KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

March 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
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Jeff Zaugg	City of Hayden
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
Don Davis	ITD
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District

Staff.

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ryan Stewart	Senior Transportation Planner
Bonnie Gow	Transportation Planner II
Mallory Atkinson	Transportation Planner
Donna Lively	Administrative Secretary

Alternates and Guests.

Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Donna Montgomery	Citizen/KMPO
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Marv Lekstrum	Lakes Highway District
Rod Twete	Lakes Highway District
Melissa Cleveland	J-U-B
Clif Warren	Mobility Manager
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Bob Miller	Post Falls Highway District
Dan Hanenburg	Kootenai Electric Cooperative

Approval of February Meeting Minutes:

Kevin Howard made a motion to approve the February 23, 2010 meeting minutes. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Project Updates:

Don Davis reported that US 95 Gap project was gearing up. Glenn asked whether the Worley north project, which he believed received funding, was out on ad yet. Don stated that he wasn't sure, but would find out. Someone noted that the Worley north project was not listed on ITD's 2010 project list for Kootenai County and that the funding didn't materialize.

Eric Shanley reported that all of Lakes Highway District's load limits are off. Crews are conducting spring maintenance activities. Lakes Highway District is working on several design projects, including Lancaster Phase II & III, Diagonal Road, Lancaster Overlay West of US 95, and lower East Hayden Lake Road. The District is also working on a major joint project with the North Kootenai Water District in the Avondale area.

John Pankratz reported that the East Side Highway District still has a few load limits still in place. A tree removal project begins today on Driftwood Heights Road, which will require utility relocation. The Fernan Hill Road project is in the design stages while the Fernan Lake Road project is back under construction. The District has also commenced spring sweeping, cleaning, and grading.

Robert Palus reported that the City of Post Falls' William and Frederick Street improvement projects are now under construction. The Idaho Street widening and overlay project from Mullan to 20th Avenue is under design; construction is expected to begin in July or August. The City is also wrapping up the Seltice/Mullan CMAQ project.

Kelly Brownsberger reported that the Post Falls Highway District has started the Beck and Seltice intersection realignment project. Union Pacific Railroad has confirmed that they will be there on time. Beck Road will be closed to through traffic through April and May due to construction.

Jeff Zaugg reported that the City of Hayden is conducting spring maintenance as well as their pavement and sign inventories. Walmart is breaking ground on their offsite improvements, which include Cornerstone Drive and Centa Avenue as well as Honeysuckle Avenue.

Kevin Howard reported that the Worley Highway District is hoping to go to bid as soon as possible on their Elder Road STP rural project, since it is in the final stage of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E). Load limits are still on in some isolated spots. They are also conducting roadway sweeping and brush clearing activities.

Kevin Jump reported that the City of Rathdrum has submitted final changes to the PS&E on their Highway 41 and Wright Street intersection improvement project and are waiting to hear whether this will be a 2010 funded project. Their Quite Zone project is still in the agreement negotiation stage. Prairie Sky, a private residential development will be making improvements to Lancaster Road just west of Meyer Road during late April or May.

Utility Updates:

Dan Hanenburg from Kootenai Electric reported that they are converting overhead lines to underground on Maple Road and they are working on a powerline on Howard Street for the City of Coeur d'Alene. He inquired about the status of Worley Highway District's Hull Loop and Kidd Island Road intersection project. Kevin Howard responded that the District is facing right of way issues on the project but hope to commence construction this summer. Kootenai Electric is also coordinating with the City of Worley on some improvements north of US 95 and performing reconductering work on Ramsey Road from Boekel to Garwood.

Don Davis reported back on the Worley north project stating that the funding did not come through. Further updates are forthcoming.

KMPO Planning Updates:

a) Modeling Activities

Ryan Stewart expressed appreciation to all jurisdictions assisting with traffic counts. He asked that the jurisdictions contact him when all the counts are completed. He noted that additional counts may be needed this fall.

Ryan introduced new KMPO staff member Mallory Atkinson, a Transportation Planner who will be attending future KMPO Board and KCATT meetings.

b) Public Transportation Update

Ryan reported that the KMPO Board made a recommendation to the Kootenai County Board of County Commissioners on the formation of a Regional Public Transportation Authority for Kootenai County. The Commissioners will need to be apprised of the benefits of forming a county-wide entity that will focus solely on public transportation services and The Commissioners will need to pass a resolution to place a vote on the November 2010 ballot.

The formation of an RPTA under Idaho law does not create a taxation authority. The two currently in existence in Idaho are funded by voluntary local contributions, similar to current practice, and are used as a local match toward federal funding. Further updates are forthcoming.

Mobility Manager, Clif Warren, reported that the Kootenai County Commissioners will hopefully give their final approval vote on the 14 new buses for Citylink and KATS at next week's meeting. Also, a leased van for vanpool services is being arranged for the City of Harrison. He reported that they are also working on grant applications for Citylink and KATS services.

Glenn Miles reported that the City of Harrison has requested a planning study to examine the possibility of providing limited public transportation services to/from the City of Harrison. The City of Rathdrum has also submitted a resolution requesting that they be incorporated into Citylink's route structure. These requests will be taken to the Transportation Public Roundtable for input and later to the KMPO Board for consideration. A key issue to address will be funding, since the Coeur d'Alene Tribe currently provides 54% of the funding for Citylink. Glenn cautioned on how these requests should be handled noting that fulfilling a need establishes an expectation for services

c) 2009 Data Requests for Jurisdictions

Ryan stated that 2009 building permit and data information request letters were sent to each jurisdiction. This an annual request for the purpose of model and GIS tracking. He noted that some jurisdictions have already submitted responses and he encouraged all others to respond as well. Glenn commented that the City of Hayden Lake was the first to respond to the request.

ITD Board Update:

Glenn reported that ITD has several projects that will need key numbers for inclusion into the TIP and that $44 million has been set aside for construction projects in 2010.

Glenn proceeded to discuss the Jobs Bill under agenda item 8.b).

Current Business:

a) Call for Projects Draft Criteria

Ryan reported that draft applications and criteria were supplied at last month's meeting and that the only feedback was to 1) combine the improvement (reconstruction) and preservation applications into one and use another application for new construction; 2) adjust the traffic volumes criteria; and 3) look at the alternative modes criteria and point scales for transit, bike and pedestrian facilities.

Glenn emphasized the need to get projects into preliminary development in order to load up the STIP for 2011-2015. He noted that Kootenai County typically gets $1.3

to $1.4 million in transportation funding annually, but that up to 3 times that amount can be applied towards project preliminary development. He suggested that a subcommittee be formed to finalize the applications. Eric Shanley, Robert Palus, Kelly Brownsberger, Jeff Zaugg, and Gordon Dobler volunteered or were nominated to staff the subcommittee. Ryan stated that he would send out a meeting reminder to the subcommittee.

b) Jobs Bill Projects Update

Glenn reported that the Jobs Bill, also known as the "Hire Bill," restored the funding rescissions enacted in FY 2009, which comprised a 30% hit in Idaho's transportation budget. Funds from both the mega project (projects of national/regional significance) and borders/corridors programs (100% earmarked programs) will be combined and processed through the normal formula program. The Hire Act did not add to transportation funding, but extended unemployment benefits and SAFETEA-LU through the end of the year.

It was noted that Congressman Oberstar's Bill, which completely rewrote the Transportation Authorization Bill and is undergoing hearings, has been criticized for hurting western states, including Idaho. The Bill deemphasizes highways, but emphasizes preservation and maintenance of highways, environmental benefits, livability, sustainability, freight and goods movement, public transportation, and non-motorized.

Upcoming KMPO Board Items:

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

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

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Donna Lively
Recording Secretary