KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
July 28, 2015
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Hayden, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

Chair John Pankratz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions

John Pankratz (Chair)	East Side Highway District
Don Davis	Idaho Transportation Department
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
Gordon Dobler	City of Coeur d'Alene
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District

Staff

Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Donna Montgomery	KMPO Volunteer
Rusty Leahy	DEA
Heather Carroll	HDR
Eric Olson	HMH
Ralph Paul	DEQ
Rod Twete	Lakes Highway District
Marshall Law	Avista
Laura Winter	Ruen-Yaeger
Susan Kiebert	LHTAC

3. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kevin Howard made a motion to approve the June 23, 2015 KCATT meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Utility & Project Updates

Marshall Law, Avista, reported crews would begin work on the electric relocation on Government Way between Hanley and Prairie Avenues in the next couple of weeks; the project is expected to take several months. Work in the area of the Greensferry overpass project is being done as needed. Mr. Law had no updates on the Burma Road project; Chair Pankratz noted there were some issues with the timing, funding, and design; he suggested Mr. Law discuss the project status with Odo Grandi, LHTAC.

Don Davis, ITD, reported on the status of the Worley project and said it was progressing. Comments on the ITIP can be made online through July. Mr. Davis said there has been a lot of discussion on where the new funding is going – some of it is reflected in the ITIP. Most of the surplus eliminator fund will go to ITD through a formula; the majority of that, is expected to go to bridge projects on the state system to address the backlog. Mr. Davis explained the new structure and surface on Lookout Pass and noted most of the drainage system would be replaced. By the end of the season, the project will be closed down and the four lane divided highway will be back in service through the winter season.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the City's annual street rehabilitation work was underway. Interstate Concrete & Asphalt will be paving Lancaster Road west of Highway 41 this week. Work is scheduled in downtown Rathdrum on Main Street which includes about 1000' of sidewalk replacement in front of Mountain View High School. A section of curb and sidewalk work will be done on Mill Street. They are adding on-street parking near Stub Myers Park on Montana Street. The City is in the utility coordination process for a pathway extension on the west side of Meyer Road north of Boekel Road; the City is hoping to get that coordinated and built this summer.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported the District was in the midst of their contract work. The Twin Lakes Road project is complete. Interstate is working on the Old Highway 95 project; they expect to pave on the 21st and wrap up the project by the end of August. The twenty-five miles of chip seal is expected to be completed this week. A waterline project is impacting District roads in the Hudlow -Grand Tour area; it is generally ongoing construction. The Forest Service recently notified the District that they were shortlisted on the Bunco Road project for the Federal Lands Access Program grant. Mr. Shanley said there was a high probability the project could get funded. The District will meet with them on August 26th. Once they have met with all the agencies that were short listed, they will notify each of them and explain how they ranked and if they were funded. Mr. Shanley noted the project included the east section from the new Pope Road at Silverwood back to the parking lot where the Forest Service road began; it is a combination of a reconstruction and a pavement maintenance rehabilitation project. Mr. Shanley had previously reported the District had received safety funds through LHTAC for the Ramsey Road/Union Pacific railroad crossing upgrade; the design is underway and on schedule for construction in 2016.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported on the State Highway 41 bicycle and pedestrian trail – all agreements were signed and it is with the Federal Highways Administration; the City is aiming for bidding late this fall/early spring for spring construction. The 7th Avenue Improvement project has been delayed to the spring of 2016 construction time. Spencer Street signal and extension are currently out for bid – they have a bid opening next week, Wednesday, August 5; the project is on a tight timeframe to get it constructed this year. After a meeting between the City and ITD, ITD is reviewing a modification to the Seltice Mullan Congestion Mitigation project; they are planning to put in the underground portions of the traffic signal at Spokane Street and 7th Avenue, but hold off on the above ground construction of the signal until phase 2 of the project as there are concerns about how it would impact off ramp operations from I-90 to Spokane Street. ITD is currently verifying the overall system will still work with that one signal not in place in phase 1. The City is doing chip sealing.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported they were currently doing an overlay on Prairie Avenue from Meyer Road to Highway 41; Poe Asphalt is doing the work. When they are done paving Prairie Avenue, they will move to Lancaster Avenue east of Highway 41 to Rathdrum city limits and do another structural overlay so they will have all-weather roads for the schools. The District is doing chip-sealing primarily on the west side of Post Falls and some sealing with Post Falls. Work on Chase Road will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the City's main projects were the overlays on Kathleen and Dalton Avenues which are expected to start in about two weeks. He reported on the Government Way project noting, with the exception of one parcel on the southeast corner of Prairie Avenue and Government Way, right-of-way purchases on the Government Way project were complete; utility relocations are scheduled to begin. The RFP on the Seltice Way design is expected to go out shortly. Mr. Dobler said they had received a Community Choices grant for a sidewalk; the funds will not be available until October. The City is doing some curb ramps for the State at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and 23rd Street. ITD received money for the reconfiguration of Ironwood Avenue and Highway 95; the funds will not be available until October – they will move forward with design and construction next summer. Mr. Dobler noted the City would be partnering with ITD and the Hospital. Kootenai Health is in the process of doing a traffic study in that area. He believed the hospital would be applying for funds as ITD Board Member Jim Coleman had encouraged them to do so. Although a land owner is clearing trees from a lot near Wilbur Avenue, Mr. Dobler has not been approached by any potential buyers with layouts and did not believe anything would happen with Wilbur Avenue until such time; a homeless camp was thought to be in the area and the possible reason for clearing the land.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the District was wrapping up their seal coats and would move to asphalt patching; he thanked East Side Highway District for their help with seal coating. The District expects to be in the new office building October 1; they are working on parking access. Right-of-way acquisition on the Kidd Island Road project continues. Minor reconstruction/rehabilitation on another half mile of Clemetson Road will be done this fall.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported the District should complete seal coating today and thanked Worley Highway District for their assistance. A small project on Black Lake Road is expected to begin next week. Mr. Pankratz said they had received numerous calls about their gravel roads becoming rough; grading will be done when a water truck is available. The District is in summer maintenance.

6. KMPO Planning Updates

a. SH 41 Corridor Master Plan Update

Bonnie Gow reported work on the Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan continued. She sent out the draft transportation improvement implementation plan and noted there would likely be another signal. Ms. Gow had requested input from the City of Rathdrum, ITD, and the Highway Districts; responses were due today.

During their June meeting, they ranked proposals and selected consultant Morrison-Maierle. Budget/funding problems and ITD's access management policy update are creating issues with the Highway 41 update. Mr. Glenn Miles and Mr. Damon Allen have discussed the matter and decided to provide Ms. Gow Synchro training so she can do the analysis. She is waiting on the designation of the expressway and needs to know of any changes the City of Rathdrum or other jurisdictions would like between Boekel Road and Highway 53. Currently, the expressway designation is from Seltice Way to Boekel Road and set at 55 mph. Speed limit changes will affect model volumes. Any changes to the model will have to be included in the Synchro analysis. Ms. Gow noted there was no Board meeting in July, but said the matter would be presented to the KMPO Board on August 13th and then to the ITD Board by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis noted Highway 95 is used as an example for traffic flow and turning movement restrictions under the Highway 95 access management plan. He discussed some of the options for the Highway 41 access management and said they talked through the issue of the expressway. Although ITD staff is endorsing it, they have not been given the green light from the deputy

attorney general who is looking at the ADAPA rule; his interpretation has been challenged. Due to the delay, they are not able to take the matter forward to the Board as a Board item in August. A full analysis has to be made in order to justify the expressway designation per the ADAPA rule which requires a safety and capacity analysis. Therefore, the Synchro work is crucial.

Ms. Gow's Synchro training is scheduled for Thursday. ITD has agreed to help with the analysis. A quote for purchase of the software has been obtained. Ms. Gow said if it is purchased, she would be able to do other analyses for the jurisdictions.

Mr. Davis noted the Highway 41 project was a joint effort. In response to a question from Ms. Gow regarding skid marks at every signal along Highway 41, he noted a number of reasons. In areas where there are higher speed limits, ITD has implemented the use of advanced signs which flash when the signal is about to change. Advanced signs have reduced rear-end crashes. If the speed limit on Highway 41 changes to 55 mph, they will likely install the advanced signs.

Mr. Davis questioned Mr. Jump about how to address minor intersections near the schools in the area of the curve along Highway 41. He noted they have discussed the plan going up to Highway 53 and said there should be some standard improvements suggesting they address the skewed intersections, but noted it was up to the City on how they would like to see the plan presented to the public and what they intend on doing with Highway 41.

Mr. Jump noted the expressway stopped at Boekel Road and questioned Mr. Davis about what the City of Rathdrum could expect from ITD. He noted the City paid to fix the last skewed intersection.

Mr. Davis noted the value of identifying where school crosswalks would be and what they would entail. They had agreed that the plan be extended from Lancaster Road to Highway 53 and said it was important to address what the plan is for that stretch of road, pedestrian facilities, intersections, pathways, addressing why it was stretched out to Highway 53.

Chair Pankratz commented that further discussion was warranted.

Mr. Davis noted a project in early development from Mullan Avenue to Prairie Avenue. He noted it was in the ITIP and encouraged comments. The project will include setting up the intersections with the jurisdiction.

b. 2016 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program DRAFT

Ms. Gow noted the draft 2016 -2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was included in the packet. KCATT's input and acceptance is needed in order for the TIP to be taken to the Board as a recommendation.

Mr. Gordon Dobler moved to recommend approval of the 2016 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program draft to the KMPO Board. Mr. Robert Palus seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c. 2016 Unified Planning Work Program DRAFT

The draft 2016 Unified Planning Work Program draft was included in the packet. KCATT's input and acceptance is needed in order for the matter to be taken to the Board as a recommendation.

Mr. Kelly Brownsberger moved to recommend approval of the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program draft to the KMPO Board. Mr. Eric Shanley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Davis reported the last ITD Board meeting did not address any issues or concerns related to District 1. The ITD Board will meet on August 19 and 20 in Coeur d'Alene – they will tour the Silver Valley on Wednesday, August 19, and hold the Board meeting on August 20. The agenda includes the comment period for the ITIP update which ends the end of July; the decision meeting is scheduled for September and will be held in Boise. Local delegations can be put on the docket to address the ITD Board by contacting the Board secretary. Mr. Davis expects the Board to discuss funds that are available, where they are going, and where the excess will go.

Mr. Brownsberger noted the ITD Board did approve advancing the Pleasant View/Highway 53 improvement project for this year.

8. Current Business

a. KCATT Membership Update – Re advertising

Ms. Gow noted KCATT membership positions would be advertised again.

Mr. Davis received a call from John Kelly, a retired police officer who had been on the City of Coeur d'Alene's bike/ped committee for a number of years. Mr. Davis understood Mr. Kelly and others had started a group called Bike CdA. Mr. Kelly had contacted him regarding other matters, but wanted to know more about KMPO/KCATT and said he wants to be involved and have a voice for bike/ped issues. Mr. Davis is scheduled to speak to their group August 8th.

Mr. Howard noted KCATT was an engineering setting and voiced his concern about adding members who are seeking political input. He questioned if there might be a better arena for these groups, but said he did not have the answer.

Mr. Davis said that was a good thought. He noted that they had discussed the issue before, what the participants would do and what voice they would have. He said Mr. Kelly was "politely investigating" what KCATT and KMPO did and had told Mr. Davis that he did not know of their existence until six months ago. Mr. Kelly told Mr. Davis that there wasn't a place where that growing need/interest activity level in the community had a voice or steady input with decision.

Ms. Gow did not have the advertising dates, but said Mr. Miles had the positions posted on the website and had put it up for advertised about the same time as the TIP.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

a. Draft 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program – Present
b. Draft 2016 Unified Planning Work Program – Present
c. KCATT Recommendation to KMPO Board – SH 41 Expressway Designation – (Seltice Way to Boekel Road)

Mr. Palus noted KCATT had taken action on the SH 41 Expressway designation from Seltice Way to Boekel Road during the June KCATT meeting; the recommendation was to put together a letter of support to reclassify Highway 41 from Seltice to Boekel Road as an expressway. He expected it would allow leniency with engineering judgment if it needed to be constrained further.

Mr. Davis said he was not sure if the expressway designation was fitting for Seltice/Mullan.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Don Davis commented that he is preparing for his retirement scheduled for September 16, 2015.

John Pankratz noted he would not be available to present the KCATT recommendations to the KMPO Board on August 13. Vice Chair Sean Hoisington's availability was unknown.

11. Next Meeting – August 25, 2015

12. Adjournment

Mr. Eric Shanley made a motion to adjourn the July 28, 2015 meeting. Mr. Don Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Recording Secretary