KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
April 22, 2014
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Hayden, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

Chair Gordon Dobler called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions

Gordon Dobler (Chair)	City of Coeur d'Alene
John Pankratz (Vice Chair)	East Side Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
David Callahan	Kootenai County
Bill Melvin	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Don Davis	ITD

Staff

Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Donna Montgomery	Citizen
Ralph Paul	DEQ
Ed Cannon	KEC
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Dan Malcolm	Lakes Highway District
Eric Olson	HMH
Dan Coonce	LHTAC
Christopher DeLorto	HDR
Michael Walton	MSA
Greg Delavan	Coeur d'Alene Airport

3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Mr. David Callahan made a motion to approve the March 25, 2014 KCATT meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

5. Project and Utility Updates

Ed Cannon, Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC), reported the rebuild project on State Highway 54 from Clagstone Road to Ramsey Road is expected to be complete in 4 – 5 weeks. The next step on the Beck Road project will be to finish installing underground on the west side of Seltice Way to their new substation on Jacklin Street; once that is complete, they can remove the temporary shoofly and install lights along Beck Road. Work on the Dower overhead line rebuild project from the Dower Substation to Mica Creek is expected to begin soon. Engineering on the Hayden Avenue project from Greensferry Road to Pleasant View Road will also begin soon.

Don Davis, ITD, said a test stripe on the north Highway 95 project had been done this week; work will start up again soon. The project will continue to the bottom of Granite Hill and is expected to be complete before the end of summer. Within the month, and before Silverwood opens, the intersection of Lawrence and Bunco Roads will be reconfigured. The Highway 3 project will continue; crews are prepping for that project as not much can be done until the water recedes. In regard to KEC's project on Highway 54, Mr. Davis said he received a call from a resident asking if they were going to be widening the road and putting in a bike path. Mr. Davis commented that there was a long range plan to put in a separated bike path along the loop of Highways 41, 53, 54, and 95, but said it was still a long range plan.

Mr. Pankratz commented to Mr. Davis about a lane closure along Highway 97; he had received a few calls. The closure of east Burma Road was putting traffic in the area.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the Stevens Street sidewalk extension project between Lewis and Crenshaw Streets is expected to be complete by the end of the month. A preconstruction meeting for McCartney Street has been setup; the project will include downtown urban improvements. In-house separated pathway design work on McCartney Street between Main and Second Streets will begin next month; the project is expected to be built next year. Mr. Jump reported on the Highway 41/53 Bridge saying the project was going well and is expected to be complete in June. City crews are sweeping and cleaning up streets.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported they had the bid openings on rehab and construction projects and realized a substantial savings – greater than 15%. The open house held on April 10th for the Transportation Plan was well attended; Mr. Shanley noted the District would be holding another technical advisory committee meeting. Crews will begin pavement markings and other spring maintenance once the weather improves.

Bill Melvin, City of Post Falls, reported the City recently activated a traffic signal at 4th Avenue and Spokane Street and commented that it had improved bike and pedestrian crossing. The Greensferry Overpass Design-Build team proposals were due this week. The right-of-way on the Seltice/Mullan Congestion Mitigation and the 7th Avenue projects are progressing. A scoping session with David Evans and Associates was held last week to update the City's Transportation Master Plan. Mr. Melvin said he had heard the Beck Road project would be complete in June. The City's street division will be opening their chip seal bids this week.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, had no updates, but asked for input on the scope of information the committee would like him to report.

Mr. Dobler said it would be useful to know about upcoming development projects.

Mr. Pankratz suggested he report on zoning changes – anything that affects transportation

Mr. Callahan noted a change just north of I-90 on the west side of Huetter. The area was just zoned commercial and the property on the east side has been presented for the same commercial zoning. Mr. Callahan said anytime the County gets a referral for additional right-of-way they do request it when they can; he commented on the facilitation effort.

Mr. Davis said he believed the highway districts had quarterly meetings with the County Commissioners and suggested either Mr. Callahan or the highway districts relay information from those meetings to the committee.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported Avista was currently under construction on the Prairie Avenue project; the project is ongoing. The District awarded the bid for the Hayden Avenue overlay and, as noted by Mr. Shanley, they also realized a significant savings by going out early; approximately $40,000 under the engineer's estimate. Crews have been doing spring maintenance and cleaning out areas with drainage issues.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the District was nearly done with sweeping and spring cleanup. Yesterday, crews began applying magnesium chloride to roads; 20 railroad cars of the compound will be put down this year. The final design on the Kidd Island Road project has been completed; a meeting will be held later today to go over details. The in-house improvement project on Clemetson Road was moved from 2015 to 2014; work will begin this fall and is expected to take two years.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported the District was in spring maintenance mode, sweeping, cleaning, grading, patching roads, and still repairing flood damage which he expects to continue for some time. After Meadow Road became impassable this winter, the East Side Highway District Board chose to move that road project scheduled for 2016 to 2014. The contractor on the Burma Road project is getting ready for the construction season; there are some significant slope instability issues that will need to be addressed. Although Mr. Pankratz had hoped the project would be complete by October 15th, he would not be surprised if it continued into the next construction season. LHTAC is funding the overrun on the project with savings realized from other jurisdiction's projects.

Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported crews were sweeping and patching roads; restriping will begin once the weather improves. The downtown area is under construction; Front Street is expected to open mid-May. Chair Dobler provided an update on the Aspen Trails project and said if it were to build out, it would connect Haney Avenue to Huetter Road and lineup with Poleline Avenue; however, the project is probably 4-5 years away. He also commented on a new project, Lilac Glen, between Lilac Lane and Pennsylvania Avenue.

6. KMPO Planning Updates

a. Construction Map 2014-2016 Review and Approval – Kelly Lund

Kelly Lund reported there were last minute changes to the draft construction map. It will be forwarded to the committee this week for their review; any changes should be reported no later than May 14th. The final draft will be presented to KCATT in May; if accepted, it will be presented to the KMPO Board for approval in June.

b. SH-41 Corridor Plan Update Status Report – Bonnie Gow

Bonnie Gow reported that she had started working on the Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan update; a lot had changed since the Plan was done in 2002, including zoning, land use and growth rates which all will need to be adjusted. The current transportation model will be used to look at land use, land use densities, and methodologies. To date, Ms. Gow has talked with ITD and the City of Post Falls; in the next 2-3 weeks, she will discuss the update with Kootenai County and the highway districts who are impacted by the Plan. Once the update is complete, they will seek acceptance/approval from KCATT, KMPO, ITD, and the Cities of Post Falls and Rathdrum. Ms. Gow noted the scope of the limits had changed and now extended from I-90 to the junction of Highway 41 and Highway 53.

Bill Melvin noted the City of Post Falls had incorporated the Plan into their previous Transportation Master Plan and said they had been acquiring right-of-ways.

c. Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Don Davis

Mr. Davis reported the draft Idaho Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was out; he said it was extensive, a 60 page document and appeared to be a final draft. The team at ITD Headquarters who put the plan together has requested comments by the middle of May so they can take it to the ITD Board for adoption. He commented that the Plan was broad based and a push toward getting non-motorized covered statewide. The Plan did not require adoption by local agencies. He encouraged the committee to read through the document.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Davis reported the ITD Board meeting was held in Lewiston this month and noted there were a number of Agenda items on aviation; the Board talked with area ports. The Washington Transportation Commission visited during this time, viewed area ports, met with the Lewiston-Clarkston MPO, and had a joint Board meeting with ITD. Mr. Davis said the ITD Board and the Washington Transportation Commission try to meet on a bi-annual basis; he was not aware of anything significant that came out of the meeting.

8. Current Business

Mr. Davis said the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) will meet tomorrow to consider statewide transit funding. The District Coordinating Councils (DCC) met last month, talked with providers and looked at all the proposals for meeting the service needs; this will go to PTAC tomorrow. They will make a recommendation to the Transportation Board at next month's meeting. Mr. Davis commented on the agencies covered by the funding.

He believed the intercity route from Coeur d'Alene to Boise was about to be advertised. He said local match is always a discussion with transit agencies and commented on transit providers finding ways to generate funds to gain match. Mr. Davis commented that the Riverstone Transit Center was moving forward.

Greg Delavan noted to KCATT Chair Gordon Dobler, that he was back in the audience because, though he thought he had a seat at the table, he never sees his name tag, so did not know where it was. He noted David Callahan had one.

Mr. Delavan went on to speak for the airport and noted that KMPO was studying Highway 41. He said, currently, there is a new law that says that you cannot ignore the interest of the airport anymore when you do a study like that. He indicated that when the Huetter Bypass was selected, the route was selected over the objection of the airport; if they would have addressed it back then it would not be a SNAFU today. He also indicated that he did not think 41 was an issue, it was just worth mentioning. He noted that he was glad it was not snowing anymore and said they had no big construction projects this year. Referring to the savings realized by the highway districts, he indicated that he would like to know where the savings were – in oil, crush material, or if they knew the detail of that.

Mr. Shanley said the savings were across the board from last year.

Chair Dobler said we would see about a name card for next time.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

There are no upcoming Board items.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Melvin commented that he had attended a Complete Streets webinar put on by American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) last week. It led to some discussion on the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Mr. Davis had talked about earlier. Mr. Melvin said the idea of adopting and incorporating into their transportation master plans a more regional Complete Streets policy was brought up. He noted that these were preliminary discussions, but said they would pursue it further and thought, at some point, it would be discussed by KCATT.

Chair Dobler said they had done some of that, but noted it would translate into codes, street widths, etc. and would need to filter down.

11. Next Meeting – May 20, 2014

12. Adjournment

Mr. John Pankratz moved to adjourn the April 22, 2014 KCATT meeting. Mr. David Callahan seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Recording Secretary