



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**

April 27, 2021 - 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 March 23, 2021 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. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update Recommendation – **Action Item**
  - b. Transportation Funding Update
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
  - a. Huetter Corridor Alignment Presentation
10. Other Business
  - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – May 25, 2021
12. Adjournment

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## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

April 27, 2021

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### **Call to Order:**

Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### **Welcome / Introductions**

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Chris Bosley, Chair ..... | City of Coeur d'Alene           |
| Kevin Howard .....        | Worley Highway District         |
| Rob Palus .....           | City of Post Falls              |
| David Callahan.....       | Kootenai County                 |
| Eric Shanley.....         | Lakes Highway District          |
| Kevin Jump.....           | City of Rathdrum                |
| Marvin Fenn.....          | Idaho Transportation Department |
| Bill Roberson .....       | Idaho Transportation Department |

### **KMPO Staff**

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

### **Alternates and Guests**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Monty Montgomery ..... | Lakes Highway District |
| Donna Montgomery ..... | KMPO Volunteer         |
| Chad Ingle .....       | Kootenai County        |
| Jeff Peters.....       | HW Lochner             |
| Shawn Sweetapple ..... | Idaho DEQ              |
| Jason Stippich.....    | Avista                 |
| Adam Miles .....       | DOWL                   |
| Thomas Gwin.....       | Charter                |
| Mike Slegers .....     | HDR                    |

### **3. Approval of March 23, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

David Callahan moved to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments provided.

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

Bill Roberson, ITD, provided an update on the SH-41 widening project including the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Prairie Avenue and Prairie Avenue to Boekel Road segments, the grade separation bridge and related road closures were noted. Updates to the US-95 and Garwood Road overpass and US-95 corridor access improvement projects were provided. Mr. Roberson reported there would be a lot of projects on I-90 this year including eight bridge deck projects. ITD is encouraging work zone safety; ITD has enlisted the help of the Idaho State Police (ISP).

Kevin Jump arrived at 8:10 a.m.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the City was inspecting streets for windstorm clean-up and road repair. They anticipate advertising for some citywide paving overlay work and will manage it around major/private developments that are currently taking place. He noted the number of right-of-way encroachment permits and underground utility locate requests tripled last year. Right-of-way for the SH-53/Meyer Road and Boekel Road/Meyer Road projects is currently being purchased. They are hoping to tie in another project along the Meyer Road network, a dual-lane roundabout at Lancaster Road/Meyer Road; the majority of right-of-way has been cleaned up/acquired as it is associated with private development. The city is in the process of updating their transportation master plan.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, provided an update on the Ramsey Road/BNSF grade separation project noting the bridge girders were expected to be set next week. The Bunco Road improvement project is expected to begin May 17th; an overview of the project was provided. The locations of several overlay projects were noted; crews are currently doing mailbox turnouts and safety improvements to prepare for paving work. The Old Highway 95/Union Pacific Railroad crossing design project is expected to begin this summer; they are currently in the process of consultant selection. Mr. Shanley commented on previous discussions regarding growth and major/minor subdivisions noting the rezoning and proposed plan of 275 multi-family units, with commercial use, in the vicinity of Wilbur Avenue, Aqua Avenue, Government Way, and US-95. The District has discussed the matter with the City of Coeur d'Alene and expressed concern as they do not feel their roads can handle the traffic; a traffic study is being done.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would be holding another workshop to address minor subdivisions. He will forward the draft minor subdivision amendment to the highway districts today and advise them of the date and time of the May workshop once it is known. Mr. Callahan commented on various planned minor subdivisions and remarked that something needed to be done.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the Spokane Street/Union Pacific Railroad crossing urban improvement project had been completed. The urban improvements on the Grange Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad crossing project are scheduled to begin the end of May. With the addition of \$2 million in sewer improvements, construction of the Prairie Avenue/Spokane Street roundabout and alignment improvement project is expected to be delayed until 2022. Due to some legal issues, the last public hearing on the city's impact fee update was rescheduled for May 4th; if approved, as presented, four capital projects will likely move into design. Welch Comer has been selected as the consultant for the Chase Road/BNSF railroad crossing improvement project; they are working on the Professional Services Agreement.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the Kidd Island Road project will start up again on May 10th; a section containing temporary asphalt is expected to be removed and replaced during a five-day period. The Sun Up Bay Road/Bennion Road and Bennion Road/Finnebott Road intersection projects are expected to begin May 24th. The District is currently gathering material for the Watson Road Bridge replacement project; the in-house project is expected to begin this fall. Crews are currently applying magnesium chloride on gravel roads.

Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, provided an update on the US-95/Northwest Boulevard swale project noting the installation of pipe across US-95. The Lacrosse Avenue project is currently out for bid. The equipment for the downtown signal project has been ordered; work is expected to begin late June/early July. The city's chip seal project is expected to begin in July; Chair Bosley will forward the cost/breakdown to Mr. Shanley.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported the Strategic Service Plan kick-off meeting was held April 21st and was well attended; the Metts Group will draft the plan. An RFP for the engineering, design, and construction management of Phase 2 of the Riverstone Transit Center has been issued; proposals are due May 17th. A grant to build out their Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) public transportation website has been received. The new buses are expected to be in service soon.

Thomas Gwin, Spectrum, reported on various utility relocations including SH-41, the US-95 corridor, Garwood Road and Ramsey Road Bridges. Due to the growth in the area, Spectrum is building their matrix, adding more fiber, and trying to keep up with new developments.

Jason Stippich, Avista, noted crews were attempting to keep up with all the projects.

## **6. Planning Updates**

Ali Marienau provided an update on the health corridor traffic study noting public involvement will likely begin the end of May; a presentation will be given to KCATT during their May meeting. The semi-annual Non-Motorized Transportation Roundtable meeting is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 p.m.; a meeting notice will be sent out once details have been finalized. Master project list and traffic count updates were requested by Memorial Day. Margaret Pridmore, ITD Roadway Data Manager, will be in the area July 19-22 and would like to meet with local agencies to provide an overview of ITD's traffic program and discuss collaboration; a Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the availability of agencies.

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

Marvin Fenn commented on project planning, state funding, and bonding. The ITD Board meeting included a safety briefing on proper towing techniques. The Board discussed how the COVID money would be received/split – in accordance with the Board policy. Revenues to the State Highway Account were 12% ahead of projections; the State Aeronautics Fund was 11% below projections. ITD will be submitting two Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants; one submission is from District 1 for the SH-53/Pleasant View Interchange and Huetter Port of Entry Relocation projects. The Board also discussed Huetter Road reallocation funds and the designation of 129K routes on the state system.

## **8. Current Business**

### **a. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update Recommendation – Action Item**

The packet included the draft Huetter Corridor alignment update done by Ruen-Yeager. Mr. Miles reviewed the draft alignment, typical cross-section, traffic analysis and volumes on various roadways. The intent is to take this to the KMPO Board and then send it out for a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Miles said he had met with several stakeholders at the north and south ends of the corridor and noted the project was currently in right-of-way preservation mode. The corridor is, ultimately, expected to be designated as a state highway. Ruen-Yeager is expected to deliver the right-of-way legal description in the May timeframe. At such time the Board approves the alignment, it will be forwarded to the County for adoption as an overlay zone. Concern regarding drifting and snow removal were cited as issues that would be addressed during the design phase. Right-of-way costs are estimated at \$45 million.

**Eric Shanley moved to present and recommend the draft Huetter Corridor alignment update to the KMPO Board for approval. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

b. Transportation Funding Update

Noting Mr. Fenn’s discussion on project planning, funding, and bonding, Mr. Miles noted the sales tax revenue generated \$84 million a year in transportation funding. While \$80 million is designated to ITD, local jurisdictions are expected to receive just \$4 million in FY 22, with the promise that they will receive additional revenue as sales tax increase. The federal COVID funding was also discussed; after the estimated \$82 million is distributed, KMPO is expected to receive \$400,000. Mr. Miles remarked that the disbursement does not bode well for local jurisdictions and said, at some point, area legislators will need to discuss how important transportation is to the regional economy. He also noted the legislature’s effort to implement a property tax reduction noting those funds are used by local jurisdictions to build and maintain area roadways. Mr. Miles commented on the current trillion-dollar infrastructure bill and an attempt to redefine the term “infrastructure.” Several hearings have been held on the next reauthorization bill; the criteria are changing and being driven toward major metro areas. Mr. Miles commented that rural areas are now being defined as those under 200,000 population. Currently, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and US Census Bureau are proposing changes that would redefine metro and urbanized areas. The proposed changes would likely impact some MPOs in Idaho; KMPO is expected to maintain their designation as a metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

**9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items**

a. Huetter Corridor Alignment Presentation

Mr. Miles noted the May KMPO Board meeting would be an in-person meeting and held in the ITD District 1 EOC room.

**10. Other Business**

a. KCATT Member Items

Marvin Fenn reported ITD was under a “butterfly and bee awareness” watch noting some species had made the endangered or threatened species list. Roadside maintenance, mowing and weed control application, will slow down to avoid impacting butterfly and bee migration and/or habitats.

Rob Palus thanked ITD for their work on SH-41 noting the city had not received any complaints from travelers going through the Prairie Avenue/Poleline Avenue areas. He commented on the city’s closure on Prairie Avenue yesterday and his discussion with ITD staff verifying the details; he appreciated their collaboration and keeping the public’s safety in mind.

**11. Next Meeting – May 25, 2021**

**12. Adjournment**

**Rob Palus moved to adjourn the April 27, 2021 meeting. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Signature on File  
Recording Secretary