them to be used during access hearings.

Mr. Roberson stated IDAPA limited ITD in how they address access. He commented on the southern portion and northern portions of SH-41; ITD is still trying to protect access and stay with the SH-41 corridor plan's quarter-mile right-in/right-out and half-mile signal spacing. They are attempting to fall back on the one paragraph in IDAPA that addressing the design of a property or large development and use of the local road system. Mr. Roberson discussed the issue related to the County ordinance, areas annexed by the cities, and the challenge of getting developers to use local roads to access SH-41.

Mr. Shanley stated the local highway districts had an ordinance that requires the developer to access off the local road or lower classification roadway. He felt this was an important discussion and an opportunity to help comment on and address issues related to development.

Mr. Fenn stated IDAPA was trumping the local ordinance and ITD is losing the battles. He noted a recent hearing on a piece of property north of Prairie Avenue and said they used the highway districts' ordinances and KMPO's public involvement on the SH-41 study to support the portion of IDAPA that provides for access – other than direct access. ITD is attempting to find a way to deal with the issue and that is why it is before the committee today. They would like to create a protocol to address growth and access needs regardless of jurisdiction. ITD appreciates the support they have received from KCATT and needs that in order to be successful in addressing this issue.

Ms. Marienau commented on the recent corridor access management workshop. The matter is being brought before KCATT for a recommendation that the KMPO Board can take to the ITD Board and, potentially, amend IDAPA to recognize corridor access plans; this would support ITD as they address access management issues.

**Mr. Callahan moved that KCATT recommend to the KMPO Board that corridor management access plans, that are duly adopted, shall be automatically considered as part of the review for granting any access. Rob Palus seconded the motion.**

Bill Roberson commented on Senate Bill 1313 which was proposed in the senate last year; he recommended the committee review the Bill as it was intended to address similar issues.

Mr. Fenn noted he and Damon Allen have discussed the matter with their ITD Board member and are attempting to start the conversation at the state level. He agreed with Mr. Miles suggestion of adding a provision to IDAPA.

**Mr. Callahan amended the motion to include land use jurisdictions placing conditions through zone changes or annexations that address access. Rob Palus who had seconded the original motion concurred with the amendment to the motion.**

Mr. Kevin Jump commented on the discussion and the importance of access management. He noted SH-41 would be a four-lane divided highway facility with access control. From an access management standpoint, the most congested portion of SH-41 is near the I-90 interchange. The City of Rathdrum, from an economic development standpoint, will be facing some challenges in being competitive; he wanted the committee to be aware of the current economic playing field. Mr. Jump said he was more than willing to support an adopted standard on access control as long as it was adhered to countywide. He suggested looking into removing some of the access points on SH-41 near the I-90 interchange.

Mr. Palus noted the issues the City of Post Falls had faced implementing access management on SH-41 and said Mr. Jump had made a good point regarding the stretch of SH-41 from I-90 to north of Mullan Avenue. It illustrates the importance of a unified approach on access management. He noted the challenges the City of Post Falls had faced in trying to address the section of roadway. Mr. Palus said they need to address the issue or will lose the roadway capacity and negatively impact the safety of the public.

Mr. Fenn stated he appreciated Mr. Jump's comments and noted the discrepancy between the northern and southern portions of roadway; the issues surrounding the southern portion included titled accesses in property deeds.

Mr. Palus noted Mr. Jump's comments and said the committee should be concerned about capacity and safety of the roadways at the regional level – not just at the local level. He commented on the closure of some of the access approaches on SH-41 near the I-90 interchange and said, if the opportunity presents itself, it can be done. He felt they should be looking at that as it does provide long-term improvement of safety and access.

Bill Roberson also agreed with Mr. Jump and noted they are currently in the early development of the four-lane section on SH-41 and would like to address the access issue now.

Mr. Miles said he felt the committee should take the matter before the KMPO Board and see if they will move forward with the idea; if they do, the committee should work collaboratively to come up with a presentation addressing the access management challenges they are facing.

Mr. Jump stated he was in favor of the recommendation.

For the record, Vice Chair Bosley asked Mr. Callahan to restate his motion.

**David Callahan moved that any duly adopted corridor management access plan automatically be incorporated into access review by the applicable local jurisdiction(s). Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

#### **9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items**

- a. Election of 2021 KMPO Board Officers

Mr. Miles noted agenda item (8.d.), Corridor Access Management, would be before the KMPO Board in December as an action item. The Board will elect their 2021 officers.

#### **10. Other Business**

- a. Online Construction Map Project Updates – Request

Mr. Miles noted the online construction map will be updated and incorporate projects through 2023. He requested new projects and updates be submitted in the December timeframe.

- b. KCATT Member Items

Mike Fuller, Bicycle – Community Member, had no updates to report.

Halley Jalbert, Pedestrian – Community Member, had no updates to report.

#### **11. Next Meeting – December 15, 2020**

#### **12. Adjournment**

**David Callahan moved to adjourn the November 24, 2020, meeting. Ben Weymouth seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Signature on File  
Recording Secretary