



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

**KMPO Board Meeting**  
**November 10, 2022 1:30 pm**  
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor  
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order – Lynn Borders, Chair**
- 2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item**
- 3. Approval of October 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
- 4. Public Comments** (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)
- 5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Ben Weymouth**
  - a. Recap of Activities – October 2022
  - b. Parks Road Functional Classification Modification Request Recommendation – **Action Item**
- 6. Administrative Matters**
  - a. October 2022 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**
  - b. Draft 2023 KMPO Board and KCATT Meeting Dates & Locations Recommendation – **Action Item**
  - c. KMPO 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests:
    1. #24 Request to Add Two Projects to the FY 2023 Program Year
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

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  - a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Kootenai County Public Transportation Staff
  - 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 – December 8, 2022**
- 12. Adjournment**

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## MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 10, 2022  
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

### Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Borders, Chair	City of Post Falls
Rod Twete, Vice Chair	Lakes Highway District
Dan Gookin	City of Coeur d'Alene
Marvin Fenn, Alternate	Idaho Transportation Department, District 1
Ed DePriest	City of Hayden
Jim Kackman	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Vic Holmes	City of Rathdrum
Corinne Johnson	Worley Highway District
Graham Christensen	East Side Highway District
Jeff Tyler	Post Falls Highway District
Leslie Duncan	Kootenai County

### Board Members Absent:

Damon Allen	Idaho Transportation Department, District 1
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### Staff Present:

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

### Attendees:

Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Mike Fuller	CdA Bike/Ped Committee
Caleb Davis	Congressman Russ Fulcher's Office
Ben Weymouth	KCATT
Bob Seale	City of Post Falls

### **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**

Chair Borders noted there were no changes to the agenda or conflicts of interests declared.

### **3. Approval of October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**Mr. Vic Holmes moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2022. 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 – Ben Weymouth

### a. Recap of Activities – October 2022

KCATT Chair Ben Weymouth noted the committee met in October. Activities have quieted down; jurisdictions are in winter maintenance mode.

### b. Parks Road Functional Classification Modification Request Recommendation – **Action Item**

Mr. Weymouth reported KCATT was recommending approval of Lakes Highway District's request to reclassify Parks Road; the information was provided in the packet. The reclassification would better meet its future use and make it eligible for federal funding. He noted ITD was planning an interchange at the location where the road intersects with US-95.

Mr. Gookin questioned the reclassification of the roadway, noting he had reviewed the packet material but did not see any information detailing land use or zoning surrounding the roadway.

Mr. Miles provided an overview of the Parks Road interchange project, noting there was little development in the area. The project will consolidate area access points onto US-95. Given the anticipated growth and development in Lakes Highway District, Old Highway 95 is expected to see more traffic. With the proposed interchange, the District will be putting in a frontage road on the west side of US-95. Although the zoning is mostly rural, there is some commercial/industrial zoning in the area. Mr. Miles provided some history on Old Highway 95 and confirmed that reclassifying the roadway as a rural major collector would make it eligible for federal aid – local roads are not eligible for federal dollars.

Vice Chair Twete explained the District's original project, the joint project with ITD, and funding issues.

Mr. Tyler apologized for being late. He had reviewed the packet information and remarked that he liked the preferred alternative. Mr. Tyler said he would support the City of Athol and Lakes Highway District's preferred method. He noted the information contained a public comment with a suggested alternative from Jim Coleman.

Mr. Miles noted the project had been vetted as part of the US-95 widening project; the Parks Road interchange received funding from ITD to move forward with planning and engineering.

Mr. Fenn explained that Lakes Highway District had approached ITD about the US-95/Parks Road interchange. The goal is the proposed project alignment and access control on US-95. ITD is still vetting alignments, including the alternative provided by Jim Coleman in the public comment.

Mr. Gookin said, according to the information, the City of Athol, seemed to be in favor of the project. He explained that he is looking at growth and congestion in 20 years. With upgrading the roadway classification and interchange, development and annexation will cause the city of Athol to double in size. He recognizes that it will be a need at some point but is concerned – and questioned, “is the cart leading the horse or is it the other way around.” There are a lot of moving pieces; he is concerned that it creates an incredible opportunity for development.

