KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
March 24, 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
Sean Hoisington (Vice Chair)	City of Hayden
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
David Callahan	Kootenai County
Rob Palus	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Marvin Fenn	ITD

Staff

Glenn Miles	KMPO Executive Director
Bonnie Gow	Senior Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Odo Grandi	LHTAC
Donna Montgomery	KMPO Volunteer
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Rusty Leahy	DEA
Eric Olson	HMH
Dan Remmick	Century West Engineering
Larry Hager	Avista
Laura Winters	Ruen Yaeger

3. Approval of February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. David Callahan made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015 KCATT meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Rob Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Utility & Project Updates

Odo Grandi, LHTAC, provided an update on staff changes. On March 13th, Jeff Miles who had previously served as Deputy Administrator has been appointed Administrator. Mr. Grandi has

been appointed Resident Engineer for construction. A smooth transition is expected as both individuals have been with LHTAC for several years.

Ralph Paul, DEQ, had no updates to report.

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported a weigh-in-motion project would begin next month along I-90 near Greensferry. The Worley North project on Highway 95 was awarded to DeAtley Construction and is expected to begin next month. The Plummer Creek Bridge on State Highway 5 was awarded to Wadsworth; the pre-con is today. District crews are no longer in winter maintenance mode and are currently converting trucks. Mr. Fenn reported crews were trying different temperature paint to get pavement markings on the roadways.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, noted a couple urban improvement projects that were out to utilities for coordination. Their City Council approved a cooperative funding agreement to get Lancaster Road paved west of Highway 41 between Highway 41 and Greensferry Road. Mr. Jump noted the project had been on the list for a number of years.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported sweeping is done and pavement markings will be done once the weather improves. The mild weather has enabled them to get ahead on spring maintenance and allowed them to facilitate a construction project where they are working with a property owner for the dedication of some property for the realignment of Huetter Road. Mr. Shanley noted part of the agreement was that they do the project during an open winter. The area is expected to be open to traffic in the next three weeks. Construction project bids opened a few weeks ago; they have a good representation of the engineer's estimate as bids ranged from 16% below to 4% over. Mr. Shanley said they will be discussing with their Board the idea of putting those funds aside for future construction shortfalls. They had also seen substantial savings in their chip seal oil over the previous year. The District is getting ready to kick off the Ramsey Road/ Union Pacific railroad crossing improvement design; they will meet with the railroad this week and are hoping the consultant can start that project soon.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, reported the City's two safety grant projects were on schedule and expected to be complete the end of May. Regarding the signal timing grant project, new signal timing is expected to be installed by the end of May. Completion of the design for improvements to the Mullan Avenue/Idaho Street intersection by the end of May will allow for construction the end of summer. State Highway 41 bike/ped trail is on schedule and should be sent to ITD for preliminary review next week. The Greensferry Overpass project is still under construction. The 7th Avenue project should go out to bid in May.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, reported the technical fix for the development codes went public today; he will be meeting with people regarding the changes. For some time, there has been a 25' no disturbance zone all around lake front areas. At the request of the CDA Lakeshore Property Owners Association, et al, the language has been stricken from the draft interim code; some opposition is expected. Mr. Callahan said he does not plan to schedule any public hearings with the Planning Commission until they work through some of the issues. He and Mr. Shanley met with the county commissioners yesterday regarding contractors putting private roads on the highway district road system without permits. The matter is problematic for the jurisdictions and for County staff. Mr. Callahan asked for input on how to reach out to the contractors and find a reasonable solution while not putting the public's safety in danger.

Mr. Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, reported the Prairie Avenue project is scheduled to restart April 1. The Highway District has been working on the design of a couple of overlays – Prairie Avenue from the end of the Prairie Avenue project to Highway 41 which they are doing in cooperation with the City of Post Falls and an overlay on Lancaster from Highway 41 east into the

City limits. Mr. Brownsberger noted both projects were structural overlays which would allow them to remove weight restrictions and open those roads for year around traffic. The Highway District is still doing some spring cleanup and maintenance. Mr. Brownsberger noted Union Pacific had been notified that the railroad crossing on Prairie Avenue west of Meyer Road was deteriorating.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the Kidd Island Bay project is still in right-of-way acquisition. The Highway District's office bid was awarded; they are waiting for permits from Kootenai County. District crews are doing spring cleaning, sweeping, and grading roads.

Sean Hoisington, City of Hayden, reported the City had opened a plant mix supply bid for 3/8" mix. He noted they will be doing a number of 1/4"chip in neighborhoods and 3/8" on Hayden Avenue from Highway 95 to Huetter Road. Bids are expected to open next week. An ADA ramp replacement bid will be going out; they had developed a ramp inventory and are replacing a few ramps every year. The City met with the consultant on the Ramsey Road extension; there will be a scope change and a refresh of the agreement. Regarding the airport matter, Mr. Hoisington said he was concerned that they had not received the signed final draft on the precision approach. Work on the Ramsey/Honeysuckle Road improvement will begin; they will be doing a concept phase and looking into a number of possibilities. The Hayden Avenue corridor plan is on the City's April 14th agenda.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, noted he had nothing further to report from last month. The District is in spring maintenance mode, sweeping, grading, and brushing.

6. <u>KMPO Planning Updates</u>

a. SH 41 Corridor Master Plan Update

Ms. Bonnie Gow noted a rough draft of the Highway 41 Corridor Study Update text document was emailed out yesterday afternoon. The committee was asked to review the draft document and submit any comments, suggestions or changes by April 7th. Ms. Gow finished running all the models and provided the information to ITD for the synchro analysis. Once the analysis is complete, the data will be put into the text document along with other updates from the jurisdictions. The final text document will include methodology and documentation for reference and future updates. Jurisdictions who would like information included in the appendices was asked to provide it by April 7th. Mr. Gow hopes to have the text document in final draft form by the April KCATT meeting.

Mr. Palus said, without having a chance to review the modeling results and comparing them to text document, he was hesitant to comment on the rough draft document. Mr. Miles told the committee they would receive a copy of the final draft text document for review.

b. Public Involvement Plan Implementation Update

Mr. Miles noted the KMPO Board had approved the Public Involvement Plan implementation at their last meeting. The decision was made to add up to five (5) non-voting members to KCATT from the public. An application has been put together. The positions will be open to individuals from the public who have an interest in bike/ped, rail, aviation, public transportation, and freight and goods movement and is intended to broaden the perspective of KCATT. Mr. Miles noted the KMPO Board had some discussion about whether or not these should be voting or non-voting members. The Board elected to make them non-voting members; however, after a period of time, they are committed to take the matter back to the Board to convert those members to voting members. They are looking at a different meeting room to accommodate the growing committee.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn said the ITD agenda appeared to be business as usual, included issues from other parts of the state and perhaps some funding matters. He will provide information on the 129,000 pound truck routes next month.

8. Current Business

a. Possible Advancement and Delay of Various Projects Seltice Way

Mr. Miles said at this point in time, they were not going to advance the Seltice Way project. He commented that the revised estimate of a 2015 project in Moscow was well over the original engineer's estimate and is why they were looking for projects to fill that hole. The Urban Balancing Committee and LHTAC will be meeting April 15/16 and will discuss the matter. Mr. Miles noted there was too much of a deficit between the money that was available and what was needed for them to move forward on that project. This was also the case for the Seltice Way project. Mr. Miles said if there is another gap, they will try again.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

Mr. Miles said he did not know of any items at this time.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Shanley noted LHTAC had recently published their quarterly newsletter. They have asked for feedback on their funding applications; comments are due by April 6th. He felt it would be in their best interest to have a letter from KMPO which would be considered input from KCATT. Mr. Shanley suggested a subcommittee be formed.

An unidentified individual stated LHRIP results were posted last week; out of 16 or 17 awards, only one project was awarded in ITD District 1. The person noted it was disappointing. The award went to the City of Harrison.

Mr. Pankratz noted the City of Harrison had been working on it a long time.

Mr. Shanley stated it was a concern for Lakes Highway District. He felt good projects were being overlooked and said smaller cities may not have as much money as medium sized highway districts, but it did not mean highway districts have money for projects outside of typical maintenance. Mr. Shanley believed there would be some benefit in them discussing this as a group. He noted the limited timeframe and asked Ms. Gow to arrange a meeting.

Mr. Pankratz was open to the subcommittee.

Odo Grandi, LHTAC, said he believed Mr. Shanley had sent an email to LHTAC which prompted the request for feedback on the applications. He stated they were there to listen.

Mr. Miles said he felt the discussion was good. He understood at the last LHTAC meeting there was a conversation at the Board level regarding the MPOs, LHTAC, and the Urban Balancing money. Mr. Miles said he believed the conversation should go from the elected officials down and from the staff up as he felt there was a lot of misconception on how funding works and how projects get selected.

Mr. Jump believed they would be in a good position to offer comments as they had been through the process of reviewing their applications in the last year or so.

Mr. Fenn noted he programs $150-200,000 to upgrade ADA ramps and would like to work on any high priority ramps. He asked the committee to let him know if they had any high priority ramps on the ITD network that needed to be upgraded.

Mr. Pankratz noted they are facing serious budget shortfall issues with their SRS funding. East Side Highway District has been notified that there will be about an $86,000 reduction this year.

Mr. Miles noted Congressman Lowenthal would be introducing a Bill next week, HR1308, the National Multimodal and Sustainable Infrastructure Act. It is significant to this area because of the 129,000 pound truck route discussion and our proximity as north/south and east/west thoroughfare. There would be $1B created during the life of the Bill; this is important as they are trying to grow the economy and build infrastructure around these areas in order to develop manufacturing and industrial corridors. By formula, a split of 50% to the states and 50% by competitiveness is being considered; the formula, and how it goes out to the states is applicable to our region. The Bill will affect every container coming in by rail, truck, and water. Mr. Miles said this is a more holistic way of capturing the cost of freight movement. The Bill would not interfere with the normal funding program. Currently, more and more money is being emphasized for freight and goods movement; approximately 40% of the TIGER program is now going into freight and goods movement rather than traditional highway programs. Mr. Miles said they have been asked to put together a one or two page flyer identifying two projects they believe are of national regional significance in our region; a book reflecting these projects is being prepared. He will work with ITD and KCATT to identify these projects. MAP-21 is expiring in May; many expect a long term authorization Bill.

11. Next Meeting – April 28, 2015

12. Adjournment

Mr. Callahan moved to adjourn the March 24, 2015 KCATT meeting. Mr. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Recording Secretary