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

KMPO Board Meeting November 20th, 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
- Changes to the Agenda and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest Action Item
- Approval Meeting Minutes Action Items
 - a. Approval of October 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- **Public Comments** (limited to 3 minutes per person)
- 5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations
 - a. October 2025 KCATT Meeting Cancelled-No Report
- Administrative Matters
 - a. October 2025 KMPO Expenditures Action Item
 - b. November 2025 Financial Snapshot Informational
 - c. KMPO 2025-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests: Notification
 - i. 2025-2031 KMPO TIP Amendment # 15 ITD request to increase KN 24398 Prairie Trail Underpass and KN 12310 Ramsey Road **Extension**
 - ii. 2025-2031 KMPO TIP Amendment # 16 ITD request to increase CN in KN 24306 and add three additional projects KN 25010, KN 25017, KN 25018
- Other Business

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 December 11th, 2025
- 12. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Board Meeting November 20th, 2025 Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor 408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Jeff Tyler Post Falls Highway District

Tom Shafer
Randy Westlund
City of Post Falls
Steve Adams
Lakes Highway District
Graham Christensen, Chairman
Jim Kackman
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
John Hodgkins
Phil Cooper
Worley Highway District

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Dan Gookin City of Coeur d'Alene

Board Members Absent:

Damon Allen ITD, District 1
Bruce Mattare, Vice Chairman Kootenai County

Staff Present:

Glenn Miles Executive Director
Ali Marienau Transportation Planner

Kate Williams Administrator

Attendees:

Terry Werner Citizen
Jerry Wilson ITD
Robert Beachler ITD

Robert Seale City of Post Falls

Donna and Monty Montgomery Citizens

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

Mr. Graham Christensen called for any changes to the agenda or conflicts of interest. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded as planned.

3. Approval Meeting Minutes – Action Items

a. Approval of October 9th 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim Kackman, motioned to approve the October 9th KMPO Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Steve Adams, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)

No Public comments were made.

5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations

There was no October KCATT meeting; therefore, there was no report to present to the board.

6. Administrative Matters

a. October 2025 KMPO Expenditures – Action Item

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO had routine expenses for the month of October, along with some additional spending. KMPO paid for the annual INRIX subscription, in which half will be reimbursed by ITD.

Mr. Hodgkins asked if there was a price increase for INRIX from last year, and Mr. Miles reported there was about a 5% increase this year.

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

b. November 2025 Financial Snapshot

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO is in good financial standing, with no major financial changes from October. He reported that all of the annual assessment letters that went out to the local jurisdictions have been paid at this time. The annual audit of KMPO finances is underway and should be completed by mid-December.

c. KMPO 2025-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests: Notification Mr. Miles reported that these are amendments to the 2025 program, even though the 2026 program has been adopted. This is because the TIP is converted to the STIP by the IT Board, and the STIP is still waiting approval from FHWA, which typically occurs in December.

i. 2025-2031 KMPO TIP Amendment #15 ITD request to increase KN 24398 Prairie Trail Underpass and KN 12310 Ramsey Road Extension

This amendment increases funding for KN 24398 in the amount of \$200,000 for Construction (CN) and KN 12310 in the amount of \$200,000 for Land Purchase (LP) using STBG Large Urban End of the Year programming funds. This funding is from FHWA FY 2025 Redistribution Funding provided to the Statewide balance. KN 24162 Increases \$150,000 for an environmental/cultural resource agreement, offset from the Statewide Balance

ii. 2025-2031 KMPO TIP Amendment #16 ITD request to increase CN in KN 24306 and add three additional projects KN 25010, KN 25017, KN 25018

This amendment increases funding for KN 24306 in the amount of \$2,816,685 for Construction (CN), KN 25010 in the amount of \$200,00 for Land Purchase (LP) using STBG Large Urban End of the Year programming funds. This funding is from FHWA FY 2025 Redistribution Funding provided to the Statewide balance. KN 24162 Increases \$150,000 for an environmental/cultural resource agreement, offset from the Statewide Balance

7. Other Business

There was no other business for the board to discuss at the November KMPO meeting.

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 reported on behalf of Kootenai County. Citylink North had a 6% increase in ridership for fixed route services and a 5% increase for paratransit services for the month. Mr. Ingle reported they are working on their National Transit Database (NTD) information, which is done yearly and then uploaded to FTA. It is a repository for information about the agency's various financials, asset conditions, etc. The BoCC approved five ITD grants, and transit is working on their 5310 program funds, which will go before the BoCC within the next few weeks for approval on the application.

Mr. Tom Shafer, city of Hayden, asked Mr. Ingle about how residents in Hayden might get information on bus routes and how to use the system of buses more efficiently. Mr. Ingle stated that anyone looking to use the

transit system can find a route tool on Google Maps or Apple Maps. He also stated that he can get some contact information to Mr. Shafer after the meeting to help connect him to someone at transit for help route planning.

b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report

Mr. Ingle reported on behalf of the tribe. He stated that they are working on updating their FTA grants and in the process of updating their NTD information, as well. He reported that operations are running smoothly.

9. Director's Report

Mr. Miles reported that KMPO is now in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program, which began on October 1. He gave an update of the current projects that are both completed or going under construction in 2026. He reported that he attended an urban balancing meeting on November 6th in Boise and put in a request for additional funds for the Prairie Avenue project, from Meyer Rd. to SH-41, in the amount of \$450,000. The Rathdrum Prairie Area Transportation Study held an open house in September that was well attended. The US-95/I-90 Interchange project held an open house Tuesday night that was also well attended; the public comment period is open until December 5th. Mr. Miles reported that KMPO is having their annual financial audit done by Magnuson, McHugh, Dougherty, and it is well underway. On December 18th at the CDA public library, KCATT will hold a utility meeting for end of year discussion and collaboration for upcoming projects. He reported that KMPO will be closed on November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. Mr. Miles announced that KMPO officer elections will be held at the December board meeting.

Mr. Shafer asked Mr. Miles what the reception of the US-95 project was at the open house. Mr. Miles stated that he observed conversations happening and that he believes businesses and neighborhoods of impact are voicing concerns and that ITD will have further work to do before the design is finalized.

10. Board Member Comments

Mr. Jeff Tyler, Post Falls Highway District, commented that the Idaho Association of Highway districts had their convention in Boise. He commented that he was introduced to a product that is a pothole patch kit. It is a bag with recycled asphalt that crew members can throw into a pothole. As cars drive over, it packs in and finishes it off flush. A highlight of the product is that, if there's water in the pot hole, this product can still be used. PFHD district plans to try this solution out. He also commented that he is the chairman of the Associated Highway Districts of Kootenai County, and they are having JUB put together a survey for engineers to look at ways to make their rules and regulations simpler for the public and engineers to use. He commented that PFHD has had complaints about the Meyer Rd. and Hayden Ave. intersection with collisions happening often. The PFHD director and the Director at Lakes Highway District worked together to purchase a temporary signal and install it without using federal funds. The response from the public has been positive, as the light has decreased the accidents and congestion.

Mr. Shafer commented that he was made aware of a Spokane Transit Authority plan that involved a light rail going from Spokane to North Idaho. He asked Mr. Miles if he was aware of such a plan and what could be done by the KMPO board to be involved in the decision-making process. Mr. Miles stated that he was the Director of Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) for 17 years, and before that, he was their regional transportation planning manager; he worked on the public side of the Spokane regional light rail project in 2000. Mr. Miles stated he is aware of the light rail discussions that occurred in the past, which were canceled at the time. He said he would assume this plan is being resurrected by the long-range plan of SRTC. The plan was for a system of light rail going from Spokane to Liberty Lake to Coeur d'Alene, as well as going to the Spokane International Airport. Mr. Miles said that if there was another push for a light rail, Washington, for their side, has the taxing structure that would allow them to do that. They have a legislature that supports that type of activity, and they have two US Senators who are in a position to make such a project happen. Those three frameworks don't exist in Idaho, in terms of there's no taxing structure in Idaho for public transportation or a light rail. The likelihood of that moving forward in Idaho is low, unless the Idaho legislature creates that opportunity. KMPO is the policy makers for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan of our metropolitan area, and the MTP embraces both roads and public transportation. Spokane County has their own public transportation plan. A light rail would have to be in this area's transportation plan, and as the MTP is right now, it does not envision light rail being in Kootenai County. There is nothing KMPO can do about SRTC and Spokane transit authority plans. KMPO does have say in what happens in Kootenai County.

11. Next Meeting – December 11th, 2025

12. Adjournment

Chairman Graham Christensen motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board on November 20th, 2025, and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Kate Williams Signature on file Recording Secretary