



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

**KMPO Board Meeting**

**September 11th, 2025 1:30 pm**

Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor  
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order – Graham Christensen, Chair**
- 2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Action Item**
- 3. Approval Meeting Minutes – Action Items**
  - a. Approval of July 10th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of July 23rd, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- 4. Public Comments** (limited to 3 minutes per person)
- 5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Robert Palus, KCATT Chair**
  - a. Recap of August 2025 KCATT Meeting
  - b. Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Recommendation
- 6. Administrative Matters**
  - a. July 2025 and August 2025 KMPO Expenditures – **Action Item**
  - b. September 2025 Financial Snapshot - Informational
- 7. Other Business**
  - a. 2024 Transportation System Performance- Pavement & Bridge Condition, Travel Time Reliability, and Freight Reliability
  - b. Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program- **Action Item**
  - c. Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program
- 8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO) - Informational**

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  - a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Kootenai County Public Transportation – Chad Ingle
  - b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report
- 9. Director's Report** (written report included in Board packet)
- 10. Board Member Comments**
- 11. Next Meeting – October 9th, 2025**
- 12. Adjournment**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 11th, 2025  
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jeff Tyler                   | Post Falls Highway District |
| Graham Christensen, Chairman | East Side Highway District  |
| Randy Westlund               | City of Post Falls          |
| Tom Shafer                   | City of Hayden              |
| Steve Adams                  | Lakes Highway District      |
| John Hodgkins                | City of Rathdrum            |
| Bruce Mattare, Vice Chairman | Kootenai County             |

### **Board Members Absent:**

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| Damon Allen | ITD, District 1         |
| Phil Cooper | Worley Highway District |
| Dan Gookin  | City of Coeur d'Alene   |
| Jim Kackman | Coeur d'Alene Tribe     |

### **Staff Present:**

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|---------------|------------------------|
| Glenn Miles   | Executive Director     |
| Ali Marienau  | Transportation Planner |
| Kate Williams | Administrator          |

### **Attendees:**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Terry Werner    | Citizen         |
| Sean Hoisington | JUB             |
| Chad Ingle      | Kootenai County |

### **1. Call to Order – Graham Christensen, Chairman**

The regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chairman Graham Christensen at 1:30 p.m.

### **2. Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared. Mr. Christensen called to approve the agenda as is, which was approved unanimously.

**Motion to move forward with the agenda as presented made by Mr. Randy Westlund, City of Post Falls, seconded by Mr. Jeff Tyler, Post Falls Highway District. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. Approval Meeting Minutes – Action Items**

The meeting minutes from the July 2025 KMPO Regular meeting and the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Special KMPO board meeting were presented to the board for approval.

#### **a. Approval of July 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Bruce Mattare, Kootenai County, motioned to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup> KMPO Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Jeff Tyler, Post Falls Highway District, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **b. Approval of July 23, 2025 Special KMPO Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Bruce Mattare, Kootenai County, motioned to approve the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Special KMPO Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Jeff Tyler, Post Falls Highway District, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)**

No public comments were made.

**5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Robert Palus, Chairman**

**a. Recap of Activities from June 2025 meeting**

Mr. Robert Palus was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Ali Marienau, KMPO, provided the KCATT meeting recap. Mr. Beachler, ITD, reported that the Washington International Union of Operating Engineers local 302 labor strike is significantly impacting ITD projects throughout the county. The I-90 Wolf Lodge (Cedars to Maintenance site) project that is under reconstruction, is being assessed by ITD to potentially be buttoned up for the season, if the strike doesn't end soon. Another project impacted is the Coeur d'Alene River bridges. This project is at a critical point, due to most of the traffic being on the westbound temporary bridge; ITD was hoping to have that moved over to the permanent bridge by winter. Another project that was significantly impacted is the SH-53/Pleasant View Road interchange. ITD had a three-day window to swing the girders without any BNSF traffic, and due to the strike delays, they were not able to do that work. The next window to do this work won't be for another six months, due to railway rules and regulations.

