

KCATT MEETING MINUTES

For

February 27, 2024

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

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

Welcome / Introductions:

Michael Lenz, Chair.....	Post Falls Highway District
Ben Weymouth.....	East Side Highway District
Kevin Howard.....	Worley Highway District
Rob Palus, Vice Chair.....	City of Post Falls
Chris Bosley.....	City of Coeur d’Alene
Kevin Jump.....	City of Rathdrum
Rob Beachler.....	Idaho Transportation Department
Marvin Fenn.....	Idaho Transportation Department

Absent:

Alan Soderling.....	City of Hayden
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District

KMPO Staff:

Ali Marienau.....	Transportation Planner
Kate Williams.....	Administrator

Alternates and Guests:

Terry Werner.....	Citizen/LHTAC
Monty Montgomery.....	LHD
Donna Montgomery.....	Citizen
Chad Ingle.....	Kootenai County Public Transportation
Jason Stippich.....	AVISTA
Matt Harwood.....	Ruen-Yeager
Chad Riddle.....	Ruen-Yeager
Brian Klatt.....	JUB
Nick Hatch.....	GRI

3. Approval of December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Rob Palus motioned to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes as submitted. Kevin Howard 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

Rob Beachler, Idaho Transportation Department, reported on current projects. The temporary bridges for the SH-41 interchange project will be completed next week, so traffic can be moved over; extensive utility work being done on Mullan and SH-41. SH-54 will be reconstructed from SH-41 to Greystone Lane (MP 6.7) with 12’ lanes and 6’ shoulders. This project is under development with plans to bid the project by the fall. He reported that the district is anticipating that Pleasant View/SH-53 interchange project will go out for bid by the end of the year. He also noted that ITD District 1 is hosting a value engineering session for the US-95 interchange all this week.

Kevin Jump, city of Rathdrum, reported that the city is putting together their paving rehabilitation program for this summer's road maintenance.

Chris Bosley, city of Coeur d'Alene, gave an update on the city's FTA sidewalk project, which is mostly complete; one section of sidewalk remains. He also reported the city is planning chip seals/overlays for Sherman Ave., Northwest Blvd./Ramsey Rd., Atlas Rd., and in Riverstone. The work will cause some traffic impacts; they hope to do the bulk of the work on Sherman Ave. early in the morning prior to businesses opening.

Robert Palus, city of Post Falls, reported that the city will need to correct some issues with the Prairie Ave./Zorros Rd. roundabout; there will be some closures. The Spokane Street rehabilitation project is out for bid. The design is wrapping up on the BNSF/Chase Rd. crossing; the city hopes to have it out to bid in May. The city will also be closing a section of 12th Ave., west of SH-41, this summer for a sewer main project. Mr. Palus also reported the city of Post Falls' transportation master plan update is ongoing; they currently have a public survey and map live for feedback.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, gave an update that construction on the Cougar Gulch Road project will start in June. The Kidd Island Road project team is set to meet to discuss the last rights-of-way to be obtained. He reported that the Greensferry Rd. guardrail project is in design; construction is anticipated for 2025. Mr. Howard also mentioned that WHD is working with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Fisheries department on the details of the Lake Creek Project to allow fish passage beneath district roadways.

Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported they will be opening bids for asphalt overlays tomorrow (2/29) for French Gulch, Thompson Lake, and Bell Canyon Roads; the district is also projecting about 20 miles of chip sealing to be completed this year.

Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported that work on the Spokane River bridge project is underway, and they are trying to coordinate traffic delays with the city of Post Falls' Spokane Street project. PFHD has received funds for the Prairie Trail underpass and is working with ITD to decide how to proceed. The Huetter Rd./Lancaster Rd. roundabout (a joint project with Lakes Highway District) is the process of acquiring right-of-way; construction will be bumped to next year, due to utility work and project cost increases. The Beck Rd. project will go out to bid this spring; the district is coordinating with ITD on the Pleasant View Rd/SH-53 interchange project, due to proximity of the projects.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported that transit is working on dispossession of out-of-service paratransit buses. He also spoke on the National Transit Database reporting they just completed, which is part of their annual reporting completed for FTA. He also stated that they have drug and alcohol reporting due March 15th and are working on getting all that documentation together. FTA will be visiting for Citylink's Triennial Review in April.

