KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

February 23, 2010

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters

600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

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

Welcome / Introductions:

Kevin Jump requested all those present to introduce themselves:

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

Staff.

Ryan Stewart	Senior Transportation Planner
Jenny Wash	Administrative Assistant

Alternates and Guests.

Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Terry Sverdstom	East Side Highway District
Donna Montgomery	Citizen/KMPO
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Marv Lekstrum	Lakes Highway District
Melissa Cleveland	J-U-B
Lisa Key	City of Hayden
Lance Holmstrom	LHTAC
Matt Gillis	Welch Comer
Ron Helmick	Verizon
Elaine Davis	HDR
Clif Warren	Mobility Manager
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Jason Stippich	KEC
Sean Hoisington	DEA
Victor Salemann	DEA, Bellevue, WA
Jim Roletto	DEA

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

John Pankratz made a motion to approve the January 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann reported that there is a pre-con for the Wyoming to SH 53 gap project today. Also, ITD has contracts for ADA improvements on retrofits in Coeur d'Alene, St. Maries, and Wallace as well as in Sandpoint. Stimulus funded full re-decking projects are out for bid on I-90 bridges at the Spokane River, Pleasant View interchange, and the Spokane Street interchange.

Eric Shanley reported that Lakes Highway District still has load limits enforced for another 2 to 3 weeks. Crews are maintenance grading, shouldering and brushing. Also, Lakes Highway District is working on several design projects, including Lancaster Phase II, Diagonal Road east and west of Ramsey Road, as well as a joint project with the water district in the Avondale area.

Gordon Dobler reported that the City of Coeur d'Alene has started the right of way acquisition for the final design on their Government Way project, which will start this summer.

Scott Clark reported that the County is continuing work on the land use section of their Comp Plan; the Impact Advisory Committee is continuing to meet.

John Pankratz reported that the East Side Highway District is in a relaxed winter maintenance mode. He attended a site tour at Fernan Lake Road with the project manager; the contractors are working on the final cut and discussed site visibility in the design. The Fernan Hill Road project is in its preliminary stage and the Highway District is discussing how to fund the project.

Robert Palus reported that the City of Post Falls is wrapping up the Seltice and Mullan CMAQ project. The consultant will be making a presentation to the City Council with the Board design alternatives with the one preferred alternative from the Technical Advisory Group. The City has hired a consultant on the Idaho Street project who has started the survey work. It is anticipated that construction will commence in late July or August, which will widen and overlay Idaho Street from Mullan Avenue to 20th Avenue. The City anticipates starting construction in March on the William, Frederick, and 4th Street trailhead and widening projects.

Kevin Howard reported that the Worley Highway District is grading and brushing roads. They are currently working on right of way acquisition for the Hull Loop/Kidd

Island intersection project as well as for the intersection at Lofts and Rockford Bay. Their Elder Road STP rural project will go to Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) next month and their Conkling Road stimulus project is moving forward, although there are some design concerns with regard to historical speed limits. Load limits have been lifted from Elder Road south but are still in force in the mountainous areas.

Jeff Zaugg reported that the City of Hayden is starting spring maintenance early due to the weather, as well as pavement and sign inventories and clearing site obstructions. They are also working on projects for the Hayden Avenue widening and Smith Street extension; an open house for this project is scheduled for this Wednesday at Hayden City Hall from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The City is continuing work on plans for signalization on Wyoming and US 95 and working with Lakes Highway District and ITD on design issues for the Frontage Road north of Wyoming to Boekel.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported that the 10 day public comment period for the McGuire/Prairie Roundabout and intersection improvement project received no comments; utility moves are forthcoming. The Highway District is in the process of acquiring additional right of way for the Beck and Seltice intersection realignment.

Kevin Jump reported that the City of Rathdrum has submitted their Lancaster STP Rural application to LHTAC last week. All right of way has been secured on the Highway 41 and Wright Street intersection improvement project and the PS&E packet has been submitted. The railroad crossing project scope was acceptable to BNSF and agreement negotiations are underway. It is anticipated to be constructed this summer.

Utility Updates:

Ron Helmick from Verizon reported that they are working on projects for the Highway Districts and local municipalities.

KMPO Planning Updates:

a) Modeling Activities

Ryan Stewart stated that Bonnie Gow is securing locations for WSDOT/ITD to conduct traffic counts and has sent emails to the group soliciting feedback. There was mention that the map that was emailed was too small to view and the group also shared concern over the quantity of counts needed. Ryan responded that travel surveys and/or Census years always require a higher volume of counts.

b) Public Transportation Update

Ryan reported that he has been assisting the KMPO Board subcommittee on the feasibility of an RPTA. A detailed report will be brought to the KMPO Board at next

weeks meeting. Clif Warren stated that John Austin is in the process of purchasing the new fleet for KATS and Citylink. Ryan mentioned that KMPO has prepared a Jobs Bill application for transit center funding for the full purchase of the property and construction.

c) 2009 Data Requests for Jurisdictions

Ryan stated that 2009 building permit and data information request letters will be sent to each of the jurisdictions soon. This an annual request for the purpose of model and GIS tracking.

ITD Board Update:

There were no ITD Board updates.

Current Business:

a) Design Vehicles for Roundabouts Presentation – Victor Salemann, PE, DEA

Victor Salemann, PE from David Evans and Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation on Design Vehicles for Roundabouts. The presentation focused on how to select a design for an urban roundabout given various modes of transportation. Additional information or further questions can be directed to him at 425-586-9761 or via email at vls@deainc.com.

b) Call for Projects Draft Criteria

Ryan Stewart directed KCATT to examine the draft versions of Kootenai MPO STP applications for preservation, improvement, and construction projects that were included in their packets for review and comment. The templates were designed and used by SRTC in their last call for STP projects. Lisa Key commented that the scoring for Kootenai projects is biased against construction as far as safety improvements and suggested revising the rating system or combining the improvement and construction application and make a separate one for new construction. It was suggested to look at LHTAC's score sheet as well as a project selection criteria rating sheet that was established by a former KMPO employee awhile ago. Both will be brought back to KCATT the following month for review and discussion.

c) Jobs Bill Projects Update

Ryan provided an update on the Jobs Bill stating that the House had a proposed $140 billion dollar bill entitled Jobs for Main Streets of 2010 that was approved at the House level while Senator Bokus from Montana sponsored an $85 billion dollar bill. Since then, however, Senator Reed has paired the $85 billion dollar bill down to $15 billion. The Senate has 48 hours to vote on it. There were questions on the TIP and

STIP and information received from FTA and FHWA advises that projects be keyed up now in anticipation for the final Jobs Bill in order to take advantage of the funding.

d) Saturation Land Use and Transportation Study for the Rathdrum Prairie

Don Davis reviewed numerous studies and corridor plans that were conducted relative to the Rathdrum Prairie and asked whether any overall transportation/land use plans for the Rathdrum Prairie had been made and what the best approach in making transportation improvements in concert with land use plans regardless of funding would be. He noted that the model is conservatively based on future land use that jurisdictions agreed to through comprehensive plans and zoning. However, other similar geographic areas have employed saturation studies and total build out scenarios. He suggested that perhaps what is needed is a long term look at a saturated build out and backing that down to present levels to determine a starting framework. He noted that should KCATT concur, who should complete the task and how it should be completed will need to be determined.

Lisa Key supported the concept but noted the challenge in doing so on a regional level due to multiple jurisdictions having land use decisions without having control over transportation infrastructure. She noted that a disconnect exists between land use and transportation and that a regional build out analysis would assist cities. Don stated that stakeholders need to convene to review the issue.

Gordon Dobler stated that the City of Coeur d'Alene has expended resources in looking at land uses and projected uses. Robert Palus added that the City of Post Falls has looked at land uses in the Prairie and came up with a regional waste water master plan. Don suggested that perhaps the first step would be to conduct an inventory of what has been done and what is out there now.

Ryan Stewart stated that the 2030 model is based on a Board-adopted growth rate for the region and not on a fully saturated build out; constraints are placed on an analysis model for realistic planning purposes. The KMPO model is based on what jurisdictions have identified as their realistic expectations for growth by 2030. Staff is now updating the current conditions of the metropolitan transportation plan accordingly and any deficiencies found will warrant identification of needed improvements. Lisa Key provided an example of the benefit of looking at a saturation model noting that in the case of the waste water treatment plant the cost of the infrastructure outweighed what the region could financially provide.

Don Davis explained that the current process is to react to demand rather than take a land use planning approach to mitigate future demands. After further debate and discussion it was suggested that KMPO staff host a workshop on the KMPO model for both planners and engineers to see what the model entails and how to use the model for various scenarios and options.

Upcoming KMPO Board Items:

Ryan noted that there were no KMPO Board items to report on.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Jenny Wash
Recording Secretary