

MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 2026
Post Falls City Council Chambers, Post Falls City Hall, 1st Floor
408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce Mattare, Chairman	Kootenai County
Randy Westlund, Vice Chairman	City of Post Falls
Tom Shafer	City of Hayden
Steve Adams	Lakes Highway District
Dan Gookin	City of Coeur d'Alene
John Hodgkins	City of Rathdrum

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Tyler	Post Falls Highway District
Phil Cooper	Worley Highway District
Graham Christensen	East Side Highway District
Jim Kackman	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Ryan Hawkins	Idaho Transportation Department

Staff Present:

Ali Marienau	Executive Director
Jess Eliason	Office Administrator

Attendees:

Terry Werner	LHTAC
Michael Lenz	PFHD
Donna Montgomery	LHD
Monty Montgomery	Citizen
Robert Beachler	ITD
Chad Ingle	KCPT

1. Call to Order – Bruce Mattare, Chairman

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

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

Chair Mattare called for any changes to the agenda or declarations of conflicts of interest. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Items

a. Approval of July 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes

There being no discussion, Mr. Dan Gookin moved to approve the July 9, 2026, KMPO Policy Board meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Randy Westlund seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments (*limited to 3 minutes per person*) – None.

5. KCATT Recap & Recommendations-Rob Palus

a. Mr. Rob Palus provided a recap of the July KCATT meeting and highlighted several transportation projects. He reported that the I-90 widening project had continued to progress and that the US-95 pavement rehabilitation project from Bosanko Avenue to Wyoming Avenue had been advanced from FY 2031 to FY 2027.

Mr. Palus noted that the Prairie Trail area had reopened and that the Pleasant View Interchange had neared completion and was scheduled to open on September 9. The Lancaster Street and Meyer Road roundabout project had also neared completion.

He reported that Prairie Avenue had closed on July 25 for construction of the Prairie Trail Underpass, with detours in place, and was scheduled to reopen to traffic on August 10. Work on the Canyon Road Bridge also continued.

Mr. Palus further reported that the Prairie Avenue widening project between Meyer Road and SH-41 had been submitted to ITD and was anticipated to go out for bid in early fall. He also noted that Phase 2 of the Kidd Island Road project was scheduled for construction in 2028.

b. Recommendations:

1. Draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Palus reported that KCATT had unanimously recommended approval of the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

6. Administrative Matters

a. July 2026 KMPO Expenditures

Executive Director Ali Marienau reported that KMPO incurred routine expenditures for July 2026. She noted one additional transaction related to the cash-out of personal leave for Glenn Miles.

Mr. Dan Gookin moved to approve the July 2026 expenditures as presented. Mr. Randy Westlund seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. KMPO 2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Requests:

- 1. Amendment #11 LHTAC request to advance KN 24677**
- 2. Amendment #12 ITD request to modify the funding source for KN 23349**
- 3. Amendment #14 LHTAC request to increase funds for KN 24276**
- 4. Amendment #15 ITD request to increase funds for KN 23243**

Executive Director Marienau explained the need for and purpose of all four amendments. She noted that Amendment #13 was being processed as a KMPO Board-approved amendment due to changes in the project's design, concept, and scope. The amendment was made available for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 22 through August 19, 2026. The KMPO Board was scheduled to consider approval of Amendment #13 to the 2026–2032 Transportation Improvement Program at its regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

c. Draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Steve Adams moved to approve the Draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Tom Shafer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Other Business

a. 2025 Transportation System Performance – Pavement & Bridge Condition, Travel Time Reliability, and Freight Reliability

Ms. Ali Marienau, Executive Director, provided background on the 2025 Transportation System Performance Report, which compared Kootenai County's pavement condition, bridge condition, travel-time reliability, and freight reliability measures with the ITD performance targets adopted by the KMPO Board.

Ms. Marienau reported that Kootenai County met ITD's target for pavements in poor condition but did not meet the target for pavements in good condition. The County met both bridge-condition targets. She noted that the Prairie Trail overpass was the only bridge identified as being in poor condition and that improvements to the structure had since been completed.

8. 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 presentations and 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 or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

a. Kootenai County Transit Report- None.

b. Coeur d'Alene Tribe Rural Transit Report- None.

9. Director's Report

Ms. Ali Marienau, Executive Director, reviewed her Director's Report and provided updates on KMPO's planning, programming, and administrative activities. She reported that KMPO continued working with ITD District 1 and HDR Inc. to finalize the Rathdrum Prairie Transportation Study, with a draft implementation plan anticipated by the end of August. Ms. Marienau also reviewed recent amendments to the 2026–2032 Transportation Improvement Program, including the proposed changes to the I-90 Passage Multi-Plate Culvert Project, and provided information on the TIP public comment period and upcoming open house. She provided an update on administrative activities, including office organization and records documentation, financial and accounting responsibilities, recruitment for the Transportation Planner position, and future office maintenance and equipment needs. Ms. Marienau asked the Board for feedback regarding its desired level of involvement in future administrative expenditures. The Board thanked Ms. Marienau for bringing potential expenditures to their attention and expressed confidence in her ability to make those administrative decisions, with significant expenditures continuing to be brought before the Board as appropriate. Ms. Marienau also noted the importance of developing a formal records retention policy and stated that additional information would be provided to the Board in September.

10. Board Member Comments- None.

11. Next Meeting – September 10, 2026

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Mattare adjourned the regular meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) Policy Board at 2:03 p.m.

Signature on File

Jess Eliason

Recording Secretary

