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SUBJECT: 2025-2031 KMPO TIP **Amendment # 6** Modification to KN 23349 ALT ROUTE HUETTER BYPASS, NEPA STUDY, KOOTENAI CO.

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has notified KMPO of a request modify KN 23349 Alt Route Huetter Bypass, NEPA Study, revising the name and the scope of work. The project name and scope is being revised to reflect conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study prior to entering into NEPA process. The revised name is RATHDRUM PRAIRIE PEL STUDY, KOOTENAI CO, with no Beginning or ending milepost as it covers multiple roads in the study area.

District	Key No	Location	MPO	Program	Funding Source	Work	Phases	FY 2025		Lifetime Costs
								Action	Costs	
1	23349	Rathdrum Prairie PEL Study, Kootenai County	KMPO	State Program	State	Study	Planning	Modify	0	0

This study is studying the region stretching from Interstate 90 (I 90) north to State Highway 53 (SH53) and from Washington state line east to US Highway 95 (US 95). This project is to evaluate the state highway and local roadway system within the Rathdrum Prairie utilizing a Preliminary Environmental Linkage (PEL) process to recommend transportation alternatives to be carried forward in to a NEPA document. The purpose and need provide for improved safety, mobility, as well as system reliability and resiliency for the current and future movement of both people and goods in the study area and north Idaho.

**KMPO Amendment #6 FY 2025-2031** provides for the modification of the FY 2025 program year for a carry-over project funded in FY 2022 to further develop transportation solutions on the Rathdrum Prairie in Kootenai County. This project is currently within the funded program and the modification expands the original scope of the study to conduct a comprehensive assessment of investments that meet the purpose and need for the study. This project has been through the required and concluded public involvement processes as part of the original programming, which supports the modifications. Based on the representations by ITD Headquarters, the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization incorporates **Amendment #6** effective January 31, 2025.