



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 on page 2)**

January 26, 2021 - 8:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Approval of December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
  - a. Public Outreach Program on Transportation
  - b. 2021 Safety Performance Targets – **Action Item**
  - c. KMPO Sub-Area Model Development Standard – **Action Item**
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
  - a. Huetter Corridor Update
  - b. Access Management KMPO Board Position
  - c. Coeur d'Alene Health Corridor Status Update
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
  - a. 2021 Safety Performance Targets (Action Item)
  - b. KMPO Sub-Area Model Development Standard (Action Item)
10. Other Business
  - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – February 23, 2021
12. Adjournment

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**KCATT MEETING MINUTES**  
**for**  
**January 26, 2021**  
Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting

**Call to Order:**

Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and took the committee attendance.

**Welcome / Introductions**

Chris Bosley, Chair .....	City of Coeur d'Alene
Ben Weymouth, Vice Chair.....	East Side Highway District
Alan Soderling.....	City of Hayden
Rob Palus.....	City of Post Falls
Kevin Jump.....	City of Rathdrum
Marvin Fenn .....	Idaho Transportation Department
Bill Roberson.....	Idaho Transportation Department
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Michael Lenz.....	Post Falls Highway District
Kevin Howard.....	Worley Highway District
John Parmann.....	Community Member, Airport
Halley Jalbert .....	Community Member, Pedestrian
Thomas McLaughlin.....	Community Member, Rail/Trucking

**KMPO Staff**

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

**Alternates and Guests**

Sandy White.....	Citizen
Martin Plass.....	DEA
Mike Slegers.....	HDR
Thomas Gwin.....	Spectrum
Madison Hardy.....	Coeur d'Alene Press
Angela Comstock .....	J-U-B
Ralph Paul.....	IDEQ
Daniel Baker .....	HDR
Jay Hassell .....	J-U-B
Chad Ingle .....	Kootenai County
Jeff Peters.....	HW Lochner
Adam Miles.....	DOWL
Summer Bushelle.....	Citizen
Diane Fountain .....	Lakes Highway District

**3. Approval of December 15, 2020, Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**Rob Palus moved to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Ben Weymouth seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments provided.

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

Glenn Miles noted the City of Hayden's Ramsey Road extension project received right-of-way plan approval and \$500,000 in right-of-way funds to begin the process. If supplemental COVID Relief funds become available, the project may get through right-of-way this year.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported they had held their public open house on transportation, parks, and emergency service impact fees in December; it will be before the City Council in February. Work on current projects continue; crews are in winter maintenance and operation.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported they were getting ready to begin right-of-way acquisition on the Boekel Road/Meyer Road intersection project. The final design of the SH-53/Meyer Road intersection project has been submitted to ITD; consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with ITD will be before the Rathdrum City Council tomorrow evening. Mr. Jump said they were researching the possibility of getting a single bid for the two Meyer Road intersection projects which are expected to be constructed this year. Design efforts on the Lancaster Road/Meyer Road intersection improvement project has begun; there is a possibility the project could advance to construction as early as this year. The City is in winter maintenance mode.

Vice Chair Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported Western Federal Lands had notified him that construction of the Yellowstone Trail project may be delayed until 2023-2024. The joint Canyon Road and ITD I-90 bridge projects are through consultant selection; they will soon begin negotiating with the consultant team. The French Gulch project is still on target for construction this summer. The District is in winter maintenance.

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported the District was in heavy winter maintenance mode. They have held internal meetings regarding the recent windstorm and how they can better manage signals, understand potential battery backup, and generator capabilities. ITD will be reaching out to local jurisdictions to discuss how they can coordinate and pool resources during similar circumstances in the future and the possibility of rolling this experience into the recent Traffic Management Study. Mr. Fenn commented on the US-95/SH-53 project and wanted Lakes Highway District to be aware that the US-95/Garwood Road crossing had been closed and was causing traffic to back up at the Ramsey Road/SH-53 signal; ITD is looking at signal timing and resigning options.

Bill Roberson, ITD, provided an update on the US-95/Garwood Road project which has been shut down. The final SH-41 Union Pacific Railroad spur line Surface Transportation Board (STB) closeout is tomorrow; ITD will take ownership no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roberson thanked everyone for their support and letters of support to STB.

Alan Soderling joined the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

David Callahan joined the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported the Board of County Commissioners failed to pass the code amendments for minor subdivisions but directed him to set up committees necessary to address the issue. He will be meeting with those involved, individually, to discuss concerns and possible solutions; he will contact the highway district supervisors as soon as possible.

Alan Soderling, City of Hayden, provided an update on the Ramsey Road Extension project noting the right-of-way plans had been approved, the final plan review is scheduled for tomorrow, and they are in the process of right-of-way negotiations; a 2024 construction is expected. The City Council has delayed the Honeysuckle Road/Ramsey Road roundabout project.

Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, provided an update on the Greensferry River Crossing project. The Board has elected to move forward with Phase 2 of the project which involves

preliminary work; the project will likely go out for bond in the fall. Phase 3 will be the final design. Crews have completed windstorm cleanup and are in winter maintenance mode.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported on a repair to the Kidd Island Road project due to runoff; all other projects are on hold. He commented on the recent windstorm and said crews are continuing clean-up. The District is in winter maintenance mode.

Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur D'Alene, reported the City was hit hard by the recent windstorm which caused extensive power outages. The levy system around NIC sustained damage from the uprooting of fallen trees; crews are clearing the area and making repairs to the levy. Work on the joint swale project with ITD at the US-95/Northwest Boulevard off-ramp will resume once storm clean-up has been completed. This year, the City will be working on the Kathleen widening project from US-95 to Government Way, the signalization of the Northwest Boulevard/Lacrosse Avenue intersection, and the connection of the Lacrosse Avenue roadway from Lakewood Avenue in Riverstone to Northwest Boulevard.

Thomas Gwin, Spectrum, commented on the damage and cleanup from the recent windstorm. Relocation work continues on SH-41, Kidd Island, and Scarcello and Garwood Bridge projects.

Chad Ingle joined the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported they were currently working with an economist to update their Service and Fare Equity Analysis. The new fixed route buses are being prepped for service.

## **6. Planning Updates**

### **a. Public Outreach Program on Transportation**

Mr. Miles said, following the failed General Election Local Option Vehicle Registration Fee ballot measure, the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls Chambers of Commerce surveyed their membership businesses on transportation infrastructure. The results show the need to discuss transportation with the public. Although there is support for additional transportation funding, there were differing views on how funding should be provided. Over the next month, there will be discussions on how to create an effective and unified public outreach program. There is interest in moving the measure forward in 2022; he requested feedback from the committee.

Mr. Callahan was in favor of the idea and would welcome a briefing with the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

Chair Bosley commented on the public outreach effort and said he believed there was a misunderstanding about gas tax and transportation funding.

### **b. 2021 Safety Performance Targets – Action Item**

Ali Marienau explained that, in 2018, the KMPO Board had agreed to adopt ITD's performance targets for safety. ITD has set their 2021 targets. Based on the most current data available, 2015-2019, Kootenai County data shows a slight increase in the number of fatalities and the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), compared to the previous five-year period; however, serious injury and fatal crash rates have declined. Fatalities and serious injuries in Kootenai County remain far below ITD's safety targets. Targets, safety statistics, fatal crash analysis, and the 2019 fatal/serious injury locations were included in the packet and reviewed.

**Rob Palus forwarded the motion that KCATT recommend that the KMPO Board continue to support ITD's performance targets for safety. David Callahan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

c. **KMPO Sub-Area Model Development Standard – Action Item**

Ms. Marienau commented on the development of agency-specific sub-area models by consultants when updating transportation/land use planning documents. KMPO has found that some of these sub-area models are not consistent with the regional model or transportation planning process, as required by U.S.C Title 23, Section 134 – Metropolitan Transportation Planning. In 2020, the City of Hayden adopted their Transportation Strategic Plan, which included a sub-area model that maintained KMPO’s regional model network and land use during the sub-area model development process. The packet included a copy of the City of Hayden’s Travel Demand Model Documentation and User’s Guide. Staff recommended KMPO adopt the sub-area model development process and methodology used by City of Hayden’s consultant, Iteris, as the standard process for future sub-area models within the metropolitan planning area.

