



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

February 28, 2023 - 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 December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
 - a. Travel Model Update – Ali Marienau
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
 - a. Regional TMC Facilities Plan Site Review Update – Alex Sylvain, Parametrix
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
 - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – March 28, 2023
12. Adjournment

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Call to Order:

Chair Kevin Jump called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Welcome / Introductions

Kevin Jump, Chair.....	City of Rathdrum
Michael Lenz, Vice Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Rob Palus	City of Post Falls
Ben Weymouth	East Side Highway District
Chris Bosley.....	City of Coeur d'Alene
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Marvin Fenn.....	Idaho Transportation Department
Rob Beachler	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Fuller	Community Member, Bike/Ped

KMPO Staff

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

Alternates and Guests

Alex Sylvan.....	Parametrix
Hannah Doyle	JUB
Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Jason Stippich.....	Avista
Dan Smith	Idaho DEQ
Brandt Souvenir	HMH
Donna Montgomery	Citizen
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Aliesha Hendry	Lakes Highway District

3. Approval of December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Rob Palus moved to approve the December 20, 2022 minutes as submitted. Eric Shanley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

There were no public comments provided.

5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates

Michael Fuller, Bike/Ped – Community Member, noted Brandt Souvenir, a new member of the Coeur d'Alene bike/ped committee, was present. Mr. Souvenir introduced himself and commented on his background. Mr. Fuller reported that the North Idaho Trail Foundation met in January and discussed the developments of the Prairie Trail extension and trails along SH-41. The Coeur d'Alene bike/ped committee is continuing to evaluate sidewalks and will be providing city council a presentation; they will seek funding for the needed improvements. The committee

will be promoting the month of May as the Bike Everywhere (to Work) Month. Mr. Fuller commented that he had never heard the committee discuss enhancing infrastructure with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations; he remarked that there was federal funding available and questioned if the committee was moving in that direction.

Rob Beachler, Idaho Transportation Department, provided an update on the I-90/SH-41 interchange project, noting the kickoff of the second construction season with nighttime closures beginning March 1st; he discussed the work to be done. He reported details on the SH-53 project from Hauser Lake Road to Rathdrum; work is expected to start back up Monday, March 6th. Work on the SH-53 and Ramsey Road intersection signal and widening project will begin April 17th. The US-95 signal improvement project from Ironwood Drive to SH-53 will begin April 5th; the project is expected to be completed by July 10th. Mr. Beachler provided an update on issues surrounding the Spokane River Bridge project, which was supposed to begin mid-April to mid-May; they are working with the Coast Guard to address delayed work windows. April 3rd is the tentative start date for the US-95 Interchange 430 to Lacrosse Avenue project, which is expected to be done late this summer.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported that they have a bid opening this Thursday for projects on Ramsey, Seasons, and Twete Roads; they are bidding approximately 20,000 tons of asphalt overlay. The Diagonal Road project from SH-41 to Camrose Lane is still in right-of-way acquisition. He noted three current federal aid projects related to safety; the projects are scheduled to start this year. Mr. Shanley commented on the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge project and thanked Mr. Beachler for his help in getting the Federal Functional Classification for Parks Road changed. The Lancaster Road/Huetter Road roundabout project is a joint project with Post Falls Highway District; both Mr. Shanley and Mr. Lenz will be presenting recommended design alternatives to their perspective Boards. The District continues to move forward with the design of their Garwood operations facility; groundbreaking is expected this summer. Major ongoing developments throughout the District were noted.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported that they have scheduled the Coeur d'Alene Tribe area-wide rezone change request for March 23rd. The proposal changes the zoning from rural to agricultural, which disallows subdivisions. As it will impact 217 parcels and thousands of acres, a large turnout is expected.

Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported that the plans for their transit accessibility project were sent out for review. Their Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP) project for six rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) is currently with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). Mr. Bosley noted this year's chip seal project is currently out for bid. He provided an update on a developer-driven project extending Hanley Avenue from Carrington Lane to Huetter Road, noting a traffic signal will be installed at the Hanley Avenue and Carrington Lane intersection; construction is planned for this summer.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, noted there were no updates on the Yellowstone Trail Road project. The District has a federal aid guardrail project that will begin in April. Noting Sunnyside and Carlin Bay Roads, Mr. Weymouth reported that District crews will be rebuilding and paving approximately five miles of roadway; they will also be chip sealing approximately 16 miles of roadway. An overlay on Frontage Road will be done this year.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, noted the Spokane Street/Prairie Avenue roundabout project was expected to start back up today but may be delayed due to the weather; work is expected to wrap up mid-May. A developer's plan to extend utilities along Pleasant View Road from Seltice Way to approximately the Pleasant View Road/Prairie Avenue roundabout is currently in review; the plan is in preparation for a possible development related to trucking. A traffic signal at

Grange Avenue and Pleasant View Road is in the design; if approved, it will likely be put into operation next year. Currently under design are two Prairie Avenue roundabout projects that are within one-quarter mile of each other and between SH-41 and Meyer Road; the roundabout locations are at Zorros Street (one-quarter mile east of SH-41) and at Fennecus Road (one-half mile east of SH-41). The roundabout at Fennecus Road is expected to be under construction this summer and open by fall; the roundabout at Zorros Street will likely be “further out.” A traffic study, related to the roundabout at Zorros Street (one-quarter mile east of SH-41), was done to ensure traffic did not interfere with SH-41.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, provided an update on the Mica Creek Bridge project, which has reached substantial completion; the deck surface will be paved this summer. The Greensferry guardrail project is moving forward; construction is slated for 2024. Mr. Howard commented on the Rockford Bay Road/Loffs Bay Road intersection project, noting the District was having difficulty obtaining responses from the property owners regarding right-of-way acquisition negotiations; the project design is complete. The final design of the Cougar Gulch Road project, west of Thompson Road, is complete; it is expected to go out to bid this summer.

Vice Chair Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, said, as mentioned by Mr. Shanley, the Huetter Road /Lancaster Road roundabout project has two design options; he will be presenting them to his Board during their meeting tomorrow. In regard to Prairie Avenue widening and Hayden Avenue/Meyer Road roundabout projects, weather permitting, Strata will be performing field investigation work March 23rd through the 27th – Thursday, Friday, and Monday.

Chair Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported a watermain will be relocated in a section of SH-53 between Latah and Idaho Streets; construction is not expected until late March. The Boekel Road/Meyer Road roundabout project may begin as early as mid-March. The city is in the process of updating their impact fees. The contract for an extension of a section of pathway on the west side of Meyer Road, between Boekel Road and Nagel Avenue, has been awarded and will be moving forward. The city has hired a surveyor to do work at the Greensferry Road and Hayden Avenue intersection where they are considering a roundabout or traffic signal.

Mr. Palus informed Chair Jump that the City of Post Falls has a consultant doing a traffic study for the SH-41 and Prairie Avenue intersection; the study will extend as far north as Hayden Avenue includes the Hayden Avenue and Greensferry Road intersection. He offered to share data from the study. Chair Jump thanked Mr. Palus, noting it would be helpful.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, provided an update on the bus stop improvement projects at Huetter Road/Seltice Way and Atlas Road near Panhandle Health. Phase 2 of the Riverstone Transit Center is still expected to be completed in April. The contract for Paratransit services with MV Transportation has been approved and is now in place. The three new fixed route buses are still being prepped for service but are expected to be out on the routes soon. Noting several delays, Mr. Ingle said they are still waiting on the new Paratransit bus chassis; they have submitted an application to ITD for fleet maintenance – which would extend the life of the buses currently being used for Paratransit. Mr. Ingle reported that the new Strategic Service Plan will include a section addressing bus shelter improvements throughout the system.

Mr. Miles remarked that the committee has an opportunity to work with Mr. Ingle to identify possible bus shelter locations – prior to the adoption of the Strategic Service Plan.

Mr. Bosley noted the City of Coeur d’Alene’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee had been working on a critical sidewalk corridor plan and felt it could fold into the bus shelter improvement section.

Jason Stippich, Avista, had no updates to report.

6. Planning Updates

a. Travel Model Update – Ali Marienau

Ali Marienau reported on the progress of the travel demand model update. The base model was sent to PTV last week; the agreement was finalized. PTV will review the model, incorporate the April 2022 INRIX origin-to-destination (O-D) and external station data, calibrate, and validate the model; the work is expected to be complete by the end of March. Work updating the forecast model continues; once completed, it will also be sent to PTV.

