KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

August 22, 2006

ITD District 1 Conference Room

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman Bill Melvin called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Andrea Storjohann made a motion to approve the July 25, 2006 meeting minutes. Jeff Zaugg seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Kootenai Electric: Bob Hallock reported that work is being done on Greensferry and Setter sub-stations.

Adelphia: Bruce Hathaway (Time Warner Cable) reported that they and Avista are putting in fiber optics along Highway 95, from Fairmont Loop down to Espinoza sub-division.

Herb Heisel promoting the Call Before You Dig program stated that the Five State Utility Council is having a conference in Coeur d'Alene September 12, 13, and 14 and encouraged committee members to attend for information of new updates pertaining to utilities.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann with the Idaho Transportation Department reported various projects throughout Kootenai County are progressing nicely and staying on schedule. She also mentioned the paving on 4th of July Pass is almost finished and the Government Way Bridge should open this week.

Chet Anderson from the City of Rathdrum stated that they are not doing much roadwork this year, but hope to have a sewer line project started soon.

Gordon Dobler with the City of Coeur d'Alene emphasized that Atlas Road is their last major work for the year with signalization on Atlas Road and Kathleen Road. The City is also working with the developer of Hawks Nest reconstructing and widening Atlas Road from Hanley.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District reported they sent out a call for bids for two projects: Lancaster culvert work and paving of lower Hayden Lake Road. Reconstruction projects are also in progress on Howard Road and Diagonal Road.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District reported that they have completed their chip sealing for the year.

Kelly Brownsberger with Post Falls Highway District stated that the Huetter Road CMAQ project bid is open August 29th. They hope to have paving finished sometime this fall and the base will be started next. He also stated that the highway district is working with a developer from Lost Creek Development which includes paving 4/10th of mile of Winch Avenue this fall. They have finished up their chip seals and started some overlays primarily in the Hauser Lake area.

Jeff Zaugg with the City of Hayden stated that they have a sub-division project that entails road widening. The transportation plan is moving forward as well as the Government Way project, which is in ITD's review. They hope to get this to bid later this fall.

Bill Melvin of the City of Post Falls reported that the street crews have finished up Idaho Street from 16th up to Pole Line. He also stated they are continuing with the plan development for the 15th Avenue Bike/Ped facility and Mullan Avenue projects. They are also under design for reconstruction on 4th Avenue to reconstruct the first two blocks east of Spokane Street and the old concrete pavement on Idaho Street to full urban improvements. Mr. Melvin also mentioned that they will be digging a tunnel under I-90 for a utility project that is coming up.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh updated the committee that the GARVEE project was extended from Garwood to Wyoming Avenue. They are not able to spend any money on this section at this time but they can lay the groundwork for future funding. Mr. McHugh reported that the ITD Director, Dave Ekern, has retired and they have asked former ITD Director Mr. Bower to come back as an interim until they find someone else to fill this position.

Current Business:

a) Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study

Glenn Miles stated that Christine Fueston is working with Stacy Lehman, SRTC staff, to coordinate meeting times and dates for the public meetings in Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, and Post Falls pertaining to the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study. These will be set sometime in the first part of September and the public will be notified through newspaper ads, radio stations, and jurisdiction's web sites.

b) Highway 97 Route Development Plan

Glenn Miles reported that KMPO has sent out a request for proposals for the S.H. 97 Route Development Plan and has received two proposals back. One from David Evans and Associates and the other from Ruen-Yeager and Associates both consisting of a consortium of other firms. The review committee will meet tomorrow to go over the scoring process and discuss the choices.

c) 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Glenn Miles passed out KMPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document and advised the committee that it is a narrative description of the work program of the upcoming year. The UPWP takes a look at the development of the work program, funding sources, the significant issues facing Kootenai County area public transportation, the unfunded planning needs, and funding plans for the next year.

Mr. Miles stated that Kayla Kruse, KMPO Staff, has completed the 2030 model and all comments are in from each jurisdiction as well as the financial data to update and finish the model to be presented within the next 30 days.

Mr. Miles mentioned that KMPO has done a lot of work with Kootenai County's GIS system and is starting to collect building permit data for a baseline data collection. He stated that this next year they hope to complete an area wide traffic and vehicle classification count where they bring in 200 traffic counters to establish a baseline for growth in a consistent manner. The intent for the baseline data is to keep the Visum model current, which would address the accumulative impact of building permits on the transportation system.

Mr. Miles indicated that KMPO will be completing the Huetter Corridor Study and S.H. 97 Route Development Plan for the next year within this work program as well.

Discussion on Local Funding Options:

Glenn Miles reported that on September 8th representatives from Boise will be here to discuss local options and local funding for public transportation. Several KMPO Policy Board members will be meeting with them to discuss these options. The subject of impact fees and other sources of funding for projects were discussed among the committee members and how to approach area legislators with their requests. This discussion outcome and suggestions would then be brought back to the Policy Board for review.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be September 26, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary