KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for
March 25, 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:

Kelly Brownsberger requested all those present to introduce themselves. Those present were: Andrea Storjohann, Jim Kackman, Mike Phillip, Gordon Dobler, Joe Wuest, John Pankratz, Robert Palus, Kevin Howard, Kelly Brownsberger, Jeff Zaugg, Jenny Wash, Carole Richardson, Glenn Miles, Staci Lehman, Dick Edinger, Bob Wilbur, Jimmie Dorsey, Cary Stewart, David Bryant, Terry Sverdstren, Rod Twete, Mark Brower, Marv Lekstrum, Monty Montgomery, Donna Montgomery, Tina Jacobson, Lisa Key, and Craig Wilcox.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

It was noted the minutes should be correct to indicate the spelling of Rod Twete, Gordon Dobler, and Hull Loop.

Andrea Storjohann made a motion to approve the January 22, 2008 meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Joe Wuest seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: No representation was present.

Time Warner: No representation was present.

Verizon: David Bryant reported Verizon is working on sub-division work, the Lancaster Road project, and the Mullan Road project.

Kootenai Electric: No representation was present

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann reported on the status of the Turner Creek Bridge, Worley North and the 9th Street Bridge along with road closures for these projects. She

also stated that ITD is working on some signal upgrades on US95 through Coeur d'Alene and Hayden and reported that any work that affects traffic will be done at night. Washington State Line to Sherman project which includes grinding and re-paving will start sometime in April and end in July.

Jim Kackman, of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, stated work is being completed on Lovell Valley Road and Kings Valley Road projects from last fall. The tribe is looking into working on a residential street to finish out the Osprey sub-division which is a 3,000 Tribal housing project.

Mike Phillips of the City of Rathdrum reported that due to the street maintenance project budget being down the City will not be doing major maintenance on streets this year.

Gordon Dobler of the City of Coeur d'Alene stated the only big projects this year are overlaying streets. Sub-divisions in the Northwest of the City are coming along and will be finished up in a couple of weeks.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District (LHD) stated the Steel Curve project awarded up on Lancaster Road is scheduled to start April 15th. LHD has a Lancaster bid opening coming up April 1 from Strahorn Road to Forest Ridge. He reported on work to start on Huetter Road as well as Brunner Road adjacent to Silverwood.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) mentioned the District had preliminary discussions with developers engineering for possibly 80 Townhouses near Yellowstone Trail Road. He stated that he had a conversation with Greg Gifford project manager for Western Federal Lands Highway (WFLH) Division pertaining to the Fernan Lake Road and he hopes they can go to advertisement for this project in April. Burma Road project is in draft concept and ESHD has applied for additional funding. The Latour Creek Road has received $100,000 for paving from the Local Rural Investment Program for 2008 and also has been awarded $100,000 for asphalt in 2009. Mr. Pankratz reported that ESHD is in preliminary negotiations with Black Rock Ranch for possible improvements for Anderson Lake Road, Black Lake Road and Bell Canyon Road.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls updated the committee on the Mullan Avenue widening project which started two weeks ago. The 15th Avenue Bike facility, which was an enhancement grant, has gone through final design review and has gone through ITD. The City is looking into doing some rehabilitation and restoration to Spokane Street and he mentioned he also has a developer that wants to start work on the roundabout at Idaho Street and Poleline Avenue with an anticipated start when school is out. Another developer on the west side has intentions on improving the undeveloped portions on Beck Road and Seltice Way. The City is waiting to see the plans for this project from the developer.

Vice-Chair Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District stated they went out to bid on the procurement on the Tall Pines Bridge and also have received a $100,000 grant for local road improvements for this project. Mr. Howard updated the group on the status on the Elder Road project as well.

Kelly Brownsberger with Post Falls Highway District (PFHD) reported that PFHD had a preliminary discussion with the contractor at the new transfer station along Prairie Avenue for the possibility of closing Prairie Avenue from May 1 to July 31. He mentioned that PFHD would allow them to close Prairie but not for three months. Construction has also started on Kira Road.

Jeff Zaugg of the City of Hayden reported on the Government Way project which still has some landscaping work to be completed. Other than the Government Way project the City is working on repairing winter damage and other road maintenance.

Mr. Dobler asked about the Enhancement Projects. Ms. Richardson stated that ITD is considering zeroing out the Enhancement and CMAQ programs for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, to help pay for other programs. She has been in touch with Mark McNeese at ITD Headquarters, and Mark indicated it may be possible to fund a few of the applications we received for 2011 in 2010. The IT Board will be discussing the Enhancement and CMAQ programs at their April meeting, and staff should have additional information for KCATT after that. Mr. Dick Edinger who is on the LHTAC committee confirmed that in two years the enhancement funding in CMAQ would likely be gone. More information will be addressed at the next KCATT meeting.

ITD Board Update:

No representation present.

Current Business:

a) Draft KMPO Model Policy

Carole Richardson reported on the KMPO Model Policy which will be fine tuned and given to the Board in May. She stated the capabilities of the regional model are often misunderstood. The intent of the proposed policy is to clarify the purpose and use of the regional model and she asked if the committee could review this policy and make any comments by the next KCATT meeting.

b) 2008 Traffic Count Program

Carole Richardson passed out a list of traffic count locations for 2008, and a map showing these locations. WSDOT will be collecting the counts to help KMPO update the model. She mentioned ITD is helping KMPO with rural counts that will

help validate the model as well. The anticipated date of WSDOT's counts will be prior to April 15th.

c) MTP Update – status report

Carole Richardson asked for comments on the first chapter of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This first chapter discusses KMPO's key policy issues. The group will probably want to discuss some of the items mentioned in the draft chapter, such as the Huetter Corridor, Bridging the Valley, and priority corridors for Federal Funding. Ms. Richardson stressed that KCATT input is very important for this first chapter, and asked if the committee would read this through and a discussion will be addressed at the next KCATT meeting. A schedule of the MTP Update was also addressed and explained to the committee. The MTP update schedule will likely need to be adjusted so that the timing fits with the County's Comp Plan update.

d) Lancaster / US95 Funding

Carole Richardson addressed the subcommittee's proposal that was given to KCATT members in their packets. The proposal involves what to do with the $3 million that needs to be reallocated since an interchange project will not move forward.

ITD has indicated they will consider a signal on US95, and a partnership has been proposed that involves constructing four lanes on US95 from Wyoming to Highway 53, and realigning the Government Way and Lancaster Road intersection. KCATT's subcommittee proposes that $1 million be used to realign the Government Way intersection. The subcommittee did not address the remaining two million, however KMPO staff recommends that these funds be put towards right of way acquisition for the Huetter Corridor, and a funding shortfall on Dalton Gardens' Hanley Avenue project.

There was further discussion and possible consideration of other projects that are in need of funding as well. KCATT members determined that the remaining $2M needs further discussion. Ms. Richardson agreed to assemble a list of potential needs for the money, for KCATT discussion at the next meeting.

Kelly Brownsberger made a motion to allocate $1 million dollars from the $3 million towards the realignment of Government Way and Lancaster Intersection. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

e) 2008 Public Involvement Policy

Carole Richardson reported that the item, 2008 Public Involvement Policy, will be tabled until next month. Instead Staci Lehman spoke to the KCATT members

about KMPO's web blog. She passed out handouts to help explain what a web log, or "blog" is, and how effective it is to provide more public outreach and address public comments on major issues. Some reasons to use a blog are to reach an audience that doesn't traditionally attend public meetings, and to solicit public feedback, comments and opinions on current events and transportation topics. She also mentioned it is a useful tool to manage information that is put out to the public, and head off the spread of misinformation. Ms. Lehman encouraged KCATT members to take a look at the blog, make any comments and provide information on projects. She stated that the blog is on a trial basis.

Other Business:

Joe Wuest reported that the EPA will hold a meeting April 2 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for the Phase II Storm water program at the Coeur d'Alene Senior Center. He also requested that the topic of local option funding be a possible agenda item for next month. Another item he brought up was the Highway 95 project going North on Garwood to Sagle and funding of this project. Lakes Highway District has had a few meetings about this project and the subject of the bike path was discussed. It is possible that the trail may not be funded if a group cannot be found who is willing to take on maintenance of the trail. Andrea Storjohann concurred that a maintenance agreement for the trail would be required, and also noted that as construction funds are tight, so there may not be adequate funding for construction of the trail.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary