

KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

November 23, 2021

Idaho Transportation Department District One Headquarters
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:

Chair Chris Bosley called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Welcome / Introductions

Chris Bosley, Chair	City of Coeur d'Alene
Kevin Howard	Worley Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Tom McLaughlin	Community Member, Trucking/Rail
David Callahan.....	Kootenai County
Eric Shanley.....	Lakes Highway District
Kevin Jump	City of Rathdrum
Bill Roberson	Idaho Transportation Department
Marvin Fenn.....	Idaho Transportation Department

KMPO Staff

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ali Marienau.....	Transportation Planner
Kelly Lund	Executive Secretary

Alternates and Guests

Chad Ingle	Kootenai County
Laura Winter	Ruen-Yeager
Ron McGhie.....	No Huetter Bypass Group
Dan Smith	IDEQ
Daniel Baker	HDR
Damon Allen	ITD
Megan Johns	ITD

3. Approval of October 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Action Item

David Callahan moved to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes as submitted. Rob Palus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments (limited to non-agenda items 3 minutes)

Mr. Ron McGhie, representative of the No Huetter Bypass group, noted the group wanted him to attend today's meeting to thank KCATT for their years of service and all they have done to help the community. Mr. McGhie said the group's goals are to support and echo the many voices in the community and ensure the values and feedback on roadway designs are heard. They want to support future roadway improvements for everyone while addressing the needs of their roads – as a system not as individual projects. They are interested in learning more about KCATT and looking forward to working with them in a positive and constructive manner. The group wanted Mr. McGhie to thank David Callahan at Kootenai County, Bill and Marvin at ITD, Robert at Post Falls, and Dan Gookin at the City of Coeur d'Alene, for their help and leaning in to get to know them better. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

5. Member Project, Transit & Utility Updates

Bill Roberson, ITD, reported the US-95; Alternative Route Huetter Bypass Request for Proposal

(RFP) closes today; they will be going through the evaluation process and selecting a consultant. He provided an update on SH-41 project noting the electrical contractor would be installing structures this winter. The bid opening for the US-95 – Ironwood to SH-53 signal upgrade project is scheduled for December 7th; the project is scheduled for next year. ITD is still attempting to work with Burlington Northern (BN) Railroad on right-of-way for the SH-53 – Hauser Lake Road to North Bruss Road project. Mr. Roberson commented on the projects planned along SH-53, noting the gaps between projects; they have submitted the gap projects and are hopeful they will be successful in getting them into the program. ITD has selected a consultant for the environmental document on the I-90 widening and I-90/US-95 interchange project.

Kevin Jump, City of Rathdrum, reported the SH-53/Meyer Road intersection project is open for full traffic through the winter. Negotiations to finalize the purchase of the last right-of-way parcel on the Boekel Road/Meyer Road intersection project continue. ITD opened the SH-41/Lancaster Road intersection. Their Transportation Master Plan update is ongoing. With the closure of the asphalt plants, the city has suspended right-of-way encroachment permits involving street cuts.

Eric Shanley, Lakes Highway District, reported they were working on the construction plan preparation for next year. The District has partnered with ITD on the SH-53/Ramsey Road signal project and the Parks Road Interchange project. Mr. Shanley thanked Damon Allen and ITD for their recent help in getting the Parks Road project off the ground. The District is looking into relocating their operation center to an area near Garwood and Pope Roads; the City of Hayden may consider consolidating and relocating their Public Works operations to the District's current location.

David Callahan, Kootenai County, noted building permits are up 45 percent over last year; they are busier than they have ever been. He reported that the minor subdivision amendments have been delayed due to him asking the county's legal counsel to review public and private roadway requirements; he believed it would be a good amendment and fix at least part of the issue. Following discussions with ITD and the Planning Commission, and until such time Mr. Callahan hears from ITD, the Planning Commission has delayed the Huetter Corridor overlay zone indefinitely.

Tom McLaughlin, Trucking/Rail – Community Member, said, with the exception of I-5, all transit in and out of Vancouver has been blocked. Canadian National Railway (CN) sent out a notice yesterday stating they did not expect rail service to Vancouver to be put back in place for ten days; Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail is likely in the same position. An increase in truck traffic and rail traffic on the Burlington Northern (BN) and Union Pacific (UP) rail lines through Sweetgrass and East Gate is expected over the next 30 days. Mr. McLaughlin commented on the issues of getting products out of ports; although drayage companies have drivers, containers are not being released by customs. He commented on the unusual imbalance of empty containers currently in the US and noted they were not being sent back to the ports for return but are being stored domestically.

Rob Palus, City of Post Falls, noted the City had suspended the issuance of right-of-way permits involving road cuts until spring. An update on the Greensferry Road project and the Grange Avenue/Union Pacific railroad crossing improvement project were provided. The city held an open house for two projects, the Poleline Avenue/Cecil Road roundabout or traffic signal intersection project and the Mullan Avenue/Cecil Road left turn restriction at Walmart; the projects are expected to go out for bid in January. The Spokane Street/Prairie Avenue project is expected to go out for bid in the January/ February timeframe. Last week, the city met with an engineer and developer regarding the northeast corner of SH-41 and Prairie Avenue; a roundabout is being considered at the future Prairie Avenue/