



May 1, 2025

TO: KMPO Board Members

FROM: Glenn F. Miles, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2025-2031 KMPO TIP **Amendment # 11** Modifications to two projects K19955 Chase Rd Railroad Crossing and KN 24398 Prairie Trail Underpass

Recommendation: The KMPO Board approve Amendment #11 to the FY 2025-2031 Transportation Improvement Program, to Advance KN 23028 NHS-7045, Prairie Ave; Meyer Road to SH-41 from FY 2028 to FY 2026, increasing construction (CN) \$538,00 Freight Program Funding; Re-aligning and increasing FY 2025 funding to KN 24398 Prairie Trail Underpass (construction) \$1,200,000 in STBG funding; and deprogramming STBG FY 2025 construction funding from KN 19955 Chase Rd railroad crossing, same amount.

Background: Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) is requesting an amendment to the FY 2025-2031 Transportation Improvement Program to re-align funding between projects in order to advance and consolidate funding and construction of a regionally significant Prairie Avenue from Meyer to SH-41, which is the last remaining section of 2 lane road between U.S. 95 and SH-41. The original Prairie Avenue project was selected and approved for construction in 2028. Since that time, KMPO was able to also obtain Federal Carbon Reduction funds to support a pedestrian/bicycle Prairie Trail underpass of Prairie Avenue just west of Meyer Road. The underpass project is an FY 2025 project, with intent to construct the underpass in advance of the subsequent widening project in 2028.

Since both of these two projects were programmed, ITD has completed SH-41 widening; is constructing the SH-41 Interchange, and is on track to go out for bids on the 8-lane widening (4 in each direction) of Interstate 90, from U.S. 95 to SH-41. These multi-year construction projects are expected to result in more trip diversions to local roads and streets. This is expected to include more local and regional traffic moving onto Prairie Avenue. This necessitates the need to re-align funding to in order to accelerate Prairie Avenue widening along with the bicycle/pedestrian Prairie Trail crossing.

In order to accelerate construction, the Urban Balancing Committee approved advancing KN 23028 construction (Prairie Avenue) from FY 2028 to FY 2026, as a result of a delayed project elsewhere in the State. In addition, ITD has indicated an additional \$538,000 in Federal Freight Funds will be provided to the widening project. In coordination with the City of Post Falls and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), the City of Post Falls has agreed to delay construction of the KN19955 Chase Rd railroad crossing project and transfer the FY 2025 STBG funds (\$1,200,000) to KN 24398 the Prairie Trail Underpass. LHTAC will work with the City of Post Falls in programming Federal Rail Crossing funds for the Chase Rd project.

With this timing and realignment of funding, the intent is to obligate and bid both the underpass and widening projects together in the fall of 2025, with spring 2026 construction. This will complete Prairie Avenue 3 years ahead of schedule.

Amendment #11 modifications:

	Phase	2025	2026	Lifetime	Federal	Local
NHS-7045, PRAIRIE AVE; MEYER RD TO SH 41, POST FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT 23028 MP 5.762 - 6.762 Reconstruct Widen to 5 lanes	CN	4,694	-	4,694	4,349	345
POST FALLS HD	PE	-	-	1,080	1,001	79
STBG-STBG-Large Urban, Freight	RW	-	-	-	-	-
NHS-7045, PRAIRIE TRAIL UNDERPASS, POST FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT 24398 MP 5.900 - 5.900 NEW RTE, Bicycle/Pedestrian/Equestrian	CN	2,654	-	2,654	2,459	195
POST FALLS HD CARBON CARBON-Large Urban, STBG Large Urban	PE	-	-	-	-	-
	RW	-	-	-	-	-
SMA-7515, CHASE RD BNSF RRR 095918N, CITY OF POST FALLS 19955 MP 0.063 - 0.313 SAFTY/TRAFFIC OPER, Railroad Signals	CN	1,204	-	1,204	1,116	88
POST FALLS STBG STBG-Large Urban	PE	-	-	182	169	13
	RW	-	-	-	-	-

Action Item: A motion to approve amendment #11 is required.