Mr. Miles stressed the importance of sub-area models having the ability to interact at a regional level – recognizing adjacent jurisdictions and regional infrastructure projects; consultants often remove external factors and apply growth projection rates. A unified and consistent methodology for developing sub-area models would ensure interaction at the regional level was maintained.

Mr. Soderling explained the methodology used to create their sub-area model forced it to recognize what was occurring on the fringe of their jurisdiction and revealed an impact on internal travel demand which would not have been seen otherwise.

**Alan Soderling made a motion to recommend to the KMPO Board the adoption of the City of Hayden’s Sub-Area model development process and methodology as the standard for development of future sub-area models within the KMPO planning area. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with no objections.**

**7. Idaho Transportation Board Update**

Marvin Fenn noted the January ITD Board meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They are preparing for the Department’s Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) budget presentation scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and working to carry forward five FY21 funding supplemental requests to this year’s legislative session. The requests total \$206 million – \$126 million from the Governor’s infrastructure initiative, Building Idaho’s Future, and \$71 million in spending authority from the COVID Relief Act. The breakdown provided \$72.8 million to ITD (\$70.8 million for state highway infrastructure improvement projects and \$2 million for rail crossing improvement projects), \$49.2 million to locals – administered through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) (\$47.2 million for local highway infrastructure improvement projects and \$2 million for child/pedestrian safety projects), and \$4 million to community airport improvements. The next ITD Board meeting is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Miles stated the COVID Relief Act made approximately \$70.6 million available to the State of Idaho; of that, \$3.8 million will go to Boise as it is a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA). The remaining \$66 million was designated as “state anywhere” funds.

**8. Current Business**

a. **Huetter Corridor Update**

Mr. Miles noted they were in the process of negotiating the scope of work and budget with Ruen-Yeager for the Huetter Corridor update. The update will recognize the completion of the US-95/SH-53 interchange, adjust the corridor north of Lancaster Road, and place the center and right-of-way lines based on the aerial photogrammetry work done in 2020. The contract is expected to be before the KMPO Board during their February meeting.

b. Access Management KMPO Board Position

During the January KMPO Board meeting, the Board took up the Access Management Policy position that was discussed and recommended by KCATT in December. The Board unanimously supported the recognition and incorporation of any adopted regional corridor or access management plan into the access management review and decision-making process, as done with Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA), by state and local agencies.

c. Coeur d'Alene Health Corridor Status Update

Ms. Marienau provided an update on the Coeur d'Alene Health Corridor Study. The consultant, DOWL, has completed the short-term conditions analysis and is working on an analysis of future conditions. The Study was originally expected to wrap up in April but has been delayed approximately six weeks. Feedback on the scenarios and public involvement options will be discussed by the stakeholders during their January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items**

- a. 2021 Safety Performance Targets (Action Item)
- b. KMPO Sub-Area Model Development Standard (Action Item)

Mr. Miles noted the contract for the Huetter Corridor update would also be before the Board.

**10. Other Business**

- a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Fenn reported ITD had been working with the City of Coeur d'Alene on changing the 4<sup>th</sup> Street signal at the I-90 westbound on-ramp from a dual left permissive turning opportunity to a dual left protective movement.

Chair Bosley noted the City of Coeur d'Alene was working with Lakes Highway District and the City of Hayden on the Ramsey Road/Prairie Avenue signal. Due to the number of crashes, they are removing permissive left-turn movements during peak hours.

**11. Next Meeting – February 23, 2021**

**12. Adjournment**

**David Callahan moved to adjourn the January 26, 2021, meeting. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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Recording Secretary