



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**

January 28th, 2025 - 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 – Robert Palus, Chair
3. Approval of December 17th, 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
  - a. STBG Scoring Results
  - b. 2025 Safety Performance Targets & Review
  - c. FFC Change Update
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
11. KCATT Member Items
12. Next Meeting – February 25th, 2025
13. Adjournment

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## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

January 28th, 2025

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

### 1. Call to Order:

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

### 2. Welcome / Introductions:

Rob Palus, Chair	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley, Vice Chair	Lakes Highway District
Chris Bosley	City of Coeur d'Alene
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
Ben Weymouth	East Side Highway District
Marvin Fenn	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Lenz	Post Falls Highway District
Rob Beachler	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Fuller	Non-Motorized Bike/Ped Representative

### Absent:

David Callahan	Kootenai County
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District

### KMPO Staff:

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner
Kate Williams	Administrator

### Alternates and Guests:

Terry Werner	Citizen/LHTAC
Jerry Wilson	ITD
Karie Gullickson	JUB
Emily Flores	IDEQ

### 3. Approval of December 17th, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Chairman Robert Palus asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Mr. Ben Weymouth motioned to approve the December 2024 KCATT meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Eric Shanley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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

There were no public comments made.

### 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 is working on pedestrian facilities on SH-41 and Mullan Ave; work on the westbound off ramp soldier pile walls is ongoing. Thorco is working on

installing sign and signal foundations.

- SH-53, Pleasant View Interchange has intermittent work on the embankment as weather permits. A temporary signal to be installed at Prairie Ave. in February. ITD is currently working with BNSF to get the railroad crossing closed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- I90, SH-41 to US 95 Widening Project is waiting on environmental clearance for the two projects, with plans to go out for advertising in March. Construction is planned for summer 2025.
- A mobility study is planned for SH-41, Spirit Lake to Rathdrum, to evaluate the corridor for safety and capacity opportunities. ITD will be flying the corridor to collect LIDAR and high resolution ortho-imagery with CAD and GIS deliverables. Mr. Beachler invited KCATT members to join the collection efforts, if they had future projects in the area, to offset the costs of mobilization.
- US-95 Interchange Project will have an open house on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Inn (506 W. Appleway Ave.) from 4 to 7 PM.

Mr. Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported they received a \$14.5 million dollar grant from the federal rail program for the Brunner Rd./BNSF railroad grade separation project. They are also working on winter maintenance and have bids opening February 6<sup>th</sup> for several projects.

Mr. Alan Soderling, City of Hayden, reported they have four major projects taking place summer of 2025. The pre-construction meeting for the Ramsey Road Extension project is at the end of January. The City of Hayden has a sewer roadway project from Miles Ave. to Wyoming Ave. on Ramsey Road that will be starting in February.

Mr. Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported they are putting together their road rehabilitation plan for the year, with plans to have it out for bid by April 2025. They have restarted the design efforts at the Lancaster/Meyer Road intersection. He reported the city has awarded a contract to Walker Construction for the new city hall project that will be on the north side of Lancaster, west of Meyer Road.

Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported they have started their Government Way signal project earlier than expected due to the warm/dry weather. They have completed work on the Government Way/Wilbur Ave. intersection (replacing signals and sensors) and will move to the Government Way/Canfield Ave. intersection, followed by Government Way/Hanley Ave. intersection. Once these three intersections are completed the service tech will come out and program the new signals. Mr. Bosely reported the city of Coeur d'Alene has begun their Ramsey Road signal project design in collaboration with JUB. He also reported that there are a few large construction projects underway along Sherman Ave. that will cause some traffic delays and periodic detours that will last roughly the next two years.

Mr. Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported the appraisal for Hayden Ave./Meyer Ave. intersection is ready to be sent for review. He reported the Prairie Trail Underpass project has a funding shortfall they are working on solving.

Mr. Ben Weymouth, Eastside Highway District, reported they are working on roadside clean up and taking advantage of the lack of snowfall/dry weather for maintenance projects. Both of the district's bridge projects are still in progress with no status changes since last report.

Mr. Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the city received an agreement from the Union Pacific Railroad for the Chase Road/UP Railway crossing that needs to be reviewed before

they put the project out to bid. He reported they are starting design work for a left turn pocket on Prairie Ave. at Charlesville Road. The city's street department has an asphalt rehab project being designed for Seltice Way, Chase Ave. to McGuire Road. He reported they are in design for construction on a project that will decommission a lift station; this project also involves putting in a deep sewer line at Fisher Avenue and at Chase Road, south of Prairie Avenue. The city of Post Falls has a project in design to replace all the water mains in the Ridgewood area. This project should not affect any local collector or arterial roadways. They are working to finish negotiations and scoping on a project for widening and safety improvements on Chase Road between Grange Avenue and the Union Pacific railroad crossing, with plans for construction in 2026.

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

### **a. STBG Scoring Results**

Ms. Ali Marienau, KMPO, reported that two STBG applications were submitted and scored. Five KCATT agencies submitted scores, which KMPO tallied and adjusted to meet the "max. points allowable" and to remove any outliers.. The final ranking placed the 15<sup>th</sup> Street project from the City of Coeur d'Alene first, and the Prairie Ave. (five lanes from Cecil Ave to Greensferry) from the City of Post Falls as second. Ms. Marienau asked if there were any questions or comments from KCATT and there were none. She then asked for a recommendation to present these scoring results to the KMPO board at the February meeting.

**Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, made a motion for the KCATT recommendation to accept the STBG Scoring results, be presented to the KMPO Board. Mr. Ben Weymouth, Eastside Highway District, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **b. 2025 Safety Performance Targets & Review**

Ms. Marienau, KMPO, presented the annual update for KCATT on the Safety Performance Metrics for Kootenai County (visuals of graphs presented are included in the meeting packet). ITD updated their safety targets for 2025, with no significant changes from prior years targets. She reported that Kootenai County is meeting ITD safety targets for the five performance measures that are tracked. KMPO has specifically been looking at fatalities and contributing factors; in 2024, Kootenai County had 11 fatal crashes with the main contributing factors being failure to maintain lane, alcohol impaired, inattention, speeds too fast for conditions and driving left of center. She made a note that failure to obey signal is a factor that is continuing to appear more over the last four years, now appearing in the top 10 contributing factors. Kootenai County's most harmful events category did not report any fatal crashes that involved a pedestrian or a bicyclist in 2024. On SH-58, there were two fatal crashes within the three miles between the Washington state line and the Coeur d'Alene Casino, creating a high crash-to-VMT ratio there.

There was some discussion over E-Bikes and if they were still classified as non-motorized. Ms. Marienau, reported that as long as the e-bike is under a certain speed and has had no modifications, they are still considered non-motorized.

Mr. Robert Palus asked if there was any data on the crashes with the classification of failure to obey traffic signal. He commented that it might be helpful to the local jurisdictions to see if there were common markers that came up that could be addressed locally to help reduce these collisions. Ms. Marienau will report back at the next KCATT meeting with any findings she observes.

### **c. FFC Change Update**

Ms. Marienau reported that the process will be slightly different than in the past, in that she will be inputting the changes into an ITD spreadsheet for each local jurisdiction. These forms are due by November 2025, so KMPO is ahead of the deadline. She reported she would like to have these forms wrapped up prior to the MTP update that is planned for later this year. She will be reaching out to individual jurisdictions for traffic counts that are still needed to complete the forms.

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

Mr. Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported the next board meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> in Boise. They are still assessing what needs to be done to reopen the main headquarters campus that was damaged by a flood in 2023. Mr. Fenn reported that the IT Board is reviewing performance measures across the state, particularly fatalities and how to get to the goal of zero traffic fatalities annually. When looking at the data of deaths per 100 million miles driven, the state is gaining in population and miles driven annually but traffic fatalities are staying about the same and not elevating at the same rate, which is a positive. The board gave an update that they are supportive of ITD putting the two I-90 packages out to advertisement this spring.

## **8. Current Business**

No current business was addressed.

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

Presentation of the KCATT recommendation to accept the STBG Scoring results.

## **10. Other Business**

No business was addressed.

## **11. KCATT Member Items**

Mr. Fuller, Bike/Ped, made a comment thanking the City of Post Falls and Mr. Palus for the continued support of the Centennial Trail and the Bike/Ped community that use it.

Ms. Marienau reported that Mr. Fuller's term as Bike/Ped representative to KCATT has ended and thanked him for his time and involvement. The non-voting member positions will be put out to advertisement by KMPO to be filled for a new term.

Mr. Fenn, ITD, commented that ITD is planning to have a temporary light put in at Pleasant View Ave./SH 53 to help reroute traffic during construction of the interchange. He also commented that he received a request from HQ to provide a study topic for research and that he would like to submit SH 95 for review of longer green light cycle times.

Mr. Palus mentioned the quarterly safety meeting between the city engineers and law enforcement and that talking about the failure to obey signal crash metric would be good to address.

Mr. Palus requested that KMPO send out a request to local utilities encouraging them to attend KCATT meetings, as it adds value to all parties. It was then discussed that a spring meeting specifically for KCATT and local utilities should be arranged by KMPO prior to the 2025 construction season.

Ms. Marienau gave a brief update on the status of the PEL Study. The team is still working through the level two alternatives. They are adjusting the criteria and reviewing additional metrics in order to narrow the alternatives down even further. HDR is doing further analysis of the data collected prior to moving to phase three of the study.

12. **Next Meeting**– February 25th, 2025

13. **Adjournment**

**Without objection, Chair Robert Palus adjourned the January 28th, 2025 KCATT meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

*Signature on file*

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Recording Secretary