MEETING MINUTES

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board Meeting
August 2, 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
James Mangan	Worley Highway District
Anson Gable	City of Hayden
Rick Currie	Kootenai County
Brian Steele	City of Rathdrum

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Humphreys, Chair	Post Falls Highway District
Damon Allen	Idaho Transportation Department
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 June Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Bob Wilbur made a motion to approve the June 7, 2007 meeting minutes. Ms. Dixie Reid seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments –

Mr. Frank Hess, Mr. Dennis Draulick, Mr. Jim Thyssen, Mr. Jerry Miles, Ms. Jodi Mouchett, Mr. David Palm, Ms. Kathy Hess, Mr. Al Fonken, Mr. Vic Holmes, Ms. Dee Nystrom, Ms. Dee Martin, Mr. Dennis Kammeyer, Ms. Sharon Greer, Mr. Gary Nystrom, Mr. Brett Boyer, and Mr. Don Emehise shared their concerns with the Board on the matter of the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study. The majority of the

comments were against the preferred alignment recommended by KCATT, a few thought Greensferry would be the best choice, and others asked the Board to consider other alternatives.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to move the Huetter Corridor Update agenda item to follow the public comment period. Mr. Jimmie Dorsey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

a) Huetter Corridor Study Update

Ms. Christine Fueston from Ruen-Yeager gave an update of the comments taken from the July 25th Public Open House on the Huetter Corridor / Greensferry Alternative Study. Ms. Fueston reviewed what was presented at the public meeting by showing maps of the area of Huetter and Greensferry.

Comments were made by each of the Board members on this matter.

Mr. James Mangan made a motion to abandon the Huetter Corridor Study and look at other options. Mr. Brian Steele seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. The vote was as follows:

James Mangan	Yes	Dixie Reid	No
Brian Steele	Yes	Jimmie Dorsey	No
Anson Gable	No	Clay Larkin	Yes
Mark Soderling	No	Rick Currie	No
Bob Wilbur	No		

The motion to abandon the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study and look at other options failed with a vote of 6 nays and 3 yeas.

Ms. Dixie Reid made a motion to preserve the Right of Way for the Huetter Corridor recommended by KCATT. Mr. Bob Wilbur seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. The vote was as follows:

James Mangan	No	Dixie Reid	Yes
Brian Steele	No	Jimmie Dorsey	Yes
Anson Gable	Yes	Clay Larkin	No
Mark Soderling	Yes	Rick Currie	Yes
Bob Wilbur	Yes		

The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yeas and 3 nays.

4. Administrative Matters – Glenn Miles

a) KMPO Vouchers – May through June 2007

Mr. Bob Wilbur made a motion to approve the payment of the May through June 2007 KMPO Vouchers in the amount of $22,565.47. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmie Dorsey and unanimously approved.

b) KCATT Transportation Plan Key 9025 – January through June 2007

Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the January through June 2007 KCATT Transportation Plan in the amount of $10,929.30. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anson Gable and unanimously approved.

c) Huetter Corridor Study – Key 9170 – May through June 2007

Mr. James Mangan made a motion to approve the payment of the May through June 2007 Huetter Corridor Study Vouchers in the amount of $2,221.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dixie Reid and unanimously approved.

d) S.H. 97 Study Key 9770 – May through June 2007

Mr. Mark Soderling made a motion to approve the payment of the May through June 2007 S.H. 97 Study Key 9770 Vouchers in the amount of $9,349.61. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bob Wilbur 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 July. He also introduced to the Board Andrew Murphy and Rodney Mitchell as the new assistant managers of Citylink.

b) Status Report on KATS Service

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.

Mr. John Austin passed out the Operations and FTA Funding For Demand Response and Fixed Operations document and gave the Board an overview of the document.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Miles, KMPO Executive Director, reported that from the request of the Board, he went and met with the Tribe and the Casino about their participation with Citylink over the long term gas tax question. The Tribe said that there should not be a concern about linking the two issues together and they would let the Board know when it starts surfacing as an issue. They are pleased with the relationship with the local jurisdictions and the Tribe with relationship to Citylink.

Mr. Miles updated the Board on the progress of Bridging the Valley and stated that Post Falls Highway District has agreed to provide local match for the Pleasant View interchange as part of Bridging the Valley.

7. KCATT Recommendations – There were no recommendations at this time.

8. Other Business

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b) Metropolitan Transportation Plan Draft

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Draft was handed out to the Board. Mr. Miles explained what the MTP entailed and that a 45-day public comment period is in affect until September 6, 2007. The Plan will then be presented back to the Board for their approval.

c) 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program

The draft program was distributed to the KMPO Board for their review.

9. Board Member Items.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

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Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary