



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

## **KCATT MEETING AGENDA**

June 27, 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 May 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning Updates
  - a. 2023 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funding– **Action Item**
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
  - a. Carbon Funding Availability
  - b. 2020 Urban Area Boundary Adjustment – Ali Marienau
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
  - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – July 25, 2023
12. Adjournment

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## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

June 27, 2023

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### **Call to Order:**

Vice Chair Michael Lenz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### **Welcome / Introductions**

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
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Rob Beachler .....	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Fuller .....	Community Member, Bike/Ped
Alan Soderling.....	City of Hayden

### **KMPO Staff**

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

### **Alternates and Guests**

Laura Winter .....	Ruen-Yeager
Cameron Waite.....	HDR
Daniel Baker .....	HDR
Lois Duncan .....	Kootenai Electric
Chad Ingle .....	Kootenai County
Mark Brower .....	KPFF
Dan Smith .....	IDEQ
Jason Stippich.....	Avista

### **3. Approval of May 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**David Callahan moved to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes as submitted. Rob Palus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)**

There were no public comments provided.

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

Alan Soderling, City of Hayden, reported the city was awarding a bid for the placement of utilities under the Ramsey Road extension project, which is slated for construction next year. Road surface repair projects include Government Way through their downtown area.

Michael Fuller, Bike/Ped – Community Member, had no updates to report.

Rob Beachler, Idaho Transportation Department, provided project updates on the I-90/SH-41 interchange, SH-41 mainline, the SH-53/Ramsey Road signal project, I-90 Cedars to Dudley project, US-95/IC 430 to Lacrosse Street and Spokane River Bridge projects. He commented on the SH-53 project, Hauser Lake Road to Bruss Road, noting work scheduled from Bruss Road

to Latah Street would begin July 17<sup>th</sup> and work from Latah Street to MP 9.3 would begin in the August timeframe. Crews are doing maintenance in the median on I-90.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, noted the District has a pre-con for the Cape Horn Road widening project, which is slated to begin the end of July. He noted paving projects on Ramsey, Seasons, and Twete Roads are underway; while Ramsey Road from SH-53 to Chilco Road is complete, the projects on Season and Twete Roads are expected to begin July 10<sup>th</sup>. The SH-53/Ramsey Road signal project was impacting traffic. Chip seal projects are slated to begin after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shanley noted there were currently three to four subdivisions in the Belmont area; they are monitoring the construction of the new roadways. He provided an update on the two major railroad grade separation projects – Union Pacific Railroad/Old Highway 95 Bridge and the BNSF/Brunner Road railroad crossing project. Their Board has commented on several rezonings from agriculture to rural; in noting the change, Mr. Shanley said it would have a significant impact on traffic and create level of service issues.

Mr. Miles questioned if the Lakes Highway District was planning to apply for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant, noting ITD was awarded a CRISI grant for the SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange project. Mr. Shanley stated BNSF was interested in partnering with them on a grant application.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported that at least one of the county commissioners was interested in doing a new county comprehensive plan; the project is estimated at \$500,000 and, at the earliest, would be included in the 2025 budget. He noted that there were at least six engineers who wanted to meet with him this week regarding the highway district road standards; the engineers are going to ask him to develop a county standard. Mr. Callahan remarked that he would like to meet with Mr. Shanley regarding current standards.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported that the District was wrapping up the Rocky Canyon and Carlin Bay projects. They will begin chip seal projects soon and be preparing for fall overlays. An update on the Canyon Road Bridge and Springston Bridge projects was provided.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, provided an update on the Chase Road railroad crossing project, noting they are still coordinating with BNSF Railroad on drainage issues. He commented on the Transportation Master Plan update; they are reaching out to stakeholders and forming their technical advisory group. He provided an update on the Spokane Street/Prairie Avenue project and noted the roadway was open. Their street department is preparing for chip seals and overlays.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported that the Greensferry guardrail project was in design. He noted the Cougar Gulch Road project was awarded and commented on the project timeline. Mr. Howard commented on the participation project on Loffs Bay Road and an in-house project on Rolling Hills Road.

