# **ABOUT KMPO**

Metropolitan Planning Kootenai Organization (KMPO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kootenai County. Federal law requires any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 to have a MPO. Congress created MPOs to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs in Kootenai County are developed and must be approved by KMPO.



#### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about KMPO, visit www.kmpo.net. The site features plans, policies, programs, projects, studies, maps, information on public transportation resources, and additional transportation related information.

#### STAY UP TO DATE

Visit **www.kmpo.net** for the latest KMPOrelated news and notices. The KMPO calendar of events, matters open for public comment, and a public comment form can all be accessed under "Participate." Recognizing roadway/utility construction projects impact motorists, KMPO has developed an online construction map identifying planned and completed projects over a 5-year period. The informational map is part of a voluntary effort by jurisdictions and utilities to make the public aware of upcoming construction. The online map can be accessed under "Data," "Other Resources."



## Kootenai Metropolitan Planning

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"Cooperatively developing transportation plans for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in Kootenai County."

### **PARTNER AGENCIES**

KMPO is an independent agency that was created through a joint powers agreement between 10 different agencies with roadway jurisdiction in Kootenai County. KMPO's role is to encourage coordination and collaboration between its partner agencies:

- 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
- Lakes Highway District
- Post Falls Highway District
- Worley Highway District
- Small cities and towns

#### REGIONAL PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES

KMPO establishes regional transportation policy and develops both long and short-range regional transportation plans for Kootenai County. This includes planning for roadways, public transportation and non-motorized transportation.

KMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides a blueprint for future transportation system improvements with a 20-year outlook. To help select transportation projects and make capital investment decisions, KMPO uses a regional transportation computer model to forecast travel patterns and traffic volumes into the future.

KMPO also maintains a list of six-year state federally funded and transportation projects knownastheTransportation Program Improvement (TIP). This list of projects to be implemented in the near-term is updated and approved by KMPO annually.

#### KMPO BOARD

KMPO is governed by a Policy Board consisting of elected officials from nine local governmental

agencies and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. One representative from the Idaho Transportation Department District 1 completes the 11 member board. The Board meets once a month. The public is welcome at all KMPO Board meetings and there is opportunity for public comment at all the meetings.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

The technical committee, Kootenai County Area Transportation Team (KCATT), consists of one representative from each member jurisdiction and up to five nonvoting members who represent various transportation interests. KCATT assists in transportation decision-making and provides recommendations to the policy board on planning issues affecting the construction, use, operation and administration of roadways and other transportation systems in the county.



### Funding

KMPO is funded through a variety of sources including federal, state, and local funding. The local funding consists of contributions made by partner agencies.