Mr. Miles noted the project consolidates several access points to US-95 and, therefore, from a transportation planning perspective, serves a much greater area than just the parcels surrounding the project. He explained the importance of looking at projects from a 20-year horizon. The reclassification simply makes the roadway eligible for federal funding.

Vice Chair Twete remarked that there was a lot of development going on throughout the District and said traffic in the area will only get worse.

**Mr. Jim Kackman moved to approve the Parks Road functional classification modification request. Mr. Vic Holmes seconded the motion, which passed with one nay.**

## **6. Administrative Matters**

- a. October 2022 KMPO Expenditures & Financial Report – **Action Item**

**Mr. Vic Holmes moved to meet the financial obligations for the month of October 2022. Vice Chair Rod Twete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- b. Draft 2023 KMPO Board and KCATT Meeting Dates & Locations Recommendation – **Action Item**

**Vice Chair Twete moved to approve the FY 2023 KMPO Board and KCATT Meeting Dates and Locations calendar. Ms. Corinne Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- c. KMPO 2022-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests:
  - 1. #24 Request to Add Two Projects to the FY 2023 Program Year

Mr. Miles noted ITD had requested the addition of two Bridge Preservation projects to the FY 2023 program for preliminary engineering – the I-90 Greensferry Bridge and the SH-41 Burlington Northern Railroad bridge; the projects are scheduled for 2026. No action is required.

## **7. Other Business**

There was no business to discuss under this agenda item.

## **8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

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- a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Kootenai County Public Transportation Staff

Mr. Chad Ingle provided an overview of the ridership for the fixed route, Paratransit and Ring-a-Ride services. Updates on the bus stop improvements at Huetter Road/Seltice Way and Atlas Road near Panhandle Health and the progress of Riverstone Phase 2 were provided. Regarding Paratransit services, they are working on a contract with MV Transportation, which is currently a month-to-month contract. An update on bus procurements was provided; while fixed route buses are expected to be delivered over the next couple of weeks, the order for Paratransit buses has been impacted by delays, supply chain issues, and increased costs – options are being considered. The Strategic Service Plan is expected to be complete in December; upon completion, a presentation will be given to the jurisdictions, KCATT and the KMPO Board.

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

Mr. Ingle noted he would be providing Mr. Eirls' report, who was unable to attend the meeting today and sent his apologies to the Board. They have had an increase in ridership and are also experiencing issues with bus procurements. There were no major accidents/incidents to report.

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

Mr. Miles noted the Director's Report was included in the packet. He reported on two additional items. The November 17<sup>th</sup> ITD Board agenda included an action item on Board Policy 4028, the allocation of federal aid funds to local areas; ITD staffs' recommendation is not known. The topic has been a point of discussion for the last 18 to 24 months. The KMPO audit is expected to be complete on, or about, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. Board Member Comments

Mr. DePriest questioned the possibility of making the Board meetings available via Zoom. He noted those who may not be able to attend in person, the winter months, travel time, and the length of the meetings as reasons for the request.

Mr. Miles said he would look into it but said, from an interaction and dialogue standpoint, he believed there was strength in meeting in person. Although today's meeting was not extended, future meetings will likely have more lengthy discussions.

Mr. Tyler noted that the meetings were open to the public. He said he did not feel the platform was friendly to the public, noting issues when there are several attendees. Mr. Tyler commented that he felt in-person meetings were more friendly to the public and did support dialogue.

Ms. Johnson commented that she also prefers in-person meetings. She noted issues with the platform when calling in – difficulty hearing and communicating.

Mr. DePriest agreed that in-person meetings were best – but commented on providing access to those that may not be able to attend; the City of Hayden provides meeting access via Zoom.

Mr. Marvin Fenn reported that crews will begin working on the I-90 bridges at Spokane Street, Pleasant View Road, and, perhaps the River Bridge, to remove the epoxy preservation seal and rough up the surface; the work is expected to take six days and will be done from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During their next ITD Board meeting, the Board will address a staff recommendation to increase the speed limit to 70 m.p.h. on a section of US-95 north of Boekel Road.

Chair Borders noted the election of the Board chair and vice chair would be held next month.

## 11. Next Meeting – December 8, 2022

## 12. Adjournment

**Vice Chair Rod Twete moved to adjourn the November 10, 2022 KMPO Board meeting. Mr. Jim Kackman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Signature on File  
Recording Secretary