Vice Chair Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, provided updates on the Prairie Avenue expansion project and the Hayden Avenue/Meyer Road roundabout project; an open house will be held for both projects on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Post Falls Highway District. Through the Strategic Initiatives Grant, the District is looking at partnering with the cities of Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene for the Huetter Road underpass project to install a soil nail wall and expand the section to four lanes from Seltice Way to the Armstrong property. The District is preparing for chip seal projects. Prairie Avenue from SH-41 to Meyer Road is expected to remain closed until the September timeframe. ITD's contractor is wanting to close SH-53/McGuire Road for approximately a month; the start date was not known. ITD's maintenance crew is expected to close Pleasant View Road at SH-53 for one day, July 11th.

Mr. Beachler noted the grant award for the SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange was expected to move the project forward from 2027 to 2025.

Mr. Shanley commented on Mr. Callahan's update regarding his plan to meet with engineers to discuss the development of county road standards. Referencing roads, bridges, and maintenance, Mr. Shanley noted it was not the county who takes up these matters when a developer has completed a project. He voiced concern, in what appeared to be, the development community attempting to dictate public infrastructure and suggested the highway districts be involved in the discussion from the very beginning.

Mr. Callahan stated he would appreciate the highway districts' time and involvement.

Mr. Palus suggested that the cities also be involved in this discussion. He noted the overlap of city and highway district roadways within the Area of City Impact (ACI) and felt it was important to have continued clarity as those areas are annexed into the city boundary. Mr. Palus remarked that they currently do a good job and does not want to lose that communication.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, provided an update on the status of the bus stop improvement projects at Huetter Road/Seltice Way and Atlas Road near Panhandle Health. In providing an update on Phase 2 of the Riverstone Transit Center project, Mr. Ingle noted they were still working through the punch list items. An update on the Paratransit bus procurements was provided; three of the six buses should arrive in the August timeframe.

Mr. Miles advised Mr. Ingle that ITD would be holding a workshop on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI) at NIC from 4 to 6 p.m. tomorrow; they will discuss their funding program.

Jason Stippich, Avista, had no updates to report.

Dan Smith, IDEQ, commented that the jurisdictions do a great job of keeping dust levels down. With fire season approaching, he reminded them that air quality is cumulative.

Lois Duncan, Kootenai Electric Cooperative, noted she was transitioning into Karen Neorr's position as the Real Estate Specialist; she provided her background with the Cooperative. She is currently looking into the status of the Boekel substation and working on condemnations for their transmission lines along Ramsey Road and the distribution lines north to SH-53.

## **6. Planning Updates**

### **a. 2023 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funding – Ali Marienau**

Ali Marienau provided information on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program which was authorized through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. For 2023, the grant program authorized \$1 billion, along with the nearly \$200 million carried over from 2022. The focus is to improve safety for all roadway users by minimizing or eliminating serious injuries and fatalities across all user groups. Two types of grants are available, the Planning and Demonstration grant, which provides funding for the development, completion, or supplementation of a comprehensive safety action plan, and the Implementation grant, which provides funding for the implementation of projects and strategies that are identified in an action plan – addressing a roadway safety issue. Ms. Marienau noted a 20 percent local match was required. Eligible agencies, requirements, issues surrounding multijurisdictional, overlapping and duplicative applications were discussed. Ms. Marienau noted the US DOT provided a Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet. A review of KMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (RNMTMP) showed neither document wholly fulfilled the requirement of an "action plan" as outlined by the Worksheet. She sought feedback from the

committee on a proposal to create a comprehensive plan that would include projects the jurisdictions would be seeking funding for; the plan would serve KMPO and the jurisdictions in future grant applications.

Mr. Miles said that although Mr. Bosley was not present, he had commented that it made sense to collectively create an action plan.