Mr. Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported the Lancaster Ave./Huetter Road roundabout is currently under construction and is not being impacted by the strike. Additionally, Mr. Shanley noted that he attended the ITD open house in support of the Parks Road Interchange project and that there was a good turnout of the public. The Lakes Highway District board approved a contract with JUB to update the district's transportation plan. Mr. Callahan, Kootenai County, reported that the Board of County Commissioners have kept the Comprehensive Plan update in the 2026 budget, and they are looking to incorporate the first ever parks master plan for Kootenai County as part of that document. Mr. Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, noted that they were working on addressing a sink hole at the 3rd Street boat launch that had appeared out of nowhere. He also noted that the crane at the Thomas George building was in the process of being moved over to the Sherman tower project, but that has been put on hold with the strike. Mr. Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported that the Idaho Road/UPRR crossing safety improvement project has been completed. He also noted that the Prairie Trail Underpass project is being finalized, and they are looking to put that project out to bid in late October. Mr. Howard, Worley highway District, reported that they are working on two projects that are requiring road closures- the Greensferry Road guardrail project and the Rockford Bay Road box culvert replacement projects. Mr. Weymouth, East Side Highway District, reported that the Canyon Road and Springston Bridge projects were to open for bids on Thursday of that week. Mr. Palus, City of Post Falls, reported that they are working on a deep-water sewer lift station on Chase Road. The city also had an open house for their transportation master plan at city hall that week, and are moving forward with finalizing that for planning and programming updates.

Mr. Miles, KMPO, provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program. It is currently out for a 30-day public review, and that will come back to KCATT at the end of September and to the KMPO board in October for adoption. Ms. Marienau provided an update of the transportation system performance for 2024 and will give that update to the KMPO board, as well. The Idaho Transportation Board report was presented by Mr. Jerry Wilson from ITD, and noted was that the Governor has an executive order reducing all state departments budgets by 3%. ITD is currently generally funded through the gas tax and registration fees, but does receive a small portion of funding from the general fund; ITD is not sure at this point how that will impact operations going forward, or what will be potentially cut through that. He also noted that the public comment period has ended for the ITIP. He and Mr. Beachler are reviewing the comments thus far, most of those are pertain to issues up in Boundary County. The IT board meeting for September will be on the 18th in district two. Mr. Miles shared with KCATT that KMPO received a notice from the Secretary of Transportation, along with ITD and all the MPOs of Idaho, of a safe

road's emphasis for projects, and are looking for a list of projects that will benefit this initiative in 2026. A project in our MPO area that meets the goals of this initiative is the Prairie Trail Underpass.

**b. Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Recommendation**

Ms. Marienau reported that Mr. Miles provided an overview of the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program for this upcoming fiscal year to KCATT.

**KCATT's recommendation is for the KMPO Board to adopt the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program as presented.**

**6. Administrative Matters**

**a. July and August 2025 KMPO Expenditures – Action Item**

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO had routine expenses for the months of July and August. He made note that in August, KMPO closed on the purchase of their office space and a check to the title company, as the downpayment, was reflected on the expenditures.

**Mr. Jeff Tyler motioned to approve expenses for July and August 2025, as presented. Mr. Randy Westlund seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**b. September 2025 Financial Snapshot**

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO is in good financial standing headed into the end of the fiscal year, with no major financial changes from August to September.

**7. Other Business**

**a. 2024 Transportation System Performance- Pavement & Bridge Condition, Travel Time Reliability, and Freight Reliability**

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 of how the projects that are in the TIP will contribute to each of these performance measures. 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, meaning '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. Idaho did not meet its statewide pavement condition standard for federal highways, and they were required to spend substantially more money on pavement management this year than they would have otherwise spent. Bridges in "good" and "poor" condition meet both of ITD's 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. Mr. Tom Shafer, City of Hayden, asked what rating metrics are used for a bridge to be rated as "poor". Ms. Marienau explained that it's a standardized rating system that is used based on the deck sub-structure and the bridge sub-structure and a scale of poor, fair and good. If a bridge scores less than four (out of 9), it is considered structurally deficient. The rating systems is used as an alert to let jurisdictions know that repairs are needed and that funds should start to be programmed for projects to improve the condition. Ms. Marienau went on to report that 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 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. Mr. John Hodgkins, city of Rathdrum, asked if these performance measures are looked at in terms of future planning. Mr. Miles explained that ITD does have a performance management model they use in terms of aligning projects with areas of needed improvement. These performance measures only take into consideration interstate and national highways system (NHS) roadways.

**b. 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. The Unified Planning Work Program runs from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. 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 Area Transportation Study (formerly PEL Study), as well as the transportation plans have been developed over the last year by 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 traffic study 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. Mr. Shaffer commented on the Huetter corridor being noted in the UPWP, as an area of significant issue. Mr. Miles explained this particular corridor is called out as an area, due to it being adopted into the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). It is a designated future NHS route and on the federal aid map for eligibility. He stated that he marked Huetter as a significant issue because all of the modeling for the SH-41 widening and interchange, the I-90 widening, the US-95 improvements, the Northwest Boulevard improvements, and future improvements on SH -53 are all predicated on the Huetter Corridor being built within a 20-year horizon.

**Mr. Jeff Tyler, Post Falls Highway District, motioned to adopt the Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. Mr. Randy Westlund, city of Post Falls, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**c. Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Miles presented the Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He explained that in reality this is a four-year work program, since it only reflects real money obligated to projects for 2026 to 2029. After those years, the TIP is more of a forecast for what could be down the road. Projects for 2026-2029, collectively, are worth about \$430 million and have hard funds associated with them. This large volume of money for Kootenai County has to do with the Idaho State Legislature and ITD programming the improvements to I-90 and the associated interchanges, which is about \$250 million of the program. The I-90 widening project is anticipated to be a three-construction season project. US-95 Interchange is planned to be under construction by 2027 and will take two and half to three years to complete the single point urban interchange. The public comment period for the draft TIP will close on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Any comments will be addressed and the Draft 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program will come before the KMPO board in October for adoption.

**8. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

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**a. Kootenai County Transit Report – Kootenai County Public Transportation Staff**

Mr. Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported that Citylink North had a 12% increase in fixed route ridership for this month over last year. This month's paratransit ridership had a 7% decrease. He reported that transit had its site visit with ITD, and it was successful. Through the evaluation of Citylink's documentation, ITD came back with no findings, and they are in full compliance with its requirements. Mr. Ingle reported the Board of County

Commissioners, along with Federal Transit Administration, has approved their section 5307 grant awards. These funds are allocated annually to support the public transportation system and will be used for operations and for planning activities.

**b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report**

Mr. Ingle reported on behalf of the Tribe that there were no updates provided at this time.

**9. Director's Report**

Mr. Miles delivered his directors report to the board, and did not have a written copy for the packet this month, due to illness. He expressed appreciation to the board for the heavy lift that occurred in September with the additional assessment going towards the local match to close on the office space purchase, which took place on August 15th. After it closed, KMPO sent the reimbursement request to ITD and Federal Highways. Last week KMPO received a reimbursement for \$302,000 towards the purchase, and the short-term loan that KMPO took with Washington Trust Bank was paid off last Friday. This brings KMPO's office space expenses from \$1,700/month to \$300/month.

Mr. Miles reported that the next surface transportation bill is about to go public in discussion with the House and Senate. Their approach this time, reflects the letter KMPO received from the US Department of Transportation about getting back to basics. The amount of money that was spent on non-basic transportation topics in the last bill captured 35-40% of the budget. The goal with the new bill is to focus on the basics of the transportation system- meeting the mobility and access needs of the public, in a reliable and forward-facing manner. The ask is to work with our congressional delegation as to what should be put in for Idaho. ITD has their own decision-making process, but the requests are not for only ITD requested projects. Projects from rural areas and metropolitan areas can be supported by the community and the region. Congress asks that these projects be submitted to them by next week. Mr. Miles encouraged the board to think about, within the metropolitan transportation plan (which makes a project eligible), what would KMPO like to see happen? There was some discussion of various projects around Kootenai county.

**10. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Tyler made a comment that the Huetter Bypass would be a very important project for the area to prioritize, as it would add some traffic relief to both Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene. He also pondered if a road going East-West, perhaps Hayden Ave. being a four-lane trucking route would help the traffic on the prairie. He also commented that there have been conversations that there should be some signage at Lancaster Ave. directing drivers to Greensferry Rd. to catch SH-41 there, instead of going through Rathdrum.

Mr. Hodgkins made a comment that the city sees traffic back ups on SH 53 and SH 41, and his pick for a four lane East-West Road expansion would be Lancaster Ave.

**11. Next Meeting – October 9th, 2025**

**12. Adjournment**

**Mr. Christensen motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board on September 11th, 2025, and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

Kate Williams *signature on file*  
Recording Secretary