KCATT MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2026
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

1. **Call to Order:**
   Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

2. **Welcome / Introductions:**

Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Tyler Kuber	Lakes Highway District
Jerry Wilson	Idaho Transportation Department
Robert Beachler	Idaho Transportation Department
Michael Lenz	Post Falls Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Chris Bosley	City of Coeur d'Alene
Dulci Kau	City of Hayden

KMPO Staff:

Ali Marienau	Executive Director
Will Palmer	Transportation Planner
Jess Eliason	Office Administrator

Alternates and Guests:

Pete Weigman	City of Athol
Martin Plass	David Evans and Associates, Inc
Jason Stippich	Avista
Cole Warrick	Strata Geo Tech
Matthew Godlewski	Horrocks
Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Jeff Peters	KPFF
David Williams	Horrocks

3. **Approval of August 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

   Mr. Bosley asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

   Mr. Robert Palus moved to approve the August 25, 2026, KCATT meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Dulci Kau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)**

   No public comments were made.

5. **Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates**

   Mr. Robert Beachler, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), provided updates on several Kootenai County transportation projects. He reported that a stakeholder meeting for the SH-41 Rathdrum to Spirit Lake Mobility Study was scheduled for September 24. Bridge deck overlay work continued at the I-90/SH-41 Interchange, with punch-list items remaining. Plans for the I-90 Widening West Package included a mid-October traffic shift and demolition of the westbound

Huetter Bridge, along with temporary closures of Huetter Road and the westbound Huetter Rest Area. For the I-90 Widening East Package, the Northwest Boulevard westbound on-ramp was nearing opening, and traffic shifts to the new bridges were anticipated near the end of October. Drainage and median barrier improvements continued from Wolf Lodge to Cedars. At the Coeur d'Alene River bridges, girder installation was set to begin soon, with a projected bridge opening by Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Paving continued at the SH-53 Pleasant View Interchange, with full opening anticipated the following week. Paving also continued on SH-54 from SH-41 to Greystone Road, with some punch-list work likely to extend into the following year.

Mr. Tyler Kuber, Lakes Highway District, reported plans for a culvert replacement on East Hayden Lake Road that would require a temporary road closure during construction.

Mr. Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported that Meyer Road had reopened. Construction had begun on the Tombstone Street reconstruction project, with work scheduled from September 21 through September 30 in two phases.

Ms. Dulci Kau, City of Hayden, reported that paving had been completed for the Honeysuckle Avenue/Ramsey Road roundabout project. The city planned to rebid the Hayden Avenue/US-95 project in the spring after bids exceeded anticipated costs. Additional work continued on Government Way/Honeysuckle Avenue and Lancaster Road.

Mr. Robert Palus, City of Post Falls, reported that the SH-41/Poleline Avenue Wastewater Improvements project was complete. Work continued on Mullan Avenue and Chase Road, with traffic patterns changing as construction progressed.

Mr. Michael Lenz, Post Falls Highway District, reported that work on Prairie Trail was substantially complete.

Mr. Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported that work on Weller Road was anticipated to begin the following week. He also provided an update on the Cougar Creek Bridge replacement project on McAvoy Road and noted that materials for the US-95 project remained on backorder.

Mr. Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported that the Ramsey Road signal project was scheduled for an October bid opening. The Coeur Terre Phase 2 development continued to move forward, and he provided an update regarding Ada County Highway District's consideration of microtrenching.

Mr. Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported that the Board of County Commissioners had approved a Section 5310 grant for Ring-a-Ride. He also noted that the new paratransit buses were ahead of schedule and could be delivered as early as December.

6. Planning and Programming Update

a. MTP & Model Updates

Executive Director Ms. Marienau reported that FHWA had determined KMPO was out of compliance with the five-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update requirement, resulting in a freeze on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Existing programmed projects could proceed; however, TIP amendments and new projects could not be added until compliance was restored. She noted that the MTP update was expected to be completed by the end of the year following public comment and review by KCATT and the KMPO Board. Staff continued to finalize the travel-demand forecast model and update the plan.

b. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Revisions

Ms. Ali Marienau, Executive Director, provided an update on the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Following comments from ITD and FHWA, revisions were made to reconcile funding and task budgets, clarify funding sources and task descriptions, reallocate Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update funds, restore Safe and Accessible Transportation Options funding, and move paid time off and holiday expenses back to MPO Administration. Required Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) planning factors were also added. Ms. Marienau noted that the revisions were necessary to obtain federal approval of the UPWP by September 30.

Mr. Robert Palus moved to recommend adoption of the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Revisions. Ms. Dulci Kau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. **Unified Planning Work Program Amendment Process**

Ms. Marienau, Executive Director, reported that staff had developed a formal UPWP amendment policy to establish a consistent process for changes during the fiscal year. She explained that formal amendments would be required for new tasks, significant changes in scope, changes in federal funding greater than 10 percent, or reallocations between task budgets greater than 20 percent. Formal amendments would be presented to KCATT for a recommendation to the KMPO Board, with approval from ITD and FHWA/FTA obtained when required.

Mr. Kevin Howard moved to recommend the Unified Planning Work Program Amendment Process. Mr. Robert Palus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Jerry Wilson, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), reported on the August Idaho Transportation Board meeting. He stated that funding across programs had reached 100 percent as part of the FY 2026 closeout.

Mr. Wilson reviewed public participation during the FY 2027–2033 Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP) comment period, noting approximately 33,000 website visits. He reported that 78 percent of participation occurred through the web map and 21 percent through email. Of the comments received, 91 percent pertained to the state transportation system and 9 percent to local projects.

He noted that safety remained a top priority. ITD received positive comments regarding roadway projects, along with approximately 200 comments related to the death of a young driver in District 3.

Mr. Wilson concluded by reporting that the Idaho Transportation Board had approved the FY 2027–2033 ITIP.

8. Current Business

Fall 2026 Utility Forum & Pavement Cut Policy Workshop
Ms. Ali Marienau, Executive Director, announced that staff had tentatively reserved a meeting room at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library for Wednesday, December 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the training. KMPO staff would send an email to KCATT members to confirm their availability.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

1. UPWP Amendment Process
2. FY27 UPWP Revisions
3. Update to KMPO Board - Auditing Services

10. Other Business

Ms. Ali Marienau, Executive Director, reported that the Rathdrum Prairie Study was nearing completion. She stated that FHWA had encouraged local jurisdictions to provide letters of support for the study and had expressed interest in seeing the project move forward. Ms. Marienau also introduced Will Palmer as KMPO's new Transportation Planner. She further reported that ITD planned to begin remodeling in January 2027 and that alternative locations were being considered for future KCATT meetings.

11. Next Meeting- October 27, 2026

12. Adjournment

Chair Bosley adjourned the September 22, 2026, KCATT meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Jess Eliason
Recording Secretary