Mr. Shanley concurred, noting it was similar to the local jurisdictions' participation in the county's Emergency Response Plan, which identified their projects within the plan.

Mr. Palus commented on the proposal and asked Ms. Marienau to send out the self-certification worksheet, noting it would be beneficial in updating their Transportation Master Plan.

Mr. Miles explained a benefit of creating an action plan, noting, once the plan is created, multiple agencies can submit one grant application, a programmatic application, to address similar style improvements. This is an action item before the committee. As a recommendation, it would be included in the UPWP – which will be presented to the KMPO Board.

**Mr. Palus moved that KCATT recommend the formation of a comprehensive safety action plan for the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Shanley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **7. Idaho Transportation Board Update**

Rob Beachler noted the ITD Board had begun their district tours and, like last year, are holding outreach workshops where stakeholders and staff are available to field questions from the public. The June Board meeting was held in District 3; the August meeting will be held in District 1. June's Board workshop focused on budget requests for the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP), Workforce Planning, and their Capital Facilities Plan. The Board approved the \$136 million Strategic Initiative Grant Program; per legislation, \$36 million will go to Ada County Highway District (ACHD), \$50 million to large urban areas (\$10 million cap), and \$50 million to rural areas (\$2 million cap); the application period will run from July 1 to September 1, 2023. The applications will be evaluated in September and reviewed by the Board in October, with award notification by the end of the year; eligible activities, projects, and restrictions were discussed. The ITIP, which includes both state and local projects, will be out for a 30-day public comment beginning July 1st; it is available online at <https://itd.idaho.gov/funding/>.

## **8. Current Business**

### **a. Carbon Funding Availability**

Mr. Miles noted one of the new programs that came out of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Carbon Program [Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)], was developed to support the reduction of the transportation emission, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). He commented on the program and noted it included facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. This area is eligible for \$486,000 in funding for 2022, 2023, and 2024; approximately \$1.2 million. Mr. Miles noted that several jurisdictions had been diligent in working to extend the Prairie Trail; with that, he recommended the funds be used to install the Prairie Trail underpass that will be needed under the Prairie Avenue 5-lane project between SH-41 to Meyer Road. The matter will need to be presented to the Board during the August meeting. Several committee members commented that they felt it was a good use of the funds; no one spoke in opposition of the recommendation.

### **b. 2020 Urban Area Boundary Adjustment – Ali Marienau**

Ali Marienau noted, a few months ago, she had discussed the change to the urbanized area boundary based on the 2020 Census, which redefined the area based on housing – not

population density. She provided two versions of the draft boundary, reviewed the boundaries, FHWA recommendations, and funding. Ms. Marienau requested the committee's feedback; various boundary lines were discussed.

Mr. Shanley voiced concern regarding the impact the boundary change may have on the District's EPA permits; an increase in the boundary, may alter their monitoring requirements. Depending on the impact, he may need to present this matter to his Board.

After reviewing the drafts, Mr. Palus remarked that he did not have an issue with either version.

In response to Mr. Shanley's concern, Mr. Miles stated that he would look into possible impacts on the EPA permits; if an area in question does not need to be included in the update, he agreed, they can simply remove it. Mr. Miles commented on program funding, eligibility, and the impact to designated roadways.

The drafts will be forwarded to FHWA for their input, then brought back to the committee.

### **9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items**

Mr. Miles noted two TMC open houses would be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; with one in Coeur d'Alene and the other in Post Falls, they will be held simultaneously. An online survey will be available mid-July through August 4<sup>th</sup>. The information will be presented to the KMPO Board on August 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Board meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **10. Other Business**

- a. KCATT Member Items

No additional KCATT member items were reported.

### **11. Next Meeting – July 25, 2023**

### **12. Adjournment**

**Without objection, Vice Chair Michael Lenz adjourned the June 27, 2023 meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Signature on File  
Recording Secretary