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Idaho Transportation Department
Kootenai County, Idaho
Lakes Highway District
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Cooperatively Developing a Transportation System for all of Kootenai County, Idaho

**KMPO Board Meeting
May 13, 2021 1:30 pm**

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order – Lynn Borders, Chair**
- 2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item**
- 3. Approval of March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
- 4. Public Comments** (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)
- 5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Chris Bosley**
 - a. Recap of Activities – March/April 2021
 - b. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update and Committee Recommendation
- 6. Administrative Matters**
 - a. March 2021 KMPO Expenditures – **Action Item**
 - b. April 2021 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**
 - c. KMPO 2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests
 1. #3 Carrying Two Programmed FTA Projects Forward to FY 2021
 2. #4 Modifying Two Programmed FTA Projects Forward to FY 2021
 3. #5 Approving COVID Relief Funding for Ramsey Road Extension Right-of-Way Acquisition
 4. #6 Modifying Three Projects to Adjust Funding Levels
 5. #7 Modifying Two Projects to Adjust Funding Levels
 6. #8 Modifying Two Projects to Adjust Funding Levels
- 7. Other Business**
 - a. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update Presentation – **Action Item**
- 8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

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 - a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Amber Conklin/Chad Ingle
 - b. Coeur d Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report – Alan Eirls
- 9. Director's Report** (written report included in Board packet)
- 10. Board Member Comments**
- 11. Next Meeting – June 10, 2021**
- 12. Adjournment**

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MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regular Board Meeting
May 13, 2021
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Borders, Chair	City of Post Falls
Rod Twete, Vice Chair	Lakes Highway District
Leslie Duncan	Kootenai County
Corinne Johnson	Worley Highway District
John Austin	East Side Highway District
Dick Panabaker	City of Hayden
Darrell Rickard	City of Rathdrum
Jim Kackman	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Terry Werner	Post Falls Highway District
Damon Allen	Idaho Transportation Department, District 1
Dan Gookin	City of Coeur d'Alene

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner

Attendees:

Jody Bieze	Kootenai County
Donna Montgomery	KMPO Volunteer
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Mike Slegers	HDR

1. Call to Order – Lynn Borders, Chair

The regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chair Lynn Borders at 1:30 p.m.

2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item

There were no changes to the agenda or declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. Approval of March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Mr. Terry Werner moved to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Jim Kackman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)

There were no public comments.

5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Chris Bosley

a. Recap of Activities – March/April 2021

KCATT Chair Chris Bosley provided a recap of the March and April committee meetings noting the agencies were preparing for the road construction season and struggling with the lack of funding.

Ms. Leslie Duncan arrived at 1:32 p.m.

- b. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update and Committee Recommendation

Mr. Bosley reported the committee had a recommendation on the Huetter Corridor alignment update; Mr. Miles will provide the overview and their recommendation.

6. Administrative Matters

- a. March 2021 KMPO Expenditures
- b. April 2021 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**

Mr. Jim Kackman moved to approve the March and April 2021 Expenditures. Mr. John Austin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- c. KMPO 2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests
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Mr. Miles commented on the KMPO 2021-2027 TIP Amendments 3-8.

7. Other Business

- a. Huetter Corridor Alignment Update Presentation – **Action Item**

Mr. Miles provided an overview of the Huetter Corridor update – the original alignment, right-of-way setbacks, completion of the US-95/SH-53 interchange, Garwood Road overpass projects, LiDAR and topography work, and Ruen-Yeager's current draft alignment update, typical cross-section, and a right-of-way map. Mr. Miles discussed the current corridor realignment, planned overpasses, traffic analysis, and volumes on various roadways associated with the corridor. The new alignment would be incorporated into the Huetter Corridor Study, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and updated in the Federal Functional Classification System; he recommended a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Miles said he had discussed the corridor with ITD staff in Boise last week and that they are more comfortable taking over the corridor with the idea that it would become the alternate US-95; Appleway Avenue to Boekel Road would be turned over to local jurisdictions as a local road/business route.

Mr. Damon Allen said the Huetter corridor project is unique in that it is a local road. KMPO has been the lead agency in starting and planning the Huetter corridor. In general, ITD has partnered with the MPO and would until such time the ITD Board designates it as a state route; he commented on the possibility of US-95, through agreement, being turned over to the locals.

Mr. Miles described traffic on US-95 as 85% local trips and 15% through trips. He recommended the Board authorize a 30-day public comment period; comments and a recommendation will be brought back to the Board.

Mr. John Austin moved to authorize a 30-day public comment period on the Huetter Corridor update. Mr. Dick Panabaker seconded the motion which passed with 1 nay.

8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)

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a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Amber Conklin/Chad Ingle

Ms. Jody Bieze provided their Monthly Report and Updates report. She reviewed the April fixed-route/demand response ridership and on-time performance record. They are currently working on their Strategic Service Plan and focusing on route coverage. An update on the Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) was provided; Phase 1 is complete.

Ms. Corinne Johnson arrived at 1:55 p.m.

b. Coeur d' Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report – Alan Eirls

Mr. Eirls had contacted KMPO and advised that, due to their bus driver shortage, he would be driving and, likely, unable to attend the meeting. The April ridership report was emailed to the Board.

9. Director's Report (written report included in Board packet)

Mr. Miles noted the Health Corridor Traffic Analysis Study would be entering a new phase; presentations will be given in May and June.

Local jurisdictions kicked off the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership; KMPO has agreed to host the information on their website.

In addition to the US Census Bureau proposing a change to the metropolitan statistical area (MSA) designation criteria, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed increasing the MSA population requirement from 50,000 to 100,000. As a result of the 2020 Census, there may be areas that no longer qualify as an MSA; local MPOs likely to lose their designation were noted. A map of the KMPO urban area was included in the Board packet and provided an analysis of the proposed criteria based on the 2010 Census data. Mr. Miles said, since the 2010 Census, approximately 18,000 homes had been built in Kootenai County. He felt confident KMPO would not be downgraded to a micropolitan area; implications of a downgrade were unknown.

Mr. Miles said until the plexiglass separators were removed from the Post Falls Council Chambers' dais, the KMPO Board meetings would likely continue to be held in the ITD EOC room.

10. Board Member Comments

Mr. Allen provided an agency update related to funding; he noted ITD was a dedicated fund agency who gets their funding primarily through gas tax and registration fees. This year, ITD received additional revenue through the legislature via House Bill 362 which increased the general fund sales tax distribution for transportation from approximately 1.4% to 4.5%. An annual sum of \$80 million will be dedicated to ITD for large state infrastructure projects; amounts exceeding \$80 million will be dedicated to the locals for road and bridge projects. Since the legislation addresses long-term transportation needs, it allows the portion dedicated to ITD to have a bonding capacity of approximately \$1.4 billion over a 20-year period. Mr. Allen explained how the bonding program differed from those ITD had used in the past (e.g., the GARVEE program) and said the use of state funding does provide some flexibility but could introduce other issues. The ITD Board is in control of selecting the projects and will have the burden of selecting projects that have a lasting impact across the state. District 1 has approximately \$2 billion in transportation needs. After prioritizing those projects, the District has pitched the I-90 corridor as their bonding project. The Board hopes to have the projects selected for bonding by the September/October timeframe. Mr. Allen noted two additional sources, including the federal COVID Relief funds, that were available for state projects. During the ITD Board meeting next week, ITD staff will be requesting \$5 million to begin

the environmental on the I-90 corridor from state line to Sherman Avenue, \$3 million to begin the environmental on the Huetter Corridor project, \$6.5 million for non-commerce pavement rehabs, and \$2.45 million to complete the US-95 corridor signal upgrades from I-90 to SH-53. The June ITD Board meeting will include discussions on bonding, the philosophy of bonding, interest rates, durations of bonds, how much, when, etc.

Mr. Austin noted the congestion on I-90 between US-95 and Northwest Boulevard and recommended ITD consider a six-lane section once they reached that phase of the I-90 project.

Chair Borders thanked Mr. Panabaker for his service on the KMPO Board and welcomed his replacement, Jeri DeLange, to the KMPO Board.

11. Next Meeting – June 10, 2021

Mr. Miles noted the public comment period on the Huetter Corridor alignment update would end after the June Board meeting. As such, he anticipated the June Board meeting would be cancelled due to lack of business before the Board.

Mr. Austin commented on those up for election next week.

12. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Lynn Borders adjourned the May 13, 2021 meeting.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Signature on File
Recording Secretary