



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**

October 22nd, 2024 - 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 – Michael Lenz, Chair
3. Approval of September 24th, 2024, Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)
5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates
6. Planning and Programming Updates
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
  - a. Update to KMPO Online Construction Map
  - b. Rathdrum Prairie PEL Study Level 2 Alternatives Update
11. KCATT Member Items
12. Next Meeting – November 26th, 2024
13. Adjournment

## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

September 24th, 2024

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### 1. Call to Order:

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

### 2. Welcome / Introductions:

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

### **Absent:**

Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
Michael Fuller	Bike/Ped

### **KMPO Staff:**

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner
Kate Williams	Administrator

### **Alternates and Guests:**

Terry Werner	Citizen/LHTAC
Dan Smith	IDEQ
Emily Flores	IDEQ
Greta Gissel	HMH Engineering
Jeff Peters	KPFF
Riannon Zender	JUB
Jason Stippich	Avista

### 3. Approval of August 27th, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Robert Palus made a note that the date on the agenda of the minutes to be approved from the previous meeting was incorrect. The agenda should read “July 2024 minutes” not “June 2024 minutes”.

**Mr. Rob Palus motioned to approve the August 2024 KCATT meeting minutes, with the amended date. Mr. David Callahan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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

Terry Werner made an announcement on behalf of LHTAC: they will be holding that their annual funding workshop on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The meeting will be held in the main meeting room at ITD District 1 offices.

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

Mr. Rob Beachler, ITD, reported on a list of various ongoing projects for the district:

- I-90/SH-41 interchange project: no changes will be made to traffic patterns until mid-October; work is primarily still focused on northwest corner of Mullan Ave.
- SH-53 in Rathdrum (Latah Street to mile post 9.3): currently completing pavement work through September with plans for substantial completion by the end of October.
- I-90 Coeur d'Alene River Bridge: work continues on the temporary bridges for another month, then they will be able to remove the concrete barrier and return to two full lanes of traffic for snow plow operations this winter.
- SH-54 (US 95 to traffic circle): Originally, the project was programmed as a seal coat project, but due to some damage caused by standing water and paving issues, this project now includes a full width, shoulder to shoulder, overlay to correct the issues and smooth the road.
- SH-54 (SH-41 to Greystone Rd.): This project was programmed as a seal coat maintenance, but after more research a seal coat was determined to not be the best option; ITD will now be doing a reconstruction of this section of the corridor. A CRABS (Cement, Recycled, Asphalt, Base, Stabilization) treatment was used previously in this section, and ITD can't repair/seal on top of that with the same material. The project has been updated in the TIP as a reconstruct with funding updates to correlate. This project is expected to go to advertisement in October and is anticipated to be a 2-year project.
- Farragut State Park is working with ITD to move their visitor center to Briggs Road. The ITD Board approved unallocated funds for the project to put in a turn bay and to add a pedestrian tunnel under the road to facilitate movement between the campgrounds and the visitor's center. They are working on a detour plan to use SH-54 instead of Perimeter Road. Mr. Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, stated he would like to discuss this project in more detail with ITD after the meeting.
- SH 53/Pleasant View Rd. Interchange: Mobilization will start at the beginning of October, with clearing and working on footings for the new bridge on the north side of SH-53. Pleasant View Rd. is scheduled to close March of 2025 for construction. Post Falls Highway District did the design for the Prairie Ave./Beck Rd. intersection. Funding has been secured through ITD for this portion of the project, due to it being impacted by the overall interchange. Mr. Micheal Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, stated the right of way for the easement at the corner of Prairie and Beck was recorded September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- I-90 (Wolf Lodge to Cedars Maintenance site): Currently working on cleaning out the culverts and doing inspections. Avista has started construction to bring commercial power to 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Pass, and are expected to work past this interchange and continue along the frontage road.

Mr. Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported they have three major subdivisions ongoing, with approximately two additional miles of road being paved prior to winter. There is a project change at Chilco Rd., with a full road reconstruction to install turn lanes, and in lieu of relocating power to the north side, they will have ongoing road maintenance work. He also reported they have begun their soft move to the new operations center in Garwood and fully expect to be conducting operations from there beginning the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported he had no updates to present to KCATT at this time.

Mr. Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported they have closed a section of Greensferry Road between Burlington Rd. and Lancaster Rd. for a sewer project. They are in the process of awarding the annual pavement markings contract for citywide restriping efforts, including multiple crosswalks. They anticipate closing a section of Meyer Road between Boekel Road and Nagel Lane at the end of October to do pavement restoration.

Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported their pedestrian safety RRFB project still has one sidewalk panel and one curd section to go. The delay is due to several communication companies (3 or 4) still needing to move off the pole, but Avista has relocated. He reported their Government Way Strategic Initiatives (signal improvement) project was opened for bids, and the winning bid will be presented to CDA City Council on October 15th for approval. The anticipated start of construction could be as soon as this winter.

Mr. Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported they are working on their Chase BNSF Rail crossing rights of entry with the school district; the joint authority is expected back shortly. They are continuing work on the Transportation Master Plan update, with updated job placements added to the model. He reported they are continuing work on the Spokane Street project between the river and I-90; there was a setback and a need to button up the plans for the structure, which has been resolved between the City of Post Falls and ITD.

Mr. Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the Cougar Gulch Road project needs speed limit signs to be placed and then it will be complete. The Rockford Bay Road and Loff's Bay Road intersection will have a walk through to create the punch list; the guardrail was installed. Rockford Bay Road/Bellgrove Creek crossing project has no change. The Lake Creek project (a fish passage culvert project in partnership with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe) is waiting on permits. He reported that district crews are working on Rolling Hills Road, completing enhanced maintenance (culvert replacements and mild road build up on the road surface). The McAvoy Bridge Project has no update since the last meeting. Mr. Howard also reported that Kidd Island Phase 1, which was completed 4 years ago with temporary fiber, is now being converted to a permanent fiber install. This line will feed to Moscow and Pullman. Kidd Island Phase 2 is moving forward and is slated for 2026 construction, but might be moved up due to all of the right of way acquisitions being completed.

Mr. Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported they finished repaving Wolf Lodge intersection at Frontage Road. He stated he is meeting with Avista after KCATT, to discuss Alder Creek Road; Avista is trying to thread the power line through a section that is full of communication lines. He also reported that work has begun in Bonanza Ranch, with plans to rebuild about a mile of roads there next year. He reported their bridges are moving forward; Springston should bid this fall for removal and Canyon Rd. should get started next summer sometime.

Mr. Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported the in-water work is continuing on the Spokane Street River Bridge Project. The Beck Road CRABS project is at substantial completion; the contractor needs to reset signs and mailboxes and add a second coat of paint to the road. He reported that they are working on design for the Prairie Ave. Expansion project, between Meyer Rd. and SH 41, the Prairie Trail Underpass Project, and the Hayden Ave./Meyer Rd. roundabout project, with plans to begin right away acquisitions for those projects soon.

Mr. Jason Stippich, Avista, asked if/when the KMPO construction map will be updated. Mr. Glenn Miles stated that updates will begin this fall now that the new TIP is approved.

Mr. Dan Smith with IDEQ announced his retirement and introduced his replacement, Emily Flores, who will be attending KCATT meetings going forward. He thanked KCATT for all their hard work to communicate and coordinate within the local jurisdictions and with IDEQ.

## **6. Planning and Programming Updates**

### **A. 2025 STBG-L Call for Projects**

Mr. Miles presented the Surface Transportation Block Grant Urban call for projects. The application was sent out to the members of KCATT prior to the meeting and handed out at the meeting. This year there will be about \$1.6 million dollars available for local projects. The projects that are submitted will be scored and compiled into a list. As funds open up, projects can be selected from this list to be placed into the program to move forward. Mr. Miles noted that when jurisdictions are completing applications, that they should be mindful to include and highlight to Federal Highways how the project will impact the systems performance metrics (time, reliability, freight etc.) overall. Applications should also include roughly a year of expenditure estimates, based on a 2031 construction start. Applications can be found on the KMPO website and can be submitted until early December.

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

The September IT Board meeting was held in Lewiston, and next month's will be held October 16th in Boise. The situation of ITD headquarters at State Street was a main topic of conversation; the board is working on administrative and lawsuit issues surrounding what a return to the ITD headquarters buildings would look like. There was some discussion on end of year plans for redistribution of federal funds moving into the new year. The board allocated \$4 million to the Greystone Lane project to match the construction amount. The Coeur d'Alene River Bridge project and Wolf Lodge at Cedars Projects were granted advanced construction (AC) funds. Districts 2 and 3 sustained fire damage to roads this summer and are being accessed. They have asked for federal funds to help rebuild, and report that they anticipate there to be slides this winter due to the barren hillsides. The board also adopted the STIP, which includes \$135 million dollars a year for Kootenai County for the next 3 or 4 years.

## **8. Current Business**

No current business was addressed at the meeting.

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

Mr. Miles reported that the October KMPO board meeting would be cancelled due to lack of business.

## **10. Other Business**

Mr. Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported there is a new organizational chart for District 1 that adds another manager in planning and materials, and moves traffic under maintenance operations. Mr. Jerry Wilson is now a planning and scoping engineer. Mr. Ryan Hodgkins was promoted and is the assistant for operations under Damon Allen. A third design and construction group with Mr. Justin Wuest was created. Ms. Shannon Stein is now with design.

ITD is working on a new materials building off of the side of the District 1 headquarters, which is disrupting a majority parking lot, and will take about a year to complete. There is also a major

construction on the entire building coming up, which will include a full remodel and second story additions to a few of the wings. When the renovations are fully underway, KMPO will most likely need to relocate the KCATT meetings.

Mr. Fenn reported that on SH-53 in Rathdrum a majority of the power to the street lights were cut, and he's not sure when they will get fixed.

It was noted that there will be major construction projects along I-90 from Washington to Montana state lines. ITD has various projects all taking place at the same times and will impact the travel reliability ratings for a few years while everything is torn up.

ITD plans to work with BLM, Forest Service, and some private land owners to remove hazard trees over 10 feet in right of ways. This is part of a big push state wide to clean up trees near corridors.

Mr. Miles commented that the City of Hayden plans to put the Ramsey Road extension project out to bid at the end of October with construction in spring 2025.

#### **11. KCATT Member Items**

Ms. Ali Marienau, KMPO, made a comment that the PEL Project team is planning to present at the October KCATT meeting. They will be presenting the preliminary findings and the level 2 alternatives. She encouraged attendance so that the local jurisdictions could make comments and give feedback on the alternatives presented. A community working group presentation will be the same week, date TBD, and will be the same presentation given to KCATT.

Ms. Marienau also mentioned that she had sent out an email to each member of KCATT to get missing traffic count data on roads. She needs the data for the Federal Functional Classification Update and asked if KCATT could review their data from the last 5 years, or collect new data, and send it her way to include in the update.

**12. Next Meeting**– October 22nd, 2024

#### **13. Adjournment**

**Without objection, Chair Michael Lenz adjourned the September 24th, 2024 KCATT meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Kate Williams *Signature on File*

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Recording Secretary