MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
June 7, 2007
Idaho Transportation Department District 1 Headquarters
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Board Members in Attendance:

Clay Larkin, Vice Chair	City of Post Falls
Bob Wilbur (Alternate)	Post Falls Highway District
Dixie Reid	City of Coeur d'Alene
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Mark Soderling	Lakes Highway District
Tom Feely (Alternate)	Worley Highway District
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Andrea Storjohann	Idaho Transportation Department
Brian Steele	City of Rathdrum

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Rick Currie	Kootenai County
Norma Peone	Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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 Vice Chair, Clay Larkin at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the May 3, 2007 meeting minutes. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments –

Ms. Pat Cully, a Coeur d'Alene, resident spoke on timing of the traffic lights on U.S. 95. She commented that something needs to be done to improve traffic flow in this area and suggested having lagging left turns. Ms. Cully stated that in Scottsdale, Arizona where she resides in the winter uses lagging left turns and it has been successful in keeping

the flow of traffic steady. Mr. Clay Larkin thanked her for coming and making a public statement. Ms. Andrea Storjohann stated that this issue would be best addressed by ITD and she would have someone contact her and listen to her further concerning this issue.

4. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles

a) KMPO Vouchers – April 2007

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the payment of the April 2007 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of $16,919.88. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.

b) Huetter Corridor Study – Key 9170 – February through April 2007

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the payment of the February through April 2007 Huetter Corridor Study Vouchers in the amount of $2,546.29. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Soderling and unanimously approved.

c) S.H. 97 Study Key 9770 – April 2007

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the payment of the April 2007 S.H. 97 Study Key 9770 Vouchers in the amount of $19,808.83. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

5. Public Transportation Reports.

a) Status Report on Citylink Service

Mr. Alan Eirls, Citylink Transportation Manager, passed out the monthly Citylink report to the Board for their review and reported on ridership for the month of May. Ridership has increased for the month with a considerable increase from last May. Schedules that consist of the entire route formation will be printed and ready for distribution next week. Mr. Eirls also stated that Citylink gave a presentation to the Coeur d'Alene City Council and it went very well.

Mr. Clay Larkin asked Mr. Eirls if the fuel tax issue will affect the free public transportation. Mr. Eirls said he has spoken to a planner that says this may affect their contributions to the system, but does not have any details on how, but they are looking into outside contributions. Mr. Larkin asked the Board how this will affect KMPO, the Tribe and State and how should KMPO proceed with this issue.

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to have KMPO support working with the Tribe to avoid the potential disruption of Citylink service. Bob Wilbur seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bill Spencer informed the Board that he has left employment with the Tribe and thanked the Board for their support and guidance on the Citylink project. Mr. Clay Larkin thanked Mr. Spencer for all his service and the relationship he has developed with KMPO and the Tribe. The Board members and audience gave him a round of applause.

Ms. Dixie Reid reminded the Board that all the cities are in their budgetary process and we have to have the budgets set and certified to the county by the first of September. She stated that the quicker the budgets are set the cities can work on the contribution toward the public transportation system. Mr. Miles is anticipating meeting with the management at the Casino and the Tribe in a couple weeks.

b) Status Report on KATS Service

Mr. John Austin stated that if it weren't for Mr. Spencer, and all his work putting together the Citylink system, Citylink would not have been up and running today.

Mr. Joe Crowe passed out the KATS-Link report for the month of May and stated that their ridership has gone up significantly since last year. He had no incidents to report.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Miles, KMPO Executive Director, reported the City of Rathdrum had a meeting with North Idaho area Legislators regarding Bridging the Valley giving them a briefing on where it is at today and how critical the congressional effort to get funding for the project is. On May 22, 2007, these North Idaho Legislators sent a letter to Senator Craig and Senator Crapo letting them know of their support for the Bridging the Valley project as well the need for funding into the rail relocation and capital improvement program.

Mr. Miles also stated that a pamphlet has been put out by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and Federal Transportation Association (FTA) in coordination with the American Planning Association which recognizes the 2006 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards and Citylink was awarded a most honorable mention for their efforts in public transportation in this area.

Mr. Miles informed the Board that currently in congress there are two schools of thought regarding transportation funding. The administration has pushed with public private partnerships and a few have not done to well. A commission was created by congress to study the next Reauthorization Bill and part of the group is saying there needs to be more private public partnerships in order to leverage private sector investment in the public owned transportation system and the other group that look at publicly owned transportation as a national asset. There are different investment groups around the world who are looking into investing into the United States' transportation system. The

other item that will be on the next Reauthorization Bill is the subject of freight mobility. There was a brief question and answer period on this issue among the Board.

Mr. Miles also mentioned that the budget levels for 2008 have been approved by congress. The appropriations cycle is in full swing and will be made apparent this summer.

7. KCATT Recommendations

Mr. Kelly Brownsberger recommended the following KCATT recommendation items to the Board for approval: The Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan, Huetter Corridor Right of Way Study as submitted at the November 2, 2006 presentation. This recommendation is based on the original analysis and the Greensferry option. He stated that the Huetter option would have fewer impacts related to the residential areas, schools, commercial and retail establishments and require less property acquisition; and the approval of the North River joint development of the commercial/retail business center and the public transportation park and ride on southwest corner of Ramsey and Appleway.

8. Other Business

a) Huetter Corridor Study Update

Ms. Christine Fueston from Ruen-Yeager gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Huetter Corridor Study and Greensferry Alternative as directed from the Board in November 2006. The presentation consisted of data and scenarios that compared the two corridor options and showed how each impacts the area as far as residential areas, schools, commercial and retail establishments. Ms. Dixie Reid stated that reopening the public process and having a public input meeting that compared the two options would be beneficial.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to re-open the public involvement process for the purpose of public discussion on the comparison between the Huetter Corridor option and the Greensferry Alternative option. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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b) Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Mr. Miles stated that Staci Lehman in the office has been working with the different human services providers in Kootenai County to take what was done as part of the adopted public transportation plan to meet the federal requirements that came out of SAFETEA-LU for Human Services Coordinated Transportation plan basically looking at how we can provide public service to the general public and for the people to address the human services transportation which would be for the elderly, handicapped, medical issues and even for educational purposes. He stated that the plan has been put together it has been advertised in the paper, the list of human services providers have

been contacted for their input, and it was taken to KCATT for their review. Which has now been brought back to the Board with their recommendation for approval.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Ms. Andrea Storjohann seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

c) North River LLC Conceptual Development Plan at Ramsey & Appleway

Mr. Miles introduced Stephen Redenour from North River LLC presented a proposal and an overview for the joint development of a commercial/retail business center and public transportation related park and ride lot using excess ITD and City of Coeur d'Alene right of way on a long term lease along Appleway/Ramsey Road. He has asked for an endorsement and or approval from the Board of the conceptual development plan for this project. There was a brief discussion, question, and comment period from the Board on this item.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to approve the Conceptual Development Plan at Ramsey and Appleway, which would be subject to revision during the normal course of development review by the City of Coeur d'Alene and the development of the long-term lease agreement. Bob Wilbur seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

d) Scott Frey, Idaho Division FHWA

Mr. Miles introduced Scott Frey and Patti Raino from the Idaho Division FHWA. Mr. Scott Frey passed out the SAFETEA-LU Planning Provisions Assessment and Implementation Guidance for KMPO and talked briefly on the regulations and what is expected from the MPO. Ms. Patti Raino suggested that as part of your long range transportation plan to implement safety and security of the system and the coordination between partners on this issue. There was a brief question and answer period following their presentation.

9. Board Member Items.

Mr. Bob Wilbur from the Post Falls Highway District mentioned that the bridge on Seltice is nearing completion.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary