



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

Cooperatively Developing a Transportation System for all of Kootenai County, Idaho

KCATT MEETING AGENDA

February 25th, 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 January 28th, 2025, 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
 - a. KCATT and Utilities Meeting- Update
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
 - a. Presentation on Working Lands- Laurin Scarcello
11. KCATT Member Items
12. Next Meeting – March 25th, 2025
13. Adjournment

For special accommodation/translation services, call 1.208.930.4164, 48 hours in advance. KMPO assures nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.O. 100.259) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

KCATT MEETING MINUTES

February 25th, 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 Howard	Worley Highway District
Ben Weymouth	East Side Highway District
Marvin Fenn	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Lenz	Post Falls Highway District
Rob Beachler	Idaho Transportation Department

Absent:

David Callahan	Kootenai County
Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum

KMPO Staff:

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Kate Williams	Administrator

Alternates and Guests:

Jeff Peter	KPFF
Laurin Scarcello	Citizen
Patrick Cooksey	DEA
Josh Miller	DEA
Daniel Baker	HDR
Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Jason Stippich	Avista
Karie Gullickson	JUB

3. Approval of January 28th, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

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

Mr. Chris Bosley motioned to approve the January 2025 KCATT meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Ben Weymouth 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. Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported on a list of various ongoing projects for the district:

- I-90/SH-41 Interchange project will have the westbound ramp closed. SH-41 will be closed at night for waterline relocation at Mullan Ave; this work is expected to take 4 to 6 weeks.
- Coeur d'Alene River Bridge on I-90 will shift traffic to the westbound lanes in March and April as work to remove and replace the bridge begins.
- SH-53/Pleasant View Rd, Interchange project has message boards out alerting the public to the lanes closing and the structure work beginning.
- I-90, SH-41 to US 95 Widening Project is split into two packages, eastbound and westbound. These will be spaced out a few weeks. The environmental clearances are completed, and the project will proceed to advertising soon.
- The alternatives in the Rathdrum Prairie PEL study are being condensed down. There were 13 alternatives that were presented to the public. There will be another public presentation once they revise the alternatives.
- US-95 Interchange Project will have an open house on March 5th at the Best Western Inn (506 W. Appleway Ave.) from 4 to 7 PM.

Mr. Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported they opened bids on February 6th for the Diagonal Road Reconstruction project. The winning bid was Interstate at \$3.1 million and work is expected to begin this spring. They are currently advertising an RFPs for their transportation plan update. The Associated Highway Districts is also working on a standards update. They are looking for consultants to help the update.

Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the Government Way signal project is progressing; they are now working on the Kathleen and Dalton Ave. intersections. The city has also begun spring street sweeping.

Mr. Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported the right of way acquisition negotiations have begun for the Prairie Ave. Widening project (Meyer Ave. to SH 41). The right of way appraisals have been completed for the Hayden Ave. roundabout project. The City of Post Falls met with PFHD to discuss the funding shortfall for the Prairie Trail Underpass project. More to come on how that will be addressed.

Mr. Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported they are working to complete the Cougar Gulch Road project that was on hold for the winter. Rockford Bay Road and Belgrove Creek (creek crossing) culvert replacement project received bids and will go before the WHD board for a decision this week. The Greensferry Rd. Guardrail project will go to bid as soon as ITD announces bid dates. The joint Fish Passage project with the CDA Tribe has a pre-construction meeting planned for Spring 2025. The Kidd Island Rd. Phase 2 project is wrapping up negotiations between LHTAC and JUB.

Mr. Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported both the bridge projects (Canyon and Springston) are in the process of navigating environmental obstacles, but plans are to have them out to bid this year. He also reported they have four miles of overlays and two miles of cement treatment planned for in-house projects this summer.

Mr. Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the Chase BNSF Crossing agreement is back with BNSF, with a few minor changes. Their legal will review it and send it back. The Chase Road and Union Pacific Railroad crossing professional services agreements was approved by Post

Falls city council last week. They plan to have the crossing and alignment upgrades on Chase Road done in 2026. He reported Post Falls will have a professional service agreement with JUB before the city council to extend work on Ross Point Road between 3rd and 2nd Avenues. This would be an extension of the work ITD is doing for the city on I-90/SH-41 interchange; the limits of their funding only allowed the work to go so far, and the city of Post Falls will complete it. He reported they are working on the city's transportation master plan and should be done in September/October of this year.

Mr. Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported for public transit. He reported they have finished their annual report for the National Transit Database for FTA. He reported approval was granted from the county commissioners on the updates to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. He reported they are working on Drug and Alcohol Management Information System reporting, which is an annual report. Public Transit will have an ITD site visit July 23rd, with all required paperwork due to ITD by May 23rd.

6. Planning and Programming Updates

None were discussed.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported the next IT Board meeting will be March 20th in Boise. They are still in the process of replacing the District 1 representative (Jim Thompson) who retired in January.

8. Current Business

KMPO will be hosting a KCATT and Utilities Forum on March 11th at the CDA Inn at 9:30am to facilitate conversations between the local jurisdictions and utilities. KCATT members are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Laurin Scarcello, a Rathdrum resident and farmer, spoke to KCATT about the ecosystem study of the Greater Yellowstone area and how it compares to Kootenai County. The Rathdrum Prairie and aquifer are impacted by growth and development, and Mr. Scarcello spoke about the impact this can have over time on wildlife corridors and natural resources (water and farmland). He shared how the use of farmland as fire breaks can help reduce summer wildfires. He is advocating for programs and plans that incentivize stewardship of farmlands and undeveloped lands. He concluded that Kootenai County can preserve our area through collaboration with the soil conservation district, the aquifer board, and KCATT/KMPO.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO would be putting out the call for projects for the FTA 5339 and 5310 funding programs, which funds projects from 2026-2031.

10. Other Business

No business was addressed.

11. KCATT Member Items

No items were addressed.

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

13. **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Robert Palus adjourned the February 25th, 2025 KCATT meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Recording Secretary