KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

April 28, 2009

ITD District 1 Conference Room

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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Call to Order:

Chairman Kevin Howard called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Kevin Howard requested all those present to introduce themselves:

Andrea Storjohann	ITD – District One
Kevin Jump (Vice-Chair)	City of Rathdrum
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Gordon Dobler	City of Coeur d'Alene
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
Jeff Zaugg	City of Hayden
Kevin Howard (Chair)	Worley Highway District

Staff.

Ryan Stewart	Senior Transportation Planner
Bonnie Gow	Transportation Planner
Donna Lively	Administrative Secretary

Alternates and Guests.

Don Davis	ITD – District One
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Rod Twete	Lakes Highway District
Sean Hoisington	David Evans & Associates
Christine Fueston	Ruen-Yeager & Associates
Paul Good	Avista
Ron Helmick	Verizon
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Matt Gillis	Welch Comer Engineers
Donna Montgomery	Citizen

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Robert Palus requested that his name be corrected from "Roger" to "Robert" under "Approval of March Meeting Minutes" at the top of page 2. Kevin Howard requested that "Conklin Road" be changed to "Conkling Road" in the last paragraph under "Project Updates" on page 3.

Andrea Storjohann made a motion to approve the March 24, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

KMPO Planning Updates:

Ryan Stewart reported that most of the updates will be covered under "Current Business," with the exception of two modeling work requests: one from David Evans & Associates for an Air Quality Modeling effort in Post Falls, and the other is from CH2M Hill for additional modeling work in the Post Falls area. He added that copies of the letters will be forwarded to KCATT following today's meeting and will be presented to the Board for approval into the working program as significant staff resources will be needed.

Project Updates:

Don Davis reported that the National Scenic Byways Program received 320 proposals/applications nationwide for funding byway-related projects.

Andrea Storjohann reported that ITD hopes to begin night work on US-95 between Walnut Avenue and Ohio Match Road. The resurfacing project north of Appleway to Wyoming has begun and the work is being conducted at night. A repaving project from the Interstate south to Walnut is tentatively scheduled for July. The interchange structure at US-95/I-90 at Lincoln Way will be redecked; however, a contract has not been awarded to date. Work on the Worley North project has not started due to wet conditions; however, it is projected to be completed by July. Work on SH-53 to Ohio Match has begun again, despite wet conditions; traffic will be shifted to the new alignment so that the work can be completed. Work on Wolf Lodge Bridge on I-90 will start in July. Night paving on Hwy 41 from Seltice to Hope Avenue is anticipated to commence later in June. ITD plans to redo the bridges on I-90 between the Washington State Line and Post Falls. They hope to coordinate this project with the WSDOT weigh/motion site project on the Idaho side of the State Line.

Kevin Jump reported that the City of Rathdrum is scheduling a meeting with property owners the second week in May to discuss right-of-way needs for the Wright Street/Hwy 41 intersection improvement project. Excavation will commence today at the intersection of Chase and Harmon. The City of Rathdrum hopes to complete the gaps in the pedestrian pathway along Hwy 41 and 53; however, they discovered that the contractor is in bankruptcy, which affects the contract from being awarded.

Andrea Storjohann confirmed that the contractor is in bankruptcy and it's been difficult to get additional information.

Eric Shanley reported that the Lakes Highway District (LHD) has several planning and pre-engineering projects underway. Currently, their focus is on the Wilkinson Road paving project and a storm water improvement project at Hayden Lake. A public hearing is scheduled for May 21st at 6 pm to discuss the Prairie Avenue/US-95 project.

Gordon Dobler reported that the 4th Street reconstruction project from Lakeside to Harrison will commence in a few weeks and take several months to complete. Also, there is a signal project at 15th and Harrison and the extension of Neider west to Howard Street.

John Pankratz reported that the only project under construction for the East Side Highway District is the Federal Highway's Fernan Lake Road project. They are working on several maintenance items and a right-of-way clearing as well. The O'Gara Road project should be completed tomorrow and clean-up for Canyon Road will commence soon. He added that the East Side Highway District was not fortunate in obtaining stimulus funds.

Robert Palus reported on the City of Post Falls' 15th Avenue project is on schedule and should be completed by mid to late June. Their two round-about projects are in the final right-of-way negotiations; construction is anticipated to begin once school is out. Evans & Associates is finalizing the model runs on their CMAQ project so that the results for alternative at Spokane and Seltice Way area can be analyzed.

Kelly Brownsberger reported that the Post Falls Highway District has started the right-of-way acquisition process with property owners for a round-about at McGuire and Prairie, though funding is not currently available.

Jeff Zaugg reported that the City of Hayden has no projects at present and will begin operating in spring maintenance mode.

Kevin Howard reported that not much has changed for the Worley Highway District (WHD) since last month's report; however, an old project at Cougar Gulch Road has resurfaced. The District is working on the right-of-way acquisition from Thompson Road to a private road.

Utility Updates:

Ron Helmick reported that Verizon is trying to keep up with various Highway District projects. Andrea Storjohann advised him of the contractor in bankruptcy, which will affect one or more of their projects. He stated that he would be coordinating with the various jurisdictions on their construction projects.

Paul Good with Avista reported that their work along Idaho Road is completed. They hope to commence a project in Rathdrum by mid-May. In addition, they are working

on various round-about, intersection and signaling projects. Gordon advised that the widening at 15th and Harrison will impact both Verizon and Avista.

Gordon Dobler reported that the City Council approved the zone changes affecting the Hanley intersection. Hanley will be widened to two lanes on the southside per the US-95 Access Study recommendations and utility relocations will be required. Robert Palus asked whether pedestrian facilities (sidewalks) will be added to the southside of Hanley. Gordon stated that there are currently no sidewalks on the southside of Hanley, but that they will probably add 200 ft. of sidewalk since there will be pedestrians that will cross there. John Pankratz asked whether 15th or Hanley will be widened and whether a center turn lane will be put in. Gordon stated that 15th will be widened and a center turn lane added.

ITD Board Update:

Andrea Storjohann reported that the ITD Board is waiting to hear what the legislature will do with ITD's budget and whether there will be a bill authorizing stimulus funds. She stated that the legislature approved extending the Grant Anticipated Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) limits south to pick-up the Wyoming to SH-53 piece on US-95. ITD is proceeding with the design of the project and they hope to commence construction next summer.

Current Business:

a) Air Quality Update

Ralph Paul reported that last year's ozone data is posted on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website. The negotiated motor vehicle inspection rule is also posted on DEQ's rulemaking website.

b) State of Idaho ARRA Section 1511 Certification

Ryan Stewart noted that a copy of the certification for the first group of transportation infrastructure investments listed in Idaho's STIP is included in their meeting packet for information purposes.

c) State Highway 97 Corridor Study (Deliver Report)

Ryan Stewart provided copies of the State Highway 97 Corridor Study to KCATT for their review. He added that a 30-day comment period will commence within a few days. Also, a pdf version is accessible on the KMPO website; however, many of the files are quite large due to maps and graphics. He stated that a KCATT recommendation for the Board's acceptance of the final report, once all comments have been received, will be requested at the next KCATT meeting. He introduced Christine Fueston with Ruen-Yeager & Associates, noting that she was present to answer any questions from KCATT. John Pankratz stated that he had received a call from Mayor Josephine Prophet from the City of Harrison who had questions with regard to the proposed ferry and where the docking facility will be located. Christine

responded that the study refers to a potential alternative of a ferry in the area of Harrison. She stated that although they found a conceptual location for a docking facility, it is a separate study requiring an environmental process. She stated that there is no definitive location, but that Summit Bay or 16 to 1 Bay was suggested with connections to US-95. Alternatives located on the west side would require road improvements to US-95, docking, parking lot, ferry terminal and a maintenance facility. She stated that she would contact the Mayor to answer her questions.

d) Huetter Road Corridor Study (Deliver Report)

Ryan Stewart provided copies of the Huetter Road Corridor Study and stated that a KCATT recommendation for the Board's acceptance of the final report was needed. He stated that the preferred alternative alignment was accepted and adopted by the Board in the past; however, the final report is now available. He asked that if there were any comments to either the Huetter Road Corridor Study or the State Highway 97 Corridor Study to please forward them to Glenn Miles or himself.

Christine Fueston noted that prior to the release of the final report, each agency within the jurisdictions in the corridor alignment received detailed maps identifying as zone changes, annexations, and subdivisions to secure the right-of-ways. These maps are not included in the public document, but the agencies should have them. The City of Hayden, Post Falls Highway District, and KMPO have adopted the document and all other jurisdictions (City of Coeur d'Alene, City of Post Falls, City of Rathdrum and the Lakes Highway District) should consider adopting the study into their transportation plan, comp plan or as a stand alone document. This would serve as a foundation to ask for right-of-way dedications and/or uses. She stated that the study is also available on the KMPO website. Christine was asked whether CAD versions were also available. She responded that she could provide these to the Cities of Hayden, Post Falls, and Coeur d'Alene per their request.

The question was asked as to when KCATT's recommendation was needed. Ryan noted that in order to allow jurisdictions the opportunity to review the document, a recommendation will be requested at the next KCATT meeting for Board adoption in June.

e) Non-Motorized Plan Update

Ryan Stewart reported that staff is summarizing the existing inventory information requested from the jurisdictions. A public workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the trailhead pavilion at Qemilin Park in Post Falls. The workshop will be the forum to address current needs and solicit feedback from the public. Information on the workshop is posted on the KMPO website.

f) Public Transportation Roundtable Update

Ryan Stewart reported the Roundtable met on April 21st and was given a presentation on the status of the Transit Center Location Study. In addition, an update was provided on the transit stimulus projects and the IMAP process and

some of the projects that were being forwarded to the transportation board. The bus bench subcommittee is actively seeking sponsors for the bench sites. Ryan stated that one of the IMAP project priorities for the region was for a mobility manager: a person/agency that would coordinate public transportation funding, information and service providers in the region. The Panhandle Area Council put in and was approved for 1st year funding for a mobility manager position. It is envisioned that the mobility manager would continue efforts for a regional public transportation authority in the Kootenai County area. A second year of funding is currently being sought.

g) Transit Center Location Study Update

Ryan Stewart reported that the study has narrowed the list of potential transit center sites to 4 or 5 in the vicinity of Northwest Blvd., Ramsey, I-90 and Appleway. A more detailed analysis of these sites is in progress. The list of sites will be narrowed further and a presentation of a preferred site and alternative sites will be provided at the next KCATT meeting. Gordon Dobler asked whether stimulus funds were received to build the site. Ryan stated that stimulus funds to build the site were not received, but that a $2 million appropriations request has been made. Stimulus funds were received; however, to complete the design and environmental work. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held some time before the end of May and before the public workshop.

h) KMPO 2030 Model Land Use Growth Projections

Bonnie Gow reported that she has completed the 2030 and 2015 land growth projections for all jurisdictions within Kootenai County. Currently, staff is finalizing its review of the data to ensure accuracy and hopes to have this completed by the beginning of next week. Packets will be send out to each jurisdiction within the next week or two for their review and she will also scheduled appointments with each jurisdiction to solicit comments, answer questions or make edits to the data. Once completed, she will begin building the 2030 model and the 2015 model. Bonnie noted that she will also send out a project list to each jurisdiction which outlines the anticipated projects for 2015 and 2030 that will also be incorporated into the model. Bonnie added that a KCATT recommendation to approve the growth projections is anticipated at the May 26 meeting.

i) ITS Project ITD D1 Cost Estimate

Andrea Storjohann reviewed the In-Progess Construction Cost Estimates for the ITD ITS Project contained in the KCATT packet. She noted that the requested $500,000 KMPO ITS funds applied to the project would allow for signal controller upgrades so that adaptive signal technology could be used. A question was asked regarding the project's timeline. Andrea stated that they anticipate that the project would go out to bid soon; however, because it is a State ITS project, it will be advertised out of Boise creating some uncertainty with regard to the timeline specifics. Andrea was asked whether there was a way to quantify indirect benefits to locals. She responded stating that she didn't have a handle on that. Gordon Dobler stated that the project

could be a positive thing, but that it hinges on the adaptive signal technology and how quickly it could be implemented. Gordon noted that he wasn't aware of any projects pending funding. Robert Palus stated that from a regional standpoint, having the adaptive signal technology there and seeing how well it works would provide the biggest bang for the buck. He didn't see any problems with supporting the project.

Gordon Dobler made a motion to apply the $500,000 from the KMPO ITS funds towards the ITD District 1 traffic signal controller upgrade to adaptive signal control as presented and as recommended in the US-95 Access Study. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Board Items

Ryan Stewart stated that KCATT's recommendation to support funding the ITD ITS project funding will be up for Board approval. The DEQ Rulemaking information and the federal stimulus project certification will also be presented to the Board, along with the State Highway 97 Corridor Study and the Huetter Road Corridor Study.

Andrea Storjohann announced that the memorial service for Bob Wilber will be May 9th at 2 pm at the Community United Methodist Church on Hanley. Bob was a long time Post Falls Highway District Commissioner who was very instrumental in getting KCATT originally organized.

Gordon Dobler inquired about the status of the subcommittee that was asked to convene to review projects for upcoming calls for projects. Ryan Stewart stated that he would check with Glenn Miles and get back to the committee.

Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be May 26, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Donna Lively
Recording Secretary