MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
February 1, 2007
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Dick Harris (Alternate)	City of Post Falls
Dixie Reid	City of Coeur d'Alene
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Scott Stokes	Idaho Transportation Department
Jesse Ojala (Alternate)	City of Rathdrum
Rick Currie	Kootenai County
Anson Gable	City of Hayden

Board Members Absent:

Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Clay Larkin, Vice Chair	City of Post Falls
Brian Steele	City of Rathdrum

Staff Present:
Glenn Miles, Executive Director
Jennifer Wash, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board was called to order by Chair, Lynn Humphreys at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the January 4, 2007 meeting minutes. Mr. James Mangan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments – Mr. Dick Edinger commended Ms. Dixie Reid for standing up for the highway districts' need for impact fees at the most recent public meetings.

4. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles

a) KMPO Vouchers – December 2006

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the payment of the December 2006 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of $6,914.09. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

b) KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers – December 2006

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve payment of the December 2006 KCATT Transportation Plan Update Key 9025 Vouchers in the amount of $107.73. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

c) Huetter Corridor Vouchers – December 2006

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve payment of the December 2006 Huetter Corridor Study Key 9170 Vouchers in the amount of $687.81. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

d) SRTC Contract Renewal

Mr. Glenn Miles announced that March 31st is the end of the second two-year period for SRTC's contract and in the Board memorandum he explained SRTC's current activity and how they provide support to KMPO. Mr. Miles asks for direction from the Board whether or not there is an interest in renewing this contract.

Ms. Dixie Reid commented that KMPO would not be where it is today were it not for the expertise of Mr. Miles and SRTC.

Mr. Mark Soderling and Mr. Scott Stokes both made comments of support for SRTC's knowledge and guidance in making KMPO a successful Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Scott Stokes made a motion to continue another two-year contract with SRTC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rick Currie and unanimously approved.

5. Public Transportation Report.

a) Status Report on Citylink Service

Mr. Bill Spencer passed out the Citylink report to the Board for their review and reported on ridership for the month of January. There was good growth throughout all the areas. Mr. Alan Eirls gave an update of Phase I and his research of timing elements at different stops. They have added 29 stops through out Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Hayden at a minimal to no cost to the area.

b) Status Report on KATS Service

Mr. John Austin asked the Boards permission to continue working with the Tribe for an extension of another three years.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion for KATS to extend their involvement with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for another three years. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Joe Crowe presented a KATS-LINK report that reported their ridership and routes for the month of January comparing the growth to last year's numbers.

c) TESH Inc. Application for Section 5310 Funds

Mr. Miles explained that since Kootenai County is an urbanized area and KMPO does the planning for Kootenai County, those agencies that want to receive federal transit administration assistance have to apply to ITD and have to receive a recommendation from the MPO. TESH, Inc. has applied for funding assistance for the purchase of two vans and also providing operational assistance. A goal was also established of having TESH, Inc. integrate 10% of the ridership over the next 5 years to the extent possible that they begin the process of integrating ridership into the KATs or Citylink systems. He states that there is a recommendation from KCATT that this be approved.

Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the application of TESH, Inc. in the amount of $89,445 for the purchase of two vans and retrofit an existing 15-passenger van. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Miles, KMPO Executive Director, reported that he had an opportunity to meet with the Governor as well as most of the North Idaho Legislators about the Inland Pacific Hub. He stated that he received a lot of support from the area legislators to proceed with the Inland Pacific Hub concept.

Mr. Miles also stated that on February 20th the strategic advisory committee on the Highway 97 Corridor Study will be meeting and then follow-up with an open house. Staff from Ruen-Yeager is working on getting the background data prepared for this meeting.

7. KCATT Recommendations –

Mr. Miles reported to the Board the two projects for KMPO to consider for the Local Federal Aid Funding that comes through LHTAC. The two projects are: Post Falls Highway District for the continuation of the construction of Prairie and one for repaving

of 10th Avenue in the City of Spirit Lake. These projects were presented to KCATT committee and they recommended that KMPO submit them both as a priority for this area.

Mr. Jimmie Dorsey made a motion to have both the Post Falls Highway District and the City of Spirit Lakes' projects move forward to LHTAC for funding. Mr. Mark Soderling seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

Mr. Jimmie Dorsey passed out an e-mail concerning funding in this area. Mr. Miles clarified by stating that he had received an e-mail from Washington D.C. that the house side of Congress has passed the continuing resolution which strips all of the earmarks and authorizing the increase in the program that match the 2007 levels.

Mr. Miles also reported on the Craig-Wyden bill and will be addressed more in the middle of the month.

Mr. Lynn Humphreys reported that he had received letters from the Legislators stating that the Lancaster Interchange is no more important than other projects in need of funding in the GARVEE program.

10. Board Member Items.

Mr. Lynn Humphreys announced that Scott Stokes has accepted the position in Boise as deputy director and thanked him for his years at ITD.

Ms. Dixie Reid commented that KMPO has been fortunate to have him on the Board and although he will be missed she knows he will be beneficial in Boise representing the whole State of Idaho.

Mr. Dick Harris introduced himself to the Board as an alternate for Clay Larkin who is attending a meeting in Boise.

Mr. Jesse Ojala, City Council President for Rathdrum, introduced himself to the Board as Brian Steele's alternate.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary