KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

June 24, 2008

ITD District 1 Conference Room

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman Jeff Zaugg called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Jeff Zaugg requested all those present to introduce themselves. Andrea Storjohann, Chet Anderson, Joe Wuest, John Pankratz, Rob Palus, Kevin Howard, Michael Monette, Jeff Zaugg, Carole Richardson, Glenn Miles, Jenny Wash, Larry Comer, Ron Koontz, Bob Wilbur, Jimmie Dorsey, Rod Twete, Marv Lekstrum, Bill Melvin, Linda Mitchell, Donna Montgomery, Mark Bower, Damon Allen, Sean Hoisington and Jim Coleman

Approval of May Meeting Minutes:

John Pankratz made a motion to approve the May 27, 2008 meeting minutes. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: No representation was present.

Time Warner: No representation was present.

Verizon: No representation was present.

Kootenai Electric: No representation was present.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) updated existing projects and the projects status. 9th Street bridge project will be finished up at the end of July; I-90 paving project in being worked on in the Post Falls area; Harrison Bridge is close to done and Worley North is on schedule. She also reported that SH41 signal upgrades at Hayden and Prairie and the 53 Ohio Match GARVEE project are both out for advertisement.

Ms. Storjohann also made the announcement that Jon Harwood is retiring in July and they are having cake for him this Thursday at 1:00 pm and she welcomed everyone to come by and wish him well.

Chet Anderson of the City of Rathdrum stated there was not much in the way of projects but the City did send out an invitation to bid for chip seal and overlay projects.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District (LHD) mentioned that they are working on the main section of Lancaster with blasting starting this week. Hayden Lake recreational water and sewer wants to put a sewer line on Lancaster Road.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) gave an update of the following projects: Burma Road concept report revealed wetlands and JUB is working on this; Fernan Lake Road has been advertised and the bid opening is set for July 18th; reground asphalt donated to the District by ITD being placed on 3.7 miles of Wolf Lodge Creek Road is nearing completion and plans to start patching will be the 2nd week in July; preparing bid specs for Latour Creek Road paving 1 mile which is a LTHAC grant; and they are working on 1100' section of Carlin Bay Road placing rock to correct frost heaves which happens every year. Mr. Pankratz also reported that the preliminary cost estimate for flood damage repairs came to $771,215.00.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls gave an update on the Mullan Road project, which is moving along on schedule, and for the 15th Avenue Bike Ped facility the City Council approved the State & Local Agreement for construction and the Right of Way certification. The CMAQ project which is a study of congestion in the Mullan/Seltice Way area and their consultant, David Evans and Associate, has started their work with collection of traffic data. For the Beck Interchange project the TAC committee is looking at design options. City crews are also working on Spokane Street and repairing significant damage to the road.

Vice-Chair Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District (WHD) reminded the team that last month he reported that they had a court date set for an eminent domain taking to acquire the needed right-of-way for the Tall Pines bridge project. The judges signed an order of possession so WHD can move forward on this project. The Elder Road is coming full circle due to recommendations from the review board is back to the initial design. For summer maintenance they are preparing for seal coats

Michael Monette with Post Falls Highway District (PFHD) stated they had three resident participation programs which two were completed last week and hauling the rock on the third one. Stubb Avenue and Grange Road were completed and South State Line is a mile and half which will be completed the first week after the fourth. This coming Thursday they are going to fog seal Park Edition and continue on with seal coats until the end of summer.

Chair Jeff Zaugg of the City of Hayden reported they are doing summer maintenance patching and preparing chip seal on several roads. The City's Government Way project is about wrapped with finalization of landscaping. He also stated they have a project South of Honeysuckle on Government Way that ties into the Federal Aid project that is also nearing completion.

ITD Board Update:

Jim Coleman, Idaho Transportation Board member, reported the IT Board had a three day meeting this month. The first day was a one day workshop for the budget, the second day was a retreat and the third was the regular meeting. He stated that the budget was the most important and it doesn't look good due to the high gas prices and people driving less. The staff is estimating there will be a 2% drop in the gas tax revenue in the upcoming budget. Because of this next year's budget looks weaker than it was, which affects the highway distribution account. Federal revenues are also expected to drop, but the IT Board is not sure what the impact will be as of yet.

Mr. Coleman also stated the Board voted to fund and award the bid for the Sandpoint bypass. In order to proceed with the Sandpoint project, it was necessary to delay some of the projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in District 1. The Board agreed to put a hold on design work on US95 Garwood to Sagle, to look at funding that may happen through the GARVEE program.

The team had questions pertaining to revenue and funding. After a brief discussion on funding shortfalls Mr. Coleman encouraged everyone to talk with their legislators and come to the Governors meetings July 16 and 17th.

Current Business:

a) Local Option Registration Fee

Joe Wuest advised that he, Carole Richardson and Jeff Zaugg had met with the City of Hayden and their legal council on Monday. Carole Richardson passed out the Streets and Roads Resolution of 2008 that local agencies have been considering that calls for an election to approve or disapprove the implementation and collection of a local vehicle registration fee in Kootenai County. She stated that the City of Hayden's legal council asked that KCATT further discuss several items that were highlighted in the handout. Joe Wuest explained each of the highlighted items and addressed the team for their input, some being legal items and some political.

It was decided after a thorough discussion that most of the cities and jurisdictions have brought this resolution to their City Councils and they have approved this to move forward. Therefore this resolution concerning the $24.00 registration fee should stay as is so it does not delay furthering the process of this matter.

Joe Wuest pointed out that this resolution will go before Kootenai County cities and highway districts and will need to be approved by all before it can go on the ballot in November.

Carole Richardson mentioned this issue is not in KMPO's approved work plan and if the team wants further KMPO staff support we would need a KCATT recommendation to the Policy Board so that staff can get the approval to be working on this.

John Pankratz made a motion to recommend that the Board assign staff to coordinate the measure of local option vehicle registration fee on the November ballot and carry the issue forward. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b) Functional Class Map Update

Carole Richardson asked for additional comments on the Functional Class Map. So far KMPO has received comments from the City of Coeur d'Alene, City of Rathdrum and Post Falls Highway District. Rob Palus stated that the City of Post Falls has comments to give to KMPO today.

c) Draft TIP

Carole Richardson went through the Draft TIP with the team. She asked that they go through to check projects and see if they are listed correctly. If KMPO receives comments by the next meeting in July the TIP would be on the same schedule as the STIP.

d) Lancaster Leftovers

Carole Richardson reviewed what was recommended to the Board last month. The discussion at the Board did not appear to disagree with the City of Coeur d'Alene Government Way project and the City of Dalton Gardens project, but they had concerns with the Huetter project and would like KCATT to revisit this. There were two things they asked KMPO to confirm, one issue is if the money can be spent by 2011 as planned and the other issue with the Board is sorting out the local match for the Huetter Right of Way project.

Jeff Zaugg also stated that Mayor Larkin expressed an interest in having Post Falls programs considered. Rob Palus emphasized the need for the Greensferry Interchange project and that is a regionally significant project. The City of Post Falls requests that this project go through the criteria process to receive funding.

Glenn Miles emphasized that there is no rush to move the money because it is in the draft STIP as Lancaster Interchange and if KCATT would like to reopen the process and look at other options then there is still time.

Joe Wuest made a motion to leave the money with the City of Dalton Gardens and the City of Coeur d'Alene which was recommended in the past by KCATT and re-evaluate the $1 Million Huetter Corridor funds and prioritization of this money. Chet Anderson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

It was suggested that a prioritization KCATT workshop be scheduled to re-evaluate and prioritize submitted projects after next months meeting. Glenn Miles stated that a project can be added during the public comment period of the TIP so if a decision is made by September before the Board adopts the TIP it can be incorporated then.

Carole Richardson asked to have the projects submitted by next month's meeting in July and then the workshop would be set up shortly after.

e) Unified Planning Work Program FY09

Carole Richardson handed out a list to the group that showed potential planning studies for the year 2009. She asked the team to discuss and prioritize the list and eventually choose 2 or 3 studies to add to the Unified Planning Work Program FY09. This will come back to next month's meeting in July for further discussion.

Other Business:

Andrea Storjohann reminded the Team that the ITD Board will be here at District 1 July 9th and 10th. The tour will be the 9th and the 10th will be the Board meeting. She also mentioned again that the Governor's Task Force meeting will be at the Coeur d'Alene Inn on July 16th.

John Pankratz thanked ITD on behalf of East Side Highway District for their generous offerings of all the regrinds that they are using for their roads.

Joe Wuest thanked Jim Coleman for coming to the meeting today.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be July 22, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary