KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

May 27, 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:

Mark Brower, Transportation Engineer from WH Pacific in Spokane Valley, introduced himself to the group.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes:

Robert Palus made a motion to approve the April 22, 2008 meeting minutes. Kevin Howard 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: Shaun Dolan gave an update of the utility work that will take place this year in the area.

Project Updates:

Don Davis from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) updated existing projects and the projects status.

Chet Anderson of the City of Rathdrum reported he recently went to Hayden to watch an asphalt zipper churn up a road and view the machines capabilities. The City is trying to get something organized in Rathdrum to have a demo of the asphalt zipper.

Gordon Dobler of the City of Coeur d'Alene stated an overlay on Canfield from US95 to Government Way is underway.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District (LHD) mentioned that the Highway District had a compliance inspection on a clearing project in which they were fined for not having the project details explained thoroughly in their Storm Water Plan (SWP). He wanted to make the team aware of the issues in making sure everything is accounted for in the SWP. He also updated the team on the progress of the Lancaster project stating work is being done on the curve alignment section by English Point and East Hayden Lake Road.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) reported they are waiting for the construction schedule for Gotham Bay Road and that the Fernan Lake Road project will go out for advertisement in a couple weeks. He also updated the team on the numerous amounts of roads that have been under water for eight days. So far he has seen only minor surface and edge erosion damage.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls gave an update on the Mullan Road project and the 15th Avenue Bike Ped facility.

Vice-Chair Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District mentioned they have a court date set for an eminent domain taking to acquire the needed right-of-way for the Tall Pines bridge project. He mentioned that the District is finishing up with the Magnesium Chloride this week and are also experiencing water on roadways.

Kelly Brownsberger with Post Falls Highway District (PFHD) stated that Poe Asphalt should be paving Kira Road today. He also reported the transfer station on Prairie Avenue is on schedule and should be open the first of July.

Chair Jeff Zaugg of the City of Hayden gave an update on the progress of landscaping on Government Way which they hope to have finished by the first of June. Other than that the City is working on planner sub-divisions and anticipating annexations coming before the Council.

ITD Board Update:

No representation present.

Current Business:

a) Lancaster Money Discussion – final KCATT recommendation

A handout was passed out to the team showing KCATT's new project priorities if the Lancaster interchange is cancelled. The final project priorities were as follows:

Priority 1: Government Way; Dalton to Hanley with funding totaling $1,220M
Priority 2: Huetter Hardship and Protective Right of Way Acquisition with total funding $1,067M
Priority 3: Government Way/Lancaster Intersection with total funding $120K
Priority 4: Hanley Avenue; Government Way to 4th with funding totaling $933K
Priority 5: Mullan Widening and Overlay with funding totaling $250K

Carole Richardson reported that Glenn Miles was able to get additional money from the Urban Balancing meeting earlier this month in Idaho to add to the total of the projects. Total funding for KCATT's re-prioritized projects came to $3,590M with $3M of this from Lancaster interchange money. The remaining $590K is additional money that Mr. Miles secured at the May Urban Balancing meeting.

Joe Wuest made a motion to send the above prioritized projects to the KMPO Board for approval. Gordon Dobler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Carole stated that next month there will be a draft TIP for recommendation to the Board for approval.

b) Local Option Funding update – Joe Wuest

Joe Wuest passed out information on a proposed local option vehicle registration fee that was addressed at the last sub-committee meeting for local option funding. He reviewed each item as well as the breakdown of amounts that each jurisdiction would receive each year from projects from this proposal and opened it up for discussion.

After a thorough discussion among the group it was decided that it would be beneficial to bring it to the KMPO Board to update the Board on the findings and for their approval to place this proposal on the November ballot. The group also discussed the importance of educating the public about what this fee could do for transportation needs in Kootenai County.

John Pankratz made a motion to present the proposed local option vehicle registration to the KMPO Board. Robert Palus seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Donna Montgomery made a suggestion to have the highway districts make a presentation about the fees to the area Chambers.

c) MTP Section 1 Discussion – Key Policy Issues

Carole Richardson stated the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Section 1 lays out the key policy issues and how urban money is spent in Kootenai County and she has received several comments from different agencies. Section 1 comments were discussed and clarified such as refining a statement that says urban money stays in the urban area and rural money stays in the rural area.

Another key policy issue outlined in Section 1 are priority corridors. These are corridors that will be targeted for major system expansion (additional lanes) using federal aid. The group discussed whether existing US95 between I90 and SH53

should be on the map, in light of the fact that the Huetter Bypass is intended to be where major capacity improvements are constructed. Some group members felt existing US95 should be shown as a priority corridor, and left to the policy board to determine whether money is directed there.

Ms. Richardson stated that after each section is reviewed it will be posted on the website for public comment.

Section 2 of the MTP was provided to the team and comments are due next month to be reviewed at the next KCATT meeting. Carole made the team aware that there are some missing maps which will be produced once KMPO's model is updated and emphasized that there will be an opportunity to review these maps before Section 2 goes out for public comment.

d) Model Policy – need KCATT recommendation

Carole Richardson presented the revised Model Policy which KCATT had discussed previously. The policy sets out expectations about how the regional model can be used and what it is not appropriate to be used for. She asked the team for this document be recommended to the Board for adoption.

John Pankratz made a motion to approve the Model Policy. Gordon Dobler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Damon Allen with ITD talked about what was discussed at the IT Board meeting. He stated that a few Enhancement and CMAQ projects will be added back into the funding program such as a Citylink bus, Rathdrum Pathway, and Burma Road. These projects will be prioritized for the June Board workshop.

Damon Allen mentioned that the KCATT meeting time conflicts with another standing meeting on Idaho Transportation Board Member Jim Coleman's calendar. However, Mr. Allen will be glad to give a report from the IT Board meetings to the KCATT group in substitution for Jim Coleman.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be June 24, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary