



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

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

KCATT MEETING AGENDA

August 24, 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 July 27, 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. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – **Action Item**
 - b. DRAFT FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – **Action Item**
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
 - a. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Recommendation
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 - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – September 28, 2021
12. Adjournment

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KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

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Call to Order:

Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Welcome / Introductions

Chris Bosley, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
John Parmann.....	Community Member, Aviation
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Michael Lenz.....	Post Falls Highway District
Tom McLaughlin	Community Member, Trucking/Rail
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Halley Jalbert	Community Member, Pedestrian
Marvin Fenn.....	Idaho Transportation Department
Bill Roberson	Idaho Transportation Department

KMPO Staff

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Donna Montgomery	Montgomery Trucking
Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Angela Comstock.....	JUB
Matt Harwood	Ruen-Yeager
Jeff Peters.....	HW Lochner
Laura Winter	Ruen-Yeager
Scott Markel.....	Ruen-Yeager
Diane Fountain.....	Lakes Highway District
Karen Neorr	Kootenai Electric Cooperative
Mike Slegers	HDR
Justin Wuest	Idaho Transportation Department

3. Approval of July 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Kevin Howard moved to approve the July 27, 2021 minutes as submitted. Eric Shanley 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 several projects including the SH-41 widening project; US-95 Garwood grade separation project which is expected to be complete in the March/April timeframe; US-95 turn bay extension project; FY21 bridge repairs; SH-53 – Hauser Lake Road to North Bruss Road project which is still in right-of-way acquisition and may not go

out for advertisement until sometime after the first of the year; work continues on the Huetter Corridor environmental Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Roberson commented on the delay of the Atlas Road railroad crossing project, noting ITD was continuing design efforts and working with Union Pacific to get an agreement in place.

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

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the SH-53/Meyer Road intersection improvement project will begin Monday, August 30th. The acquisition of one remaining parcel is needed for the Boekel Road/Meyer Road intersection improvement project; coordination of utility relocation efforts will begin thereafter. Main Street is currently closed between the Lakeland School District bus barn and McDonald's but is expected to be reopened before the first day of school. The city is wrapping up a proposal seeking citywide pavement markings. Frontage road improvements along Lancaster Road are being completed as part of a private development project.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported traffic was now on the Ramsey Road/BNSF Bridge; the project will wrap up mid-September. Paving of the Western Federal Lands Bunco Road Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) project is expected to begin this week. The District is doing miscellaneous paving and culvert work.

Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported the Prairie Avenue/Idaho Avenue roundabout project will likely go out for bid mid-to-late September. In hopes of the Spokane Street Bridge project being advanced, the District has chip sealed Riverview Drive beyond Highland Drive where they anticipate increased traffic during project construction. The District is doing miscellaneous paving and finishing up some chip and fog sealing. He will begin reaching out to the surrounding cities to work on a snow removal plan for the upcoming season.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the Prairie Avenue/Spokane Street roundabout and widening of Prairie Avenue, from Spokane Street to the Chase Road roundabout, will likely go out to bid in January. He said they are dealing with several subdivisions and commented on the vast number of road closures. The city is in negotiations with some developers for further improvements along Prairie Avenue west of SH-41 to Cecil Road. Mr. Palus noted they were in regular coordination with ITD on the SH-41 project; he said he appreciated the coordination efforts as it helps move traffic move smoothly through the Post Falls area

John Parmann, Aviation – Community Member, had no updates to report.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, provided an update on the Kidd Island Road project, noting the asphalt corrections had been completed, utility moves are in process, and the permit for stream bed repairs should be received soon. Paving of the Sun Up Bay Road/Bennion Road and Bennion Road/Finnebott Road intersection projects began this morning and should be completed tomorrow; striping is scheduled for Friday. Crews are in the process of clearing the Watson Road Bridge replacement project area; excavation is expected to begin later this week. Seal coats are complete. District crews are doing miscellaneous work.

Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the city had nearly completed the downtown signal project; the consultant is currently working on a change order for a corridor signal timing plan. The Lacrosse Avenue extension and Lacrosse Avenue/Northwest Boulevard signal project have begun; a material shortage(s) is slowing down progress on the signal project.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported Coffman Engineers had completed the surveying for Phase II of the Riverstone Transit Center. They received their grant use agreement from ITD for their website. A project for new buses will begin soon.

Karen Neorr, KEC, had no updates to report.

6. Planning Updates

Mr. Miles provided an update on the Health Corridor Traffic Study, noting the presentation to the Ignite CDA Board and public open house that were held last week; the project is expected to wrap up mid-September. The 2020 Census data has been obtained; the population projection and travel demand model will be updated. The Census reported Kootenai County population to be 171,352; the county is on track to reach a population of 300,000 by 2040.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Marvin Fenn noted the August Board meeting was held in District 1 and thanked everyone who participated. He commented on the Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation (TECM) Bonding Program noting the Transportation Program Manager, Amy Schroeder, had provided the ITD Board an update on projects that will be moving forward including the I-90 – Washington state line to Sherman Avenue project; a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be forthcoming. ITD will also be addressing the Huetter Corridor RFP. Associated with these projects, the City of Post Falls and Lakes Highway District may begin seeing interaction meeting requests or opportunities for comment.

8. Current Business

a. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Action Item

Mr. Miles commented on the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), noting routine tasks, working with ITD in moving the Traffic Management Center project forward, and updating of the travel demand model and population projections with the 2020 Census data.

Rob Palus commented on Section 6.0, Data Collection, Performance Measures and GIS Evaluation, and said, in the future, he felt it might be worth looking into KMPO managing the collection of jurisdictional traffic count data. KMPO currently relies on each jurisdiction for needed traffic counts. Mr. Palus cited workload and lack of staffing as challenges the city experiences in attempting to deliver the needed counts. He also recommended the traffic counts all be done at the same time and that the jurisdictions participate in the associated costs.

Mr. Miles said he would look at the options for FY22 and commented on the value of vehicle classification and turning movement counts.

Mr. Fenn agreed with Mr. Miles' comments regarding the value of identifying those utilizing the roadway network, noting the influence pedestrian button usage has on ITD's network timing.

Rob Palus moved to recommend the adoption of the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program to the KMPO Board. Eric Shanley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. DRAFT FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Action Item

Mr. Miles commented on the draft FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting it represented \$389 million worth of projects over the 6-years period. Once approved by the KMPO Board, the TIP will be forwarded to ITD for inclusion in the Statewide Improvement Program (STIP), and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval. Mr. Miles commented on the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) which could provide approximately \$65 million per year over traditional funding and said, as additional funds become available, projects in the program can be advanced. As discussed previously by Mr. Fenn, the TECM Bonding Program will be accelerating some of these projects; background and impact of the change to the TECM program were discussed. Mr. Miles noted ITD had not been awarded the grant for their recent

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for the relocation of the Port of Entry and the SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange. He and Mr. Roberson had an opportunity to attend the US DOT debriefing to gain insight into what ITD did well and what they could do to improve future applications; due to the location of the railroad tracks along SH-53, the US DOT recommended ITD identify Hauser as an isolated community in future applications.

Rob Palus moved to recommend approval of the FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the KMPO Board. Michael Lenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Tom McLaughlin, Trucking/Rail – Community Member, arrived at 8:28 a.m.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

- a. DRAFT FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Recommendation
- b. DRAFT FY 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Recommendation

Chair Bosley noted the upcoming Board items.

10. Other Business

- a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Fenn commented on the Parks Road interchange and frontage road project and said a request to begin in-house preliminary design work, up to final design, will likely be presented to the ITD Board for approval during their September meeting; the design will align with a Lakes Highway District railroad structure and road realignment project.

Tom McLaughlin, Trucking/Rail – Community Member, reported the BNSF bridge in Sandpoint was ahead of schedule and budget. He reported container freight rates coming in from China were nearly ten-fold previous rates; a large number of containers were being returned to the far east without backhauls. Due to the recent drought, area grain crops are at nearly 50 percent of typical yields. Mr. McLaughlin said increased shipping rates, a reduction in backhauls, and reduced agricultural yields all contribute to reduced freight traffic on roadways.

Michael Lenz noted a recent article in the Coeur d'Alene Press quoted the new Post Falls Highway District Commissioner, Jeff Tyler, on the connection of Hanley and Poleline Avenues. Mr. Lenz commented that the roadway segment was within the city of Coeur d'Alene boundary and said, he believed, Commissioner Tyler was expressing a willingness to work with the city in developing innovative ways to support construction of the project; traffic relief on Seltice Way and Prairie Avenue were expected outcomes. Mr. Lenz acknowledged the number of projects that were planned in the area but said Commissioner Tyler had asked him to approach KCATT and inquire if there was anything that could be done to speed up the roadway connection. He asked Chair Bosley if he had been contacted by the developer in response to the article.

Chair Bosley said he had not been contacted by the developer but noted the city was in the same position with a number of other projects. Although better traffic distribution is expected once subdivision roadway connections are built, timing of project elements are up to the developer and/or landowner.

Mr. Miles said, during the August KMPO Board meeting, Post Falls Highway District Commissioner Jeff Tyler discussed and recommended completion of the Hanley and Poleline Avenue connection noting the project would relieve traffic on Prairie Avenue and Seltice Way. Mr. Miles commented that they were at the mercy of the developer, discussed planned projects in the area, and unintended consequences associated with the premature connection of the roadways through a development.

Mr. Miles recently attended the Idaho Freight Summit in Boise. They discussed the current needs and challenges of the freight and goods movement – including rail, trucking, and waterways, specifically, the Port of Lewiston. Mr. Miles said the intent is to keep current roads on the National Freight Network, including I-90, US-95, SH-41, SH-53, SH-54, and Seltice Way – SH-41 to Northwest Boulevard; the roadways are eligible for select funding. A representative from the Post Falls Orgill Distribution Center has expressed interest in representing District 1 on the Freight Advisory Committee; ITD will be contacting him.

Due to the level of interest in the distribution of the Federal Formula Program Funding, Mr. Miles said the ITD Board has tasked their executive management team with looking into the matter. The Association of Idaho Cities, Counties, Highway Districts, and MPOs have been asked to provide presentations on the topic. Mr. Miles encouraged the jurisdictions to contact their statewide agency to ensure their perspectives are being heard.

11. Next Meeting – September 28, 2021

12. Adjournment

Kevin Howard moved to adjourn the August 24, 2021 meeting. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Signature on File
Recording Secretary