6. Planning and Programming Updates

a. Federal Functional Classification Map Update

Ali Marienau, KMPO, reported that, due to the 2020 census and update to the urban area boundary, KMPO needs to review and update the Federal Functional Classification Map for Kootenai County. With additional development and new facilities over the last 10 years, it is an opportunity to review how roads are functioning – if they are function well, as is, or if they need to be reclassified and/or added to the map. Rathdrum was designated as a small urban area after this census, so those will need to be reclassified. KMPO is ahead of the process but would like to get this process going to include in the MTP update; this update will also adjust some of the classifications of roadways within the model. KMPO will facilitate the collection of data and submit the change forms to ITD as one unit. Ms. Marienau will be setting up meetings to speak with each agency individually. Mr. Palus asked if they should review the 2014 map to collect their ideas prior to speaking with her, and she agreed that would be a great place to start.

b. 2024 Safety Performance Targets & Review

Ms. Marienau gave a review of ITD's updated safety target and she provided an overview of the serious and fatal crashes over the last year in comparison to the 2023 targets. The most harmful events present in fatal crashes were head on collisions. She also noted that, over the last three years, more people have complained about drivers running red lights; in the data, fatalities with 'failed to obey signal' as a contributing factor have surfaced over that same time period. There continue to be issues with pedestrian and bicyclist deaths and serious injuries occurring. Ms. Marienau also noted that the data used for this update came from ITD's license to Numetric's AASHTO Safetyware data; access is available to all local agencies, as well.

c. Strategic Initiatives – Local Government Transportation Program – **Update**

Ms. Marienau spoke on behalf of Mr. Glenn Miles, who wanted the committee to know that a routing slip had been introduced in the legislature, which would move the Strategic Initiatives funding program from ITD's management to LHTAC. Mr. Palus asked if this change will impact the timing on funding and putting things out to bid. Mr. Beachler spoke to the readiness to cut checks. There was discussion on the topic before the legislature – what it said and if it was available to read. Marvin Fenn, ITD, said a draft bill has been posted online to be reviewed.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Beachler reported that the IT Board has a new member: Mitch Watkins for District 4. Mr. Watkins was on the broadband advisory board prior to ITD and was involved with fund distribution. He is on the 129K route subcommittee. \$15 million was available for this year's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants; LTHAC received and funded all 35 applications that were submitted. The Coeur d'Alene River Bridge project came in higher than the engineer's estimate; the Board approved an additional \$4 million for the project. Construction has been moved to 2025. ITD is looking to have the Urban Boundary adjustments approved by June and presented to the board in July; the state will then move forward with updating the road classifications as needed.

8. Current Business

a. March Meeting Quorum

Discussion was had over if there will be enough KCATT members present at the March meeting to meet quorum since it is the same week as local school districts' spring breaks. Kate Williams will send out the head count email again to the KCATT members. As of the time of the meeting, only five KCATT members had confirmed they will be able to attend. There was discussion about moving the meeting if there is a pressing business item that warrants a meeting, otherwise it may be cancelled.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Ms. Marienau noted that Mr. Miles had raised the question to the KMPO Board, in February, to think about a policy the Board might have for federal projects that exceed programmed funds and what that might mean for the local agency to assume some of the costs. Idaho has added a new MPO, so there will be less funding available through the Urban Balancing Committee moving forward. This item will be discussed at the March KMPO Board meeting; Board members may be interested in KCATT's perspective.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

No KCATT member items were brought before the committee.

11. Next Meeting – March 26, 2024

12. Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Michael Lenz adjourned the February 27th, 2024 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Recording Secretary