Mr. Miles explained the value of having the model calibration done independently. He commented on the opportunity to utilize modern technology and INRIX's connected vehicle O-D data, at a cost of approximately \$17,000. A traditional O-D study, involving 1,000 survey participants, would likely cost \$400,000 to \$500,000.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Rob Beachler noted the Board held their February meeting in Boise last week. Their next meeting is March 23rd and will also be in Boise; District Board meeting visits will begin in April. The ITD Program Control Manager provided the Board a funding update, noting Idaho had received their full FY23 obligation authority, through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$394 million; the amount includes \$9.3 million of Highway Infrastructure General Funds, which carried over from FY20 and FY21, and \$45 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Bridge formula funds. Idaho received an additional apportionment of \$441 million through the Appropriations Act. District 1 requested Board unallocated funds for the remediation and containment of material leaking from the submerged dozer at Higgins Point; the Board approved \$300,000 for a stainless-steel dome with a collection system. The Board approved Lakes Highway District's request to place Parks Road, a local road, on the Federal Functional Classification System as Rural Major Collector; once the needed documents are received, it will be forwarded to the Idaho Division Office and FHWA for final approval. Also approved was the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding recommendation in the amount of \$1.9 million.

8. Current Business

a. Regional TMC Facilities Plan Site Review Update – Alex Sylvan, Parametrix

Mr. Miles introduced Mr. Alex Sylvan, Parametrix, an Iteris sub-consultant for the site layout of the conceptual design aspect for the Regional Traffic Management Center.

Mr. Alex Sylvan gave the PowerPoint presentation, RTMC Site Layout and Conceptual Design. He provided an overview of what a traffic management center is, how traffic issues are addressed, and the efficiencies that are created through the center. Mr. Sylvan reviewed work done to date, project activities, and the schedule; the project is expected to wrap up in September. He described and reviewed the two site locations, both owned by ITD; Site 1 is located at the pit site off Marie Street, near Ramsey Road and Site 2 is located off Appleway Avenue near the Cracker Barrel restaurant. He described the site locations, available infrastructure, existing conditions, and preliminary site layouts; Site 1 is the preferred alternative. Upcoming tasks were discussed. In response to a question from Chair Jump, Mr. Sylvan confirmed that there had not yet been any geo-technical work done to evaluate soil conditions but said that would be addressed in next steps. The design alternatives were discussed.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Mr. Miles noted that the Board would be given an update on the TMC Facilities and Operations Plan during their March meeting. The Board has chosen to hold a workshop in April; it will be similar to the one held last year.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Fenn noted that Megan Jahns, the ITD Public Involvement Officer, wanted him to announce that ITD would be holding an open house for the proposed 15th Street interchange alternatives; it will be held on March 21st at the Coeur d'Alene Fire Station 3 on 15th Street. He noted Mr. Beachler's ITD Board update included a project addressing the remediation and containment activities at Higgins Point; the proposal has changed from a stainless-steel to an aluminum dome. Mr. Fenn explained that the significant bump on US-95, south of Coeur d'Alene, was caused by a large culvert that was collapsing. In March, the District will likely seek \$1 million in unallocated funds from the ITD Board; the repair will need to be done prior to spring runoff.

Mr. Palus noted the KMPO Critical Arterial Policy was adopted in 2019. The Policy states it will be reviewed and updated every three years to reflect changing conditions. Mr. Miles said it would be brought forward for review.

Mr. Miles addressed Mr. Fuller's comment about the enhancement of infrastructure with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. He noted ITD had taken the lead on electrification funding for the state; they are currently working on an EV policy and plan. Mr. Miles noted the original plans for Phase 2 of the Riverstone Transit Center included EV charging stations but noted the cost was nearly \$500,000 – exceeding their budget; the site was plumbed with conduit to accommodate the installation of future EV stations. He commented on the criteria for the location of EV stations, users paying for the electrification charge, and maintenance costs. Issues surrounding the ability to provide the infrastructure and electrification were also discussed.

Mr. Beachler noted the Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources, with ITD's support, was the lead agency for the enhancement of electrification infrastructure. There has been outreach and public meetings across the state as they are rapidly putting together a plan to meet federal deadlines. He will provide Mr. Fuller a link to the information.

Regarding the discussion on the enhancement of infrastructure for EV charging stations, Mr. Bosley noted the City of Coeur d'Alene had installed three charging stations in their new parking garage on Coeur d'Alene Avenue.

Mr. Miles noted the KMPO Board received an email just before the February Board meeting indicating that KMPO and the TMC would be "spying." He assured the committee that KMPO was not a spy organization and had not been in contact with the CIA.

11. Next Meeting – March 28, 2023

12. Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Kevin Jump adjourned the February 28, 2023 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Signature on File
Recording Secretary