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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**

August 26th, 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 July 22nd, 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
  - a. Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program- **Action Item**
  - b. Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program- **Action Item**
  - c. 2024 Transportation System Performance Overview
7. Idaho Transportation Board Update
8. Current Business
9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items
10. Other Business
  - a. KCATT Member Items
11. Next Meeting – September 23rd, 2025
12. Adjournment

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## KCATT MEETING MINUTES

August 26th, 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:

Robert Palus, Chair	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Ben Weymouth	East Side Highway District
Robert Beachler	Idaho Transportation Department
Jerry Wilson	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Lenz	Post Falls Highway District
Chris Bosley	City of Coeur d'Alene
David Callahan	Kootenai County

### Absent:

Alan Soderling	City of Hayden
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum

### KMPO Staff:

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau	Transportation Planner
Kate Williams	Administrator

### Alternates and Guests:

Terry Werner	Citizen
Greta Gissel	HMH
Jeff Peters	KPFF
Tyler Kuber	HMH
Jeff Zaugg	Ruen Yeager

### 3. Approval of July 22nd, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

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

**Mr. Kevin Howard motioned to approve the July 2025 KCATT meeting minutes as amended. 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. Robert Beachler, ITD, reported the Washington International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302 labor strike is significantly impacting all ITD construction projects, including the I-90/SH-41 Interchange project, 4th of July pavement restoration project, I-90 - SH-41 to US 95 Widening

Project, Coeur d'Alene River bridges project, and the SH-53/Pleasant View Rd. Interchange (railroad grade separation) project. He reported that some Idaho based subcontractors are continuing to work during the strike.

- I-90/SH-41 Interchange project has Thorco working on electrical. Signing and striping is continuing, as well.
- I-90 (Wolf Lodge to Cedars maintenance site) has four miles of open project items. Mr. Beachler reported ITD will be making the call at the end of this week, if the strike isn't resolved, they will button it up for the season.
- Coeur d'Alene River bridges are ITD's most critical project impacted by the strike because of the temporary bridge. All traffic is on the westbound temporary bridge, which will have nighttime closures for some repairs soon. The bridge will be flagged and will stay open. ITD does have contingency plans going forward if things don't progress before winter.
- I-90- SH-41 to US 95 Widening Project had a few kickoff meetings, but work has stopped, due to the strike.
- The strike has caused significant delays for the SH-53/Pleasant View Rd interchange project. ITD had a 3-day window to work with BNSF to stop all traffic and complete work on swinging the bridge girders. Due to the delays, the work was not completed and the next window to stop BNSF traffic won't be for another six months.
- For SH-54- from SH-41 to Graystone Lane, ITD is using its new (used) paver to do the approaches at the Exxon gas station, Timber Lake High School and 10th Avenue. The plan is to have these completed prior to school starting next week.

Mr. Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported the Diagonal Road reconstruction and paving project is done, noting that pavement markings will happen September 2nd. The Lancaster/Huetter Rd. roundabout is currently under construction, and it not impacted by the strike. The Pope Road turn lane improvements are planned to begin in a couple weeks. He reported the Atlas Rd./UPRR railroad crossing safety improvements were completed in cooperation with ITD. Chip sealing has wrapped for the summer. Mr. Shanley reported that he attended an ITD open house in support of the Parks Road Interchange and that it had a good turnout of people. He reported the LHD Board approved a contract with JUB to update the district's transportation plan.

Mr. David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported the Board of county commissioners have kept the comprehensive plan update in the 2026 budget. This not only allows updates to county growth policies, but also to incorporate transportation planning ongoing in the cities. He reported he feels this update is important because it will allow for the first ever Parks Master Plan for Kootenai County, which could potentially set the stage for an open space program, leading to lessening some transportation impacts on major corridors.

Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d' Alene, reported they are about finished with striping in town for the summer. This week the city had to address a sink hole that had formed at the 3rd Street boat launch. He reported that the crane at the Thomas George building was in the process of moving across Sherman Ave. to the resort's Sherman Tower, but then the strike halted the move.

Mr. Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported the Idaho Road crossing safety improvement project (replaced the pads and put crossing arms up) has been completed. The Prairie Trail Underpass project is finalizing the relocation agreement with a water association,

and they are planning to get the project to bid late October.

Mr. Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported there will be work on the Greensferry Road guardrails just north of Ridgeline Lane. Rockford Bay Road will have closures on 9/2 for a box culvert to be replaced with a multi-plate. Kidd Island Rd. Phase II is working towards PS&E, under JUB. Rolling Hills Road will have an in-house project on a portion of it that was built last year, getting a chip seal type BST paving on it. The joint project with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for a fish passage on Idaho Road, off of Elder Road, began last week and is moving along. WHD has an updated CIP coming before their board for approval tomorrow.

Mr. Ben Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported the Canyon Road and Springston Bridge projects will open for bids Thursday of this week. He reported ESHD finished chip sealing 26 miles of road this summer.

Mr. Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported they have a few projects occurring on Chase Road at Fisher Ave. The Post Falls Water Reclamation department is going to be doing a deep sewer next year from the Guy Road lift station, which is a quarter mile east of Chase Road, down Fisher Road to Howell Road. This project is in final design review now. He reported the City of Post Falls is having an open house for the transportation master plan this week, Thursday, from 4 to 7 PM at city hall.

## **6. Planning and Programming Update**

### **a. Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program- Action Item**

Director Miles discussed the second draft of the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program, which was presented to KCATT for recommendation for adoption to the KMPO Board. He reported this draft has been reviewed by ITD and the Federal Highway Administration. One of the main items for next year is the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to take into account the work that's been done with the Rathdrum Prairie Transportation Study (formerly PEL Study), as well as the transportation plans have been developed over the last year within the local jurisdictions. Another item addressed in the UPWP is funding for INRIX data, which is a shared cost with ITD. KMPO will also work to incorporate the Hauser Lake project into the work program, as a part of KMPO's Regional Transportation Studies. Funding that is shown in the work program is already programmed and the funds are available.

**Chairman Robert Palus called for a motion to recommend the adoption of the Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to the KMPO Board. Mr. Chris Bosley motioned to recommend adoption of the Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Eric Shanley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **b. Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program**

Director Miles reported that the Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a public information document and is required by statute to undergo a 30-day public review. The projects in the program are virtually the same as what was in the ITD's ITIP. KMPO's TIP also incorporates projects that they may have changed between the time the ITIP was published and when KMPO got the version from ITD HQ. The TIP is currently out for public comment and will be brought back to KCATT in September for a recommendation for approval at the October KMPO board meeting.

### **c. 2024 Transportation System Performance Overview**

Ms. Ali Marienau reported on the 2024 transportation system performance for pavement and bridge condition, travel time reliability and freight reliability. These performance measures are also included in the TIP document, and Ms. Marienau said she includes a breakdown how the projects that are in the TIP will affect each of these performance measures or contribute to them. NHS pavements, in “good condition” increased for both interstate and non-interstate pavements over last year. The non-interstate pavement results did include some new data, so ‘good condition’ pavements increased by 12.8% over the year, which is positive. Pavements in “poor” condition also meet ITD’s targets. There are national targets for pavement and bridge condition that have been set, and Kootenai County pavements in “good” condition for the interstate do not meet the national target, but “poor” condition pavements do. Bridges in “good” and “poor” condition meet both of it these targets. Kootenai County only has one bridge currently classified as “poor”, which is the Prairie Trail Overpass on I-90 and is planned to be replaced with the I-90 widening project. Kootenai County 2024 travel time reliability has not changed much from last year’s reports and still meet targets for interstate and non-interstate. Non-interstate did increase slightly for reliability. SH-41 and SH-53 performance measures are currently being impacted by construction projects. US-95, south of the I-90 interchange, has also shown reliability issues in the last year. For Freight reliability, the TTTR index decreased, meaning it has improved since 2023, and Kootenai County still meets ITD’s target. Ms. Marienau called out the one metric that negatively increased for 2024 over 2023, which was percent payments in “poor” condition.

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

Mr. Jerry Wilson, ITD, delivered the report. The August IT Board meeting was held in district six. They discussed the IIJA (Investment Infrastructure and Jobs Act), which is the federal transportation five-year bill expiring next September. Work is being done on a new bill, with hopes that it will be approved prior to the current bill expiring. Another item that was discussed during the board meeting was the Governor’s Executive Order reducing all state departments that are funded from the general fund by 3%. Each department was requested to come up with a plan of where their 3% would come from. ITD is funded generally through the gas tax and registration funds but does receive 4.5% of funding from the general fund. During the board meeting, there was no decision made, nor an understanding of how that reduction to general fund departments might affect that 4.5% percent coming to ITD. He reported that the FY ‘27 state draft budget was submitted to the Department of Financial Management and will go through the process and be negotiated as part of the legislative session starting in January 2026. Mr. Wilson informed KCATT that after the meeting today, there will be a community working group in the EOC (same room as KCATT) to discuss the Rathdrum Prairie Area Transportation Study in preparation for the next round of public meetings that will be September 17 and 18th. The meetings will review and evaluate the level two alternatives and gather public comment on the results, with the intent of finalizing and reducing the number of alternatives going into level three. Mr. Wilson reported the ITD ITIP public comment period has ended, and he and Mr. Beachler are reviewing the comments. The main comments being seen so far pertain to wanting transportation expansion between the Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry area on US-95, due to some serious injuries and fatalities in that area over the last couple years. Another popular comment has been around congestion mitigation solutions. The September IT Board meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup> in district two.

## **8. Current Business**

No current business was addressed.

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

The KCATT recommendation for the adoption of the Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

will be presented.

**10. Other Business**

a. KCATT Member Items:

Mr. Beachler reported ITD will be doing some seal coating on the Post Falls Business loop, as well as US-95 and Appleway Ave. the first week of September; there will also be some culvert clearing happening in the Coeur d'Alene metro area.

Mr. Miles discussed a handout that had been presented to KCATT. The two items were from the Secretary of Transportation, sent out in July, called the "Safe Roads" emphasis. KMPO (as well as all other Idaho MPO's) will be in coordination with ITD responding to Secretary Duffy about this item. Notification of projects that are in the current program, especially for 2026, that will make our roads safer will be included. Mr. Miles mentioned that a good example to improve pedestrian safety that is already planned for 2026 is the Prairie Trail Underpass. KMPO also completed a call for projects using FTA section 5310 funds for sidewalks. Mr. Miles noted that Secretary Duffy's letter seems to point to more emphasis on "getting back to basics" and spending money on things that improve safety and access for pedestrians, and for local jurisdictions to take this into account when developing new CIPs.

**11. Next Meeting**– September 23rd, 2025

**12. Adjournment**

**Without objection, Chair Robert Palus adjourned the August 26th, 2025 KCATT meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Kate Williams      *Signature on file*  
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Recording Secretary