KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
December 17, 2013
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Hayden, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

Chair Kelly Brownsberger called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Chair Kelly Brownsberger requested all those present to introduce themselves:

Kelly Brownsberger (Chair)	Post Falls Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
Rob Palus	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Marvin Fenn	ITD
Don Davis	ITD

Staff

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Donna Montgomery	Citizen, KMPO Public Trans Roundtable
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Heather Carroll	HDR
Bruce Hathaway	Time Warner Cable
Keith Kusler	T-O Engineers
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Rod Twete	Lakes Highway District
Lisa Key	David Evans and Associates
Dustin Howe	Worley Highway District

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Kevin Howard made a motion to approve the November 26, 2013 KCATT meeting minutes. Mr. John Pankratz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

5. Project and Utility Updates

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported Thorco was awarded the contract for 2 signal upgrade projects, Pleasant View and Spokane Street and Northwest Boulevard. The contractor is expected to

begin demolition of the old Highway 41/53 structure after the first of the year; construction of the other half of the new bridge will follow. In District 1, ITD will award the contract for the reconstruction of 5 miles of I-90 from Mullan to the Montana state line today; on US 95 at milepost 394 there will be some structure replacements on Plummer Creek Bridge. Mr. Fenn explained the Robinson Creek culvert was not draining; the project has been accelerated in order to avoid it "blowing out." ITD Chief Engineer, Tom Cole, retired last month; Chief Operations Officer, Jim Carpenter, is expected to create two divisions within the department. ITD is working toward turning Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive over to another governmental agency; a kickoff meeting with stakeholders was held last week. ITD will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 19, regarding a request for an overweight truck transportation permit; approval would allow three overweight loads.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the flashing beacon school zone signs at Highway 41 and Pine Street and Highway 53 and Sylte Street had been installed during the week of Thanksgiving. They are working on some small design projects in-house and are in winter maintenance mode.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported the District plans on scheduling a kick-off meeting on January 6th for their transportation plan; invitations to key stakeholders are expected to be sent out.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported steel for the Spokane Street and 4th Avenue traffic signal is expected to be installed mid-January with the signal operational by February; due to its close association with the on/off ramps at Spokane Street and I-90, they have been in contact with the traffic division at ITD. The contractor has been doing more utility work on the Beck Road Interchange project. Thorco has been putting up some of the steel for the traffic signal at Beck Road and Seltice Way; however, the signal will not be put into operation until Beck Road is constructed in the spring of 2014. In January, the City expects to be entering into right-of-way acquisitions on the Congestion Mitigation Project on Seltice Way/7th Avenue.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported winter shutdown continued on the Burma Road project; they will continue to manage the project through the upcoming months. The District is in winter maintenance mode and clearing brush and small trees out of the right-of-way as time and weather allow.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported final design on the Kidd Island Road project is expected late December - early January; they are looking for the definition of right-of-way so they can begin acquisition next year. The District is in winter maintenance mode and cutting brush in the right-of-way.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported they anticipate doing some tree removal next week on the Prairie Avenue project from Meyer to Huetter; this is expected to expedite utility relocates next spring. The District is in winter maintenance.

Bruce Hathaway, Time Warner Cable, reported they were in winter maintenance mode.

Ralph Paul, DEQ, had no updates to report.

6. KMPO Planning Updates

Bonnie Gow reported FFC update requests had been completed and were turned over to ITD last Thursday. She will begin working on logging traffic counts into the database and updating the MTP.

Glenn Miles congratulated the 3 jurisdictions who were awarded funding through the Community Choices program, the City of Harrison, City of Rathdrum, and the City of Post Falls who had received the largest award in the state.

As part of the KMPO Work Program, they have been putting together a scope of work involving the Coeur d'Alene Airport and its effect on Huetter Corridor and Ramsey Road extension project; Mr. Miles said they are currently working on the third draft. To date, they have had a couple of meetings with the County Commissioners and will have another tomorrow to discuss how the projects can fit together without being in conflict.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Marvin Fenn provided a copy of the November ITD Board update saying he was not aware of anything significant; funding enhancements are not expected from the legislature.

8. Current Business

a. Election of 2014 Officers

Rob Palus made a motion to move Vice Chair Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, to the Chair position and nominated John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, as Vice Chair. Eric Shanley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. 2014 KMPO/KCATT Board Meeting Dates & Locations

Glenn Miles noted the KMPO Board approved the 2014 Meeting Dates.

c. ITD U.S. 95 Corridor Study Presentation and Update – Don Davis

Don Davis discussed the U.S. 95 Corridor Study through District 1 noting there had been a number of improvements to the roadway over the past 10-15 years. Three consultants were asked to look at existing conditions in areas that had not been improved. He noted a right turn lane had been suggested near the new fire station in Worley. The consultants were asked to look at "special issues" in Kootenai County. HDR pulled the 2003 Study; Mr. Davis asked them to look at Upriver Drive through the river crossing and up through Walnut and Lincoln to Ironwood; there were a number of recommendations from the analysis done in 2001-2002. Mr. Davis said running 4-5 scenarios through the current KMPO model confirmed that it is time to do something, but said further analysis needs to be done. He expects to meet with Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, in the next couple of weeks; based on their discussions, they may meet with the City Council sometime in January to bring them up to date and begin developing a public involvement strategy.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Mr. Miles said there were no action items, but noted there would be two new Board members in January due to the retirement of Clay Larkin, City of Post Falls, and Deanna Goodlander, City of Coeur d'Alene.

Last month, Mr. Miles discussed the Primary Freight Network with the Board. He explained Congress ordered US DOT to develop a 26,000 mile network of roads as the Primary Freight Network with 3,000 – 4,000 discretionary miles which could be added to the system for rural freight. The Network was put together by Federal Highways and is out for review in the Federal Register; the comment period is open until January 17. Mr. Miles commented on the segments of roadways that had been designated and said the data driven approach certainly created objectivity, but did not create a network. Unless bridge states like Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas become engaged, they will be looking at a bleak funding picture; in the State of Idaho, only 12 miles had been designated to the Network. He felt this could have an important impact on US 95 long-term as the region is attempting to build trade and economic development opportunities. Mr. Miles expects a recommendation will be made to include a portion of US 95 in the rural freight portion of the Network due to its connection to East Port/Kingsgate and noted the designation as a possible precursor to a freight funding program.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Pankratz thanked Chair Brownsberger for service to the committee.

Mr. Don Davis is going to Boise this afternoon and will hand-deliver the Federal Functional Classification applications to ITD Headquarters.

Mr. Jump said the City of Rathdrum Transportation Plan Update was ongoing. They are currently going through the modeling efforts and received a schedule update yesterday.

Mr. Miles noted the committee's Kootenai County seat had been vacant for some time. He e-mailed Kootenai County Board of Commissioners Chair Todd Tondee yesterday and asked that they appoint someone to the position as he felt it was important to have the County's input given their land use/development activities and the issues surrounding the airport.

11. Next Meeting – January 28, 2014

12. Adjournment

Mr. Rob Palus moved to adjourn the December 17, 2013 KCATT meeting. Mr. John Pankratz seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Recording Secretary