KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
June 24, 2014
Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Hayden, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

Chair Gordon Dobler called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions

Gordon Dobler (Chair)	City of Coeur d'Alene
John Pankratz (Vice Chair)	East Side Highway District
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Sean Hoisington	City of Hayden
David Callahan	Kootenai County
Rob Palus	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Marvin Fenn	ITD
Don Davis	ITD

Staff

Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Ed Cannon	KEC
Donna Montgomery	Citizen
Dan Coonce	LHTAC
Ralph Paul	DEQ
Jeremy Clark	David Evans & Associates
Michael Walton	MSA
Christopher DeLorto	HDR

3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kevin Howard made a motion to approve the May 20, 2014 KCATT meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. David Callahan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Project and Utility Updates

Ed Cannon, Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC), reported engineering on the rebuild of the three phase line from Dower Road to Mica Creek was ongoing and engineering on the new three phase line on Hayden Avenue is expected to begin. Mr. Cannon provided an update on KEC's work on the Beck Road project.

Don Davis, ITD, reported he would be finishing up some of the corridor study work this month. Damon Allen is currently serving as the representative for ITD in the Kootenai Health expansion study.

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported the project on Highway 95 north of Athol was expected to be finished up this year; traffic is expected to be on the mainline before September. Work on the frontage roads will continue into October. Although they had hoped to have frontage roads on the west side connected into Highway 95, they are having problems acquiring one parcel owned by the railroad due to a policy the railroad implemented two years ago; the policy will affect planning of the entire corridor from Athol to Sagle. Mr. Fenn provided an update on the bridge and culvert work that began this week on Highway 3; due to water levels and restrictions, he does not expect the project to be done until mid-November. Thorco is expected to begin signal upgrades at Spokane Street next week; they will then move to the Northwest Boulevard and Pleasant View Avenue signals. The bid on an interstate LED illumination project from state line to state line had been cancelled; the project has gone back out for bid and is not expected to begin until August. The I-90 Pinehurst interchange eastbound structure is currently being reconstructed; all four lanes are to be open by winter; the westbound structure is to be reconstructed in 2015. Reconstruction of Lookout Pass will start next year. One of the three mega-loads is expected to pass through the area on Highways 95 and 200; the other two loads are expected to travel by rail. The Highway 41 structure is expected to open mid-July.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported all major construction projects were ongoing; they are currently doing BST work and will begin chip seals the second week in July. Crews are doing spring and summer maintenance.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported work on Beck Road is moving more quickly; the project is expected to be complete by the end of July. The City received DSR approval on the Seltice Congestion Mitigation project Monday; total acquisitions are expected to be less than $10,000. The consultant and Urban Renewal Agency are attempting to finalize plans on the Seltice Congestion Mitigation project; bidding is expected to be out by the end of July. Bids on the Spokane Center Street Revitalization project opened last Tuesday and were higher than the engineer's estimate; the Urban Renewal Agency is deciding if they should move forward or take a second look at the project.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported they would be holding a public hearing and a public workshop with their Planning Commission this Thursday. The workshop is for the purpose of reviewing the City of Hauser Area of City Impact (ACI); both the County and City have agreed to reduce the ACI zoning by approximately half; he explained the challenges with the zoning and the currently adopted comprehensive plan.

Mr. Dobler noted the City of Coeur d'Alene was currently processing two de-annexations; he will advise Mr. Callahan when those properties have completed the process; according to Mr. Callahan, the properties will be rezoned.

Sean Hoisington, City of Hayden, reported the City was currently doing cut-out, patching and crack sealing on overlays and surface seals; they will build a small parking lot in July and do overlays and surface seals in August.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported on the Kidd Island Road project saying LHTAC is working with Geo Engineers to augment LHTAC's staff in doing some exploratory drilling in some higher cut areas. The District is working on a new office which will be located at the old ITD Alexander McDowell Rest Area off of Sun Up Bay Road.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported the District was doing summer maintenance, ditching, roadside mowing, and replacing culverts. There is ongoing construction on Burma Road. They expect to start chip sealing July 27th.

Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported the Government Way project was approved and the funds obligated; the Wilbur Avenue portion has been removed from the project. The City expects to have a negotiator under contract in the next 2-3 weeks and will begin purchasing right-of-way by the beginning of August. Signs along the roadway will be moved as the right-of-way is purchased. The Wilbur Avenue project may be done by the City at a later date.

6. KMPO Planning Updates

a. SH-41 Corridor Plan Update Status Report – Bonnie Gow

Bonnie Gow reported the status on the Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan update. Christine Fueston, who was part of the original planning team, attended a meeting they held on June 10th and provided the history behind the original corridor plan. Currently, the City of Post Falls is working on the GIS portion for land use and looking at historical growth; the work is expected to take 4-5 weeks. More meetings will be held.

Ms. Gow noted she was currently updating the level of service for the update to the MTP for all of the links and the nodes done from the last model update; the work should take 2 weeks to complete.

b. Cost Benefit Analysis for Bicycle Facilities – Bonnie Gow

Ms. Gow explained that during the public comment portion of the May KMPO Board meeting, John Kelly, a representative from Bike CdA, addressed the Board regarding concerns for bicyclists in the area of transportation discussions, planning, and the need for safety and facilities; Board member Jim Mangan commented that he would like to see some type of process that would assist decision makers in determining the feasibility of bicycle lanes. Ms. Gow reported her findings to the Board during the June KMPO Board meeting; Mr. Mangan stated his concerns and said he felt there must be an objective foundation for making decisions and asked that the matter be presented to KCATT; the Board concurred.

According to Ms. Gow's research, there are different methods that can be used to come up with a cost benefit analysis. She commented on the inconsistency between various federal aid applications for projects and said, while some provide additional points for ranking bike and ped projects, others do not. Ms. Gow noted some larger cities and MPOs include the non-motorized mode in their transportation travel demand model, but cautioned that it is still in its infancy stage, can be very expensive and has not been proven; the model is calibrated to vehicles. She asked the group if they would like to see bike and ped, and/or transit included during the next model update, but cautioned that it was time consuming and expensive. A sketch plan and an online analysis tool which calculates the cost benefit analysis are both alternatives. Ms. Gow said she felt all the jurisdictions did a good job of planning for bike and ped facilities.

The committee had an extensive discussion regarding the matter and questioned how they could calculate or model the cost benefit of bike and ped in a travel demand model. The following was noted by the committee:

- The facilities already exist. North Idaho is a beautiful place to ride and many cyclists already use rural roadways in spite of the fact that there may not be separated pathways; rural roadways are free from signalization and have little or no traffic – this makes it a question of expansion.
- There are not a lot of commuters and not enough bike traffic in the rural areas to justify expansion of the facilities.

- The Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's is a great resource and is heavily used; a cost benefit or a level of service analysis would never have been done to justify the project.
- The question may be more about maintenance of roadways for bicyclists. It was noted that snowmobilers purchase a grooming sticker every year to help cover the cost of grooming trails. The idea of bicyclists purchasing a "grooming" sticker was offered as a way to help cover the cost of sweeping or maintaining roadways for bicyclists.

Chair Dobler noted the tools they currently have are so qualitative, that they need to stay with known evaluations (like ASHTO), look at demand and/or what they can expect to happen in the future. He did not believe they had the tools to become more refined than this and said, at this point, he believed they have captured that aspect of the multi-modal for non-motorized the best they can and noted the projects were prioritized.

Ms. Gow noted the 2005 Household Travel Demand Survey determined there to be a 2% biking community and a 5% walking community in Kootenai County.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn had no updates to report, but noted ITD's Board meeting for Districts 1 and 2 would be held during one Board session next month in Lewiston.

8. Current Business

Mr. Dobler noted Kootenai Health was undergoing a local/specific transportation plan; the work has been scoped and a consultant selected. Although it may have a ripple effect on the area, it impacts Highway 95 and I-90 and therefore, directly affects the City of Coeur 'd'Alene and ITD.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Ms. Gow will report the results of KCATT's discussion on the topic of the cost benefit analysis for bicycle facilities to the KMPO Board during their July meeting.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

There was no business discussed.

11. Next Meeting – July 22, 2014

12. Adjournment

Mr. Rob Palus moved to adjourn the June 24, 2014 KCATT meeting. Mr. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Recording Secretary