

## MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 13, 2017  
Post Falls City Council Chambers, City Hall, First Floor  
Post Falls, Idaho

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Jim Kackman, Vice Chair  
Marc Eberlein  
Lynn Borders  
Dick Panabaker  
Terry Werner  
Monty Montgomery, Alternate  
Damon Allen  
Dan Gookin

Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Kootenai County  
City of Post Falls  
City of Hayden  
Post Falls Highway District  
Lakes Highway District  
Idaho Transportation Department Dist. 1  
City of Coeur d'Alene

**Board Members Absent:**

James Mangan, Chair  
Terry Sverdsten  
Fred Meckel  
Rod Twete

Worley Highway District  
East Side Highway District  
City of Rathdrum  
Lakes Highway District

**Staff Present:**

Glenn Miles  
Ali Marienau  
Kelly Lund

Executive Director  
Transportation Planner  
Executive Secretary

**Attendees:**

Kevin Jump  
Donna Montgomery  
Alan Soderling  
Jim Brannon  
Jody Bieze  
Adam Argo  
Kimberly Hobson  
Alan R. Eirls  
Jeannette Leckvold  
Sam Rost  
Jennifer  
Nancy Mabile  
Diane Fountain  
Christopher DeLorto  
Leon Duce  
Sara Sumner

City of Rathdrum  
KMPO Volunteer  
City of Hayden  
Citizen  
Kootenai County  
David Evans & Associates  
Kootenai County  
Citylink, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Kootenai County  
Citizen  
Citizen  
PAC  
Lakes Highway District  
HDR  
City of Rathdrum  
Kootenai County

**1. Call to Order – Jim Kackman, Vic Chair**

The regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Vice Chair Jim Kackman at 1:30 p.m.

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

Vice Chair Kackman noted no changes to the Agenda or conflicts of interest were declared.

### **3. Approval of February 9, 2017 KMPO Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Dick Panabaker moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 KMPO Board meeting. Mr. Marc Eberlein and Mr. Terry Werner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **4. Public Comments (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)**

There were no public comments.

### **5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations – Kevin Jump**

#### **a. Recap of Activities – February and March**

KCATT Chair Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum Public Works Director, reported KCATT met March 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed Kootenai County's Service and Fare Equity Analysis, an upcoming two-day bike/pedestrian safety training, and an update to the urban area boundary. KMPO staff will begin updating the construction map; the map will not be printed, but posted on the KMPO website.

#### **b. Recommendations – Amendment #4 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Jump noted ITD had requested the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 be added to the TIP; the public comment period closed April 4, 2017. KCATT approved and recommended KMPO adopt Amendment #4 on the condition any public comments received be addressed. The PS&E submittal is expected mid-May and construction this year.

Mr. Miles stated no comments were received during the 30 day public comment period.

Mr. Dick Panabaker moved to accept the recommendation of KCATT and approve Amendment #4 to the FY2017-2021 TIP. Mr. Lynn Borders seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **6. Administrative Matters**

#### **a. February 2017 KMPO Expenditures**

#### **b. March 2017 KMPO Expenditures**

Mr. Terry Werner moved to approve the February and March 2017 expenditures. Mr. Lynn Borders seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **c. April 1, 2017 Financial Snapshot**

Mr. Miles noted KMPO was halfway through their fiscal year and on track as of April 1, 2017; approximately 39% of their budget has been expended. Receivables from ITD are timely.

### **7. Public Transportation (Informational Items Provided to KMPO)**

*KMPO is not the Designated Recipient of FTA Funding for the provision of transit Service in Kootenai County. These informational items are provided as a service to the public and to local jurisdictions. Questions related to service, schedules, or concerns should be directed to Kootenai County.*

#### **a. Kootenai County Urban and Specialized Transit Monthly Report – Jody Bieze**

Ms. Kimberly Hobson gave an introduction statement prior to the presentation. She introduced Kootenai County's consultant Adam Argo, Senior Transportation Planner for David Evans & Associates.

Mr. Eberlein addressed Vice Chair Kackman suggesting they disallow political agendas within presentations before the Board.

Vice Chair Kackman said he believed Ms. Hobson had concluded her statement.

Mr. Argo, David Evans & Associates, gave Kootenai County's Service and Fare Equity Analysis PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered the public outreach, opinion survey, the goals and objectives of the project. The status, timeline, priority needs, recommended actions, potential routes, and proposed service changes were also discussed. Following the presentation, Mr. Argo, Ms. Hobson, and Ms. Bieze answered questions from the Board.

b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report – Alan Eirls

Mr. Eirls noted overall ridership had dropped 900 compared to March 2016; the B Route was the only route with increased ridership. In early April, someone backed into one of their shelters causing considerable damage; the individual did not have insurance. The rural area consistently serves 4,500 – 5,500 riders; casino events and the number of employees at the casino impact ridership. Mr. Eirls explained the mechanical issues they had with the new bus; the three newest buses are not expected to encounter these problems.

**8. Other Business**

a. KMPO Bike and Pedestrian Safety Training Workshop – Ali Marienau

Ms. Marienau noted KMPO was working with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in arranging a bike and pedestrian safety training. The training is scheduled for May 23 and 24 and will serve as a kickoff for the Regional Non-Motorized Plan update. KMPO will cover the instructor's travel expenses. She provided an overview of the training and noted it was limited to 30 participants. Any seats not filled by KCATT or FWHA employees will be made available to the KMPO Board and/or employees of KMPO member jurisdictions. Any remaining seats will be opened up to jurisdictions' bike/ped organizations or other stakeholders on a first come first serve basis. Anyone interested in attending the training should contact Ms. Marienau. The training will be free to participants.

In response to a question from Mr. Panabaker regarding the status of the bike path along Highway 95, Mr. Allen explained ITD continues discussions with Kootenai County, the City of Coeur d'Alene, and the City of Hayden; there was nothing new to report.

**9. Director's Report** (written report included in Board packet)

Mr. Miles noted he had attended the recent Urban Balancing Committee meeting. The Government Way project from Hanley to Prairie Avenue is out to bid. The City of Hayden was able to get an additional \$300,000 for the design effort on the Ramsey Road Extension project; they will work with Kootenai County and the airport to address some of the design challenges as part of the Airport Master Plan Update

Mr. Miles commented on transportation funding at the federal level. Funding discussions are expected to begin next month in the House and then move to the Senate. All four chairs of the germane US Senate Committees, Appropriations, Finance, Environment & Public Works, and Commerce, Science, & Transportation, are from the rural states of Utah, Wyoming, and South Dakota. They have put a marker down saying, when it comes to transportation funding, rural states will be given an additional look as they are challenged in competing with coastal states.

There will be upcoming discussions about performance measures; adoption of those will need to be done by February 2018. Mr. Miles said they are working with ITD in how to set the benchmark and track measures over time. The day before the Urban Balancing Committee met, a meeting on safety performance was held. It appears the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration has been withholding \$1 million a year from the State of Idaho because they do not have a distracted driving law. Mr. Miles said that is significant when funding education, enforcement and special emphasis. The discussion is expected to surface in the legislature during the next session. Over the last several years, the State has emphasized DUI enforcement. Due to a rise in vehicle/bike/pedestrian involved crashes, they will be adding funding for education and special emphasis on the behavioral aspect of bike/pedestrian activity in communities; the discussion is expected in June. When compared to other metropolitan areas throughout the State, KMPO has the lowest vehicle/bike/pedestrian crash rates. Until this area has enough data, KMPO will seriously consider adopting the State's safety benchmarks.

Mr. Miles met with the planners from local jurisdictions yesterday. Many of them are in the process of updating their comprehensive plans. They looked at the 2012 population forecasts which is used to drive the transportation model. Although some felt the model growth rates were overly optimistic, they do not appear to be far off. Current population in Kootenai County is estimated at 170,000 – 172,000 people; the 2020 forecast estimates 178,000 people. Mr. Miles noted the growth projections were adopted by the KMPO Board. A 10-year rolling average is used in calculating the projection.

Mr. Miles will give a presentation to the Post Falls City Council in a workshop session Tuesday night. He will be discussing where transportation is heading in the next 15-20 years.

#### **10. Board Member Comments**

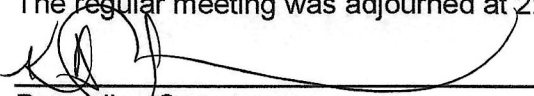
Mr. Allen noted the Governor did not veto their transportation bill so they have the new ability to bond for road projects up to \$300 million. They received a small increase of approximately \$15 million from the general fund out of the bill. Next week, at their ITD Board meeting in Lewiston, the Board will be deciding how much to bond and what projects to do with those bonds, if any. He noted the GARVEE bond corridor in District 1, primarily US 95 – Garwood to Sagle, was the last corridor they had worked on. Nearly all of US 95 is eligible as a GARVEE bondable corridor. Mr. Allen will provide updates as they come. He commented on the US 95 bike path and said ITD is still working with the County, Coeur d'Alene, and Hayden to reach a resolution; the path will have new asphalt at the time the Highway 95 project is done.

#### **11. Next Meeting – May 11, 2017**

#### **12. Adjournment**

There being nothing further before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, Vice Chair Kackman adjourned the April 13, 2017 meeting without objection.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary