

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

September 28, 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 August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes Action Item
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
- 6. Planning Updates
  a. CdA Health Corridor Traffic Study Update
  b. ADA Training Session Curb ramps and Intersection Requirements
  c. Regional Traffic Counting Program
- 7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
- 8. Current Business
- 9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
- 10. Other Business a. KCATT Member Items
- 11. Next Meeting October 26, 2021
- 12. Adjournment

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#### KCATT MEETING MINUTES for

# September 28, 2021

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#### Call to Order:

Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### Welcome / Introductions

Chris Bosley, Chair	. City of Coeur d'Alene
Ben Weymouth, Vice Chair	. East Side Highway District
Kevin Howard	. Worley Highway District
Robert Palus	. City of Post Falls
Michael Lenz	. Post Falls Highway District
Tom McLaughlin	. Community Member, Trucking/Rail
David Callahan	. Kootenai County
Eric Shanley	. Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	. City of Rathdrum
Bill Roberson	. Idaho Transportation Department
Marvin Fenn	. Idaho Transportation Department

# **KMPO Staff**

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

#### Alternates and Guests

Monty Montgomery	. Lakes Highway District
Donna Montgomery	
Matt Harwood	. Ruen-Yeager
Riannon Zender	. JUB
Mike Slegers	. HDR
Alex Jondal	. T-O Engineers
Laura Winter	. Ruen-Yeager
Chad Ingle	. Kootenai County
Jody Bieze	. Kootenai County
Karen Neorr	. Kootenai Electric Cooperative

# 3. Approval of August 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes - Action Item

Rob Palus moved to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes as submitted. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comments

There were no public comments provided.

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

Marvin Fenn reported the Parks Road Interchange project was before the ITD Board in September as an informational item and was added to the FY22 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as an Early Development project. ITD will be partnering with Lakes Highway District on the project. The update covered agenda item 7, the Idaho Transportation Board Update. Bill Roberson, ITD, provided an update on several projects including the SH-41 widening project and the US-95 Garwood Road grade separation project. ITD is currently working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the environmental on the Huetter Corridor North/South project; the RFP is expected to go out next week. An overlay-type project on SH-97 is not expected to be done until next. Mr. Roberson noted several projects that would be done in 2022 including SH-41, projects on SH-53, and the US-95 signal upgrade project.

Mr. Fenn noted the ITD bridge rehab contractor was having difficulty scheduling their work to completion this year. The issue may impact a project in East Side Highway District; Mr. Fenn is working to coordinate crews with the District to address the issue. Chair Bosley questioned Mr. Fenn regarding an issue related to the color of paint for area bridge railings.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the SH-53/Meyer Road intersection project was under construction and expected to be completed the end of October; they are experiencing delays in getting traffic poles and cabinets. Efforts to acquire the one remaining parcel for the Boekel Road/Meyer Road intersection project are ongoing. The Lancaster Road/Meyer Road intersection project is under design; utility relocation efforts are expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Last week, the city adopted the Comprehensive Plan update and Future Land Use map; they will be using the data to continue their Transportation Master Plan update efforts.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported most of their projects had been completed. Crews are focusing on fall maintenance, replacing culverts, etc. The District is in the early stages of planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ramsey Road/BNSF project; it is tentatively scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.; a notice will be sent out.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported that, sometime ago, he had sent out a final draft of the minor subdivision ordinance to the highway districts, their legal counsels, and to several surveyors and engineers. One set of comments was received; he responded and forwarded the correspondence to all. Barring any pushback, Mr. Callahan said he believed they may be ready to go to public hearing with the with the Planning Commission in November and the Board of County Commissioners in the December/January timeframe. He commented on the final draft and the issues facing the highway districts; he asked that he be contacted with any last-minute concerns. Mr. Callahan noted that he would be before U.S. Idaho Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo via teleconference tomorrow and would be representing the American Planning Association to discuss advocacy for housing.

Tom McLaughlin, Trucking/Rail – Community Member, had no updates to report.

Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported they had received the final report from the Hauser Lake Loop safety audit and were preparing a formal response to the recommendations. District crews are replacing some cross-culverts on Riverview Drive, doing fall maintenance and preparing for winter.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported their main road construction projects had been wrapped up. The city felt the SH-41 project was progressing smoothly and appreciated the coordination ITD provided. The city's legal counsel has been working with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council's (LHTAC) attorney to finalize the agreement on the Chase Road railroad crossing project; there are some disagreements over the interpretation of state code. A coordination meeting for the design of a roundabout or signal at Poleline Avenue and Cecil Road was held last week. Turn restrictions on Mullan Avenue by Burger King at Walmart are under design; the access is listed as one of the city's top ten most dangerous intersections.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, provided an update on the Kidd Island Road project, noting utility moves were continuing, creek work was wrapping up, and planting would begin

soon. The District has begun right-of-way acquisition on the Hull Loop project. The 2017 Watson Road slide repair project is expected to be completed in October. District crews set the Watson Road Bridge last week and are now working on approaches The Sun Up Bay Road/Bennion Road and Bennion Road/Finnebott Road intersection projects are substantially complete. The District will be revisiting the Cougar Gulch Road project. Crews will begin preparing for winter.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported the French Gulch project had been completed; the Yellowstone Trail Road project is currently under design by Western Federal Lands; the Canyon Road Bridge project is currently out for public comment. District crews are preparing for winter.

Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported project delays due to material shortages, noting the Lacrosse Avenue and Atlas Road water main transmission line projects. The signal at Lacrosse Avenue and Northwest Boulevard will be stood up next month. If Atlas Road into the Mill River site opens up, city crews will be required to snowplow the area. Chair Bosley reported right-of-way acquisition from the last property owner for the Kathleen Avenue widening project; the city hopes to go out for bid in December for construction in 2022.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported they would be doing a final plan review of the bus shelter improvements. A review of the Riverstone Transit Center Phase II site and building layout options will be held today. They are working on the next round of bus purchases. Updates to the Strategic Service and ADA Transition Plans are ongoing. Progress on the IMI project was noted; a demonstration will be provided during the November KMPO Board and KCATT meetings.

Karen Neorr, KEC, reported they had begun negotiations for the purchase of property for a substation on Ramsey Road north of Boekel Road; a transmission line easement is needed.

#### 6. Planning Updates

a. CdA Health Corridor Traffic Study - Update

Mr. Miles reported the consultant had submitted the final deliverables for the Coeur d'Alene Health Corridor Study. The implementation plan and summary document will be sent out to the stakeholders today; short and long-term strategies and recommendations were discussed.

b. ADA Training Session – Curb ramps and Intersection Requirements

Mr. Miles noted he had contacted the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) last week and said they would provide a review of the ADA training that had previously been given to the committee. The training will be done in coordination with ITD headquarters and be open to everyone including local jurisdictions, their employees, and area engineering firms. Mr. Miles commented that it was an important topic and explained that FHWA had made it a priority; ITD's ADA Transition Plan has been updated and reflects an annual increase in funding from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The committee requested the training be scheduled late January.

Mr. Palus requested, and highly recommended, the training include an emphasis on ADA accommodations in work zones; he felt there needed to be a greater awareness overall.

c. Regional Traffic Counting Program

Mr. Miles commented on the development of the regional traffic counting program. Three options were discussed – retaining a consultant, the possibility of contracting with Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as had been done in the past, and KMPO purchasing the counters and jurisdictions taking the traffic counts themselves. ITD Roadway Data Manager, Margaret Pridmore, has indicated a willingness to assist with this effort – when they are not working on the Highway Performance Management System (HPMS) counts. Chair Bosley

commented on the jurisdictions taking the counts and expressed concern with having to process the data.

Last week, ITD was notified that the Biden Administration had opened up 44 projects to the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program; these projects had not been selected for the recent US DOT Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. Mr. Miles discussed the TIFIA loan program, low-interest rates, cap, and difference between the two programs. He noted Bill Roberson had been looking into possibilities for funding the Pleasant View/SH-53 interchange and relocation of the Huetter Port of Entry. Mr. Fenn commented other funding possibilities noting the hesitation to use TIFIA funding based on the complexity and attached strings; he understood very few states accept the funding. Mr. Miles said they need to speak to the US DOT and their congressional delegation about funding, noting the TIFIA program was difficult to get through.

# 7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn provided the ITD Board updated under Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates.

#### 8. Current Business

Chair Bosley noted there was no current business.

#### 9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Chair Bosley noted there were no upcoming Board items.

#### 10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Shanley extended a thanks to ITD for their efforts on the Parks Road Interchange project. He commented on the project and said he was grateful Lakes Highway District would have opportunity to partner with ITD. Mr. Fenn credited Mr. Shanley noting he had reached out to ITD and shown interest in partnering on the project and said, he believed, ITD had previously created a partnering process agreement. Mr. Miles noted the ITD Board has expressed more interest in partnering with local jurisdictions.

Mr. McLaughlin noted Governor Little's office had taken steps to bring projects forward that would reduce phosphorus going into Lake Coeur d'Alene. Although it was not clear if any jurisdictional projects would bridge with this effort, he wanted the committee to be aware that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) was actively seeking these projects.

#### 11. Next Meeting - October 26, 2021

#### 12. Adjournment

# David Callahan moved to adjourn the September 28, 2021 meeting. Rob Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

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Recording Secretary