KCATT MEETING MINUTES
for
March 25, 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:

Vic Chair John Pankratz requested those present to introduce themselves:

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
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District
David Callahan	Kootenai County
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Marvin Fenn	ITD
Don Davis	ITD

Staff

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

Alternates and Guests

Shawn Metts	HMH
Rusty Leahy	DEA
Connie Krueger	City of Hayden
Rod Twete	Lakes Highway District
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Donna Montgomery	Citizen
Marshall Law	Avista
Laura Winter	Ruen Yeager
Greg Delavan	Coeur d'Alene Airport
Jay Hassell	J-U-B
Ralph Paul	DEQ

3. Approval of February Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Rob Palus made a motion to approve the February 25, 2014 KCATT meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

5. Project and Utility Updates

Marshall Law, Avista, reported crews will be finishing up the electric relocation work on the Beck Road project at Beck Road and Seltice Way. Work on the Prairie Avenue project between Huetter and Meyer Roads is expected to begin next week; the project is expected to last a couple of months. Avista will be upgrading their overhead line to a 3-phase line in Dalton Gardens on 17th between Dalton and Hanley Avenues; the project is expected to begin in the next few weeks.

Don Davis, ITD, commented that his March meeting with the Coeur d'Alene City Council regarding the Highway 95 Corridor Study has been rescheduled for April 15, 2014. Kootenai Medical Center will be doing a Master Plan update; ITD had been invited to the meeting and said 2-3 people from ITD would be attending.

Marvin Fenn, ITD, reported a pre-con for the Pine Point/Pinehurst I-90 bridge replacement project was received today. He provided an update on the Rathdrum 41/53 Bridge. A pre-con on the signal upgrade project at Spokane Street/Pleasant View is expected in 3 weeks. On State Highway 3, the contractor would like to start replacing some structures, but the permit is for later in the year; if they come in with a plan, they may be working on Robinson and Canary Creek this month. The remaining projects are expected to begin in April. Mr. Fenn noted mainline construction on Highway 95 should be complete by the end of August; work on frontage roads near Granite Hill may continue into the next season.

Greg Delavan, Coeur d'Alene Airport, reported they would be working on spring projects, planning issues, and grants. Last Saturday, 160 dogs were flown from California to the Coeur d'Alene Airport; the dogs will be put up for adoption.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported several roads had washed out during the last month due to the rapid snow melt and heavy rains; all roads have been repaired and are open. This Thursday, they have bid openings for their rehab projects as well as their road reconstruction project. The District held their first technical advisory committee meeting for their Transportation Plan yesterday; an open house will be held April 10th.

Robert Palus, City of Post Falls, provided an update on the Beck Road Interchange project; the contractor expects to finish up constructing the Beck Road portion from Pleasant View up to Seltice Way by mid-May. A public stakeholders' meeting was held the end of February on the 7th Avenue project; the meeting went well - local businesses and property owners provided their input and concerns. The consultant for the Seltice Congestion Mitigation project is working on the right-of-way acquisition and hope to have it completed by June. The 4th Avenue and Spokane Street signal is expected to be put online in the next couple of weeks. The State Local Agreement for the Community Choices Highway 41 Bike/Ped project will be taken to the City Council next week; they will then be coordinating with the State and J-U-B. The City is finalizing negotiations with the Railroad on the Spencer Street project.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, had no updates to report.

Kelly Brownsberger, Post Falls Highway District, provided an update on the Prairie Avenue project and noted the District has an agreement in place with Units Water; Avista and Frontier expect to begin their work soon. On Monday, there will be a bid opening for the overlay project on Hayden Avenue between Highway 41 to Greensferry. The District has been doing spring maintenance.

Sean Hoisington, City of Hayden, reported they had put out a bid opening for the thin mix he had discussed during previous meetings. They have an agreement for a preliminary design on Hayden Avenue, between Kirkpatrick to Melrose, on the Council Agenda tonight; after taking a closer look at the traffic analysis, they changed the section from 5 lanes as laid out in their Transportation Plan, to 3 lanes. Mr. Hoisington said this was a preliminary design and will serve as a tool for the City.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, noted the District also suffered a lot of road damage from run-off; some roads have not been repaired as conditions have prevented crews from accessing roadways. The review of the utility plans on the Kidd Island Road project is near completion. Mr. Howard is expecting final drawings of the right-of-way plans anytime.

John Pankratz, East Side Highway District, reported the District received $100,000 in emergency money from LHTAC to help offset the increased cost on the Burma Road project; the contractor is working diligently to address EPA and DEQ concerns. The recent run-off has caused substantial road damage throughout the District; roads are being repaired as conditions allow. The District is in spring maintenance

Mr. Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported they had held their second open house on the Government Way project; approximately 50% of the property owners attended. The City moved the alignment 10' to the west taking the impact off properties to the east in the City of Dalton Gardens. The right-of-way plans are expected to be complete in about a month; right-of-way acquisition is expected to begin by June and completed by the end of the year. The preliminary design review went well.

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

Mr. Miles noted staff changes at ITD headquarters; Maureen Gresham, Freight and Special Projects Coordinator, and Randy Kyrias, Administrator of the Division of Transportation Performance, are no longer with ITD. Brent Jennings is believed to be filling in for Mr. Kyrias.

Mr. Miles provided copies of the packet from Bracke and Associates which will also be made available on the KMPO website. Marsha Bracke is in charge of the facilitation effort. She met with 35 stakeholders during the week of March 10th; the visit resulted in a list of approximately 59 questions which will be put to the stakeholders. Due to the process and the number of questions, Ms. Bracke has recommended the first meeting of the stakeholders be moved to June. Mr. Miles noted that funding for the design of the Ramsey Road extension would not be in jeopardy at this time, as the Federal Highway Administration viewed the facilitation process as working toward a resolution.

Mr. Miles said during the last legislative session, there was a lot of discussion surrounding funding transportation; as part of the 2015 legislative session. One of the underlying questions is expected to be whether or not to seek funding using an approach that would gradually increase funding "bite size" or seek a larger amount all at once. Any funding would probably be spread across ITD, local jurisdictions, and highway districts. Mr. Miles asked the committee for their perspective.

Mr. Pankratz said he felt they should be cautious in using the "bite size" approach as they never seem to catch up with funding needs, and in time things become more expensive.

Mr. Shanley commented that lack of any movement at the state and federal level forces local elected officials to increase property taxes and said the question becomes whether or not transportation should be funded by property taxes or use fees.

Mr. Miles felt that was a good point and said there was a lot of discussion at the federal level; Congress' view point appears to be that they should be responsible for the national transportation system, the state should be responsible for the state system and the locals responsible for the local transportation system; he noted that would work well in areas with high population density, but not in rural states, counties and communities. He said the matter will need to be addressed as the Highway Trust Fund is expected to be out of money in the next 3-4 months. Congress is looking at a strategy to provide tax breaks for repatriation of off-shore funds by corporations bringing their funds back to the US; although the funds would go toward transportation investments, Mr. Miles indicated there were a number of questions related to the sustainability of such a program.

Mr. Hoisington noted the importance of putting money into preventative maintenance; he said from a pavement management perspective, it is cheaper to put more money into preventative maintenance than it is to rebuild roadways.

Mr. Miles said he believed several were looking at something like a 5-5-5 funding increase that would be developed to support a multi-year transportation program.

Mr. Pankratz said if the locals would be expected to look after the locals, at some point, local jurisdictions and highway districts would need the ability to seek local option funding.

Mr. Miles was interested in getting their thoughts as the discussion on possible bill language would most likely be taking place this summer/early fall. The state tax discussion is expected to take place during the next legislative session in 2015.

KMPO had finished updating their Title VI Plan; it was forwarded to ITD last week. Mr. Miles noted several of the highway districts had been required to develop Title VI Plans as part of their Federal Certifications.

Mr. Hoisington commented that the City of Hayden had done a citywide inventory of all their ADA facilities to supplement their Title VI Plan and are working on a plan to replace non-compliant pedestrian ramps which is part of the planning process for Title VI.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn said the ITD Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is almost out; a new program, Strategic Initiatives, will be inserted in the TIP. The ITD Board approved funding for the Master Plan for the City of Coeur d'Alene and Lake Drive; there is currently an RFQ out.

8. Current Business

a. Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan Update

Mr. Miles said the original Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan was prepared in 2002 and accepted by local jurisdictions, but not adopted by ITD. The update of this Plan was included in this year's KMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Miles noted the City of Rathdrum and Lakes Highway District were both working on their Transportation Plans. The

intent is to update the Plan with the new travel demand forecasts as well as assess what has occurred since the Plan was completed. The Highway 41 Corridor Master Plan update is expected to be adopted by local jurisdictions as well as by the ITD Board as a planning document.

Mr. Davis explained the extent of the update and noted the City of Rathdrum had requested it extend through Rathdrum to Highway 53. The update will be incorporated into the City's Transportation Plan.

Mr. Miles will meet with local agencies and review different scenarios. The existing model through 2035 will be used as the baseline.

b. Federal Program Update

Mr. Miles said the House Transportation Committee has had a series of hearings on the next authorization bill; they are keying in on economic development, preservation, and restructuring of bridges. A draft bill is expected out by June.

The USDOT, as part of the Federal program, has put together the National Freight Network. A number of comments were made to the Federal Register regarding the Network; 108 comments regarding the 27,000 mile cap, 137 on the inter-module connectors noting roads to airport, ports and railheads were not considered, 92 comments were regarding the Network only considering trucks - rail air and barge were not considered. Kootenai County was not included on the draft National Freight Network due to lower truck volumes. Mr. Miles commented that US 95 as well as the interstate system should be included in the National Freight Network. The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors along with several others commented that international border crossings operating 24/7 need to be added to the Network. Mr. Miles noted there were not many 24/7 border crossings that included both truck and rail; they were able to include the language for 24/7 border crossings with rail access. In 2012, Eastport/Kingsgate ranked 6th in the nation for the number of loaded cargo by rail; there was approximately 46,000 trucks and 88,000 railcars. Mr. Miles commented on the impact to the transportation system and said it is important and relevant to Kootenai County.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

There are no upcoming Board items.

10. Other Business

a. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Pankratz suggested to those who may have environmentally sensitive projects to begin water quality testing long before the pre-season of construction. He has had a couple conversations with LHTAC in an effort to get some provisions that would allow local agencies to do this at some point in time or during preliminary engineering.

In response to Mr. Pankratz's comment, Mr. Fenn said addressing environmental issues should be part of the upfront project cost as it is used to gain background knowledge and said it would only need to be put in the proper scope upfront.

Mr. Miles said he had a conversation Scott Ellsworth of LHTAC regarding project development and better documentation. In the past, local agreements have not done a good job of documenting the cost by phase, category, work hours, etc. Mr. Miles spoke with Lance Holmstrom on Friday and said Mr. Holmstrom expressed his support for including in the local agreements a defined budget within the scope. Mr. Miles encouraged the committee to look at their local agreements and request this level of specificity in the future so they have something they can use as a management tool for their projects.

11. Next Meeting – April 22, 2014

12. Adjournment

Mr. John Pankratz moved to adjourn the March 25, 2014 KCATT meeting. Mr. Howard seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Recording Secretary

From: Ted Vanegas [mailto:Ted.Vanegas@itd.idaho.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9:39 AM
To: Glenn Miles
Subject: Statewide Bike Plan

Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Open for Public Comment

ITD is in the final stages of completing the Idaho Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This draft is the result of extensive outreach throughout the state, as well as input from ITD staff, the consultant team, and the statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The intent is not for this to be an ITD bicycle and pedestrian plan but rather a statewide plan for all of Idaho's communities and agencies. The plan is also intended to be a high level tool for incorporating best practices in the field but tailored to fit the unique needs of Idaho and its communities.
ITD and the BPAC invite you to review and comment on this plan, which can be found here: http://i-way.org/announcements/statewide-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan-open-for-public-comment
Please provide comments back to ITD by Friday May 2nd, 5:00 p.m. MST via email at: itdpdteam@itd.idaho.gov

Note: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be meeting on April 24th, so those comments received by April 23rd can be reviewed and discussed by the committee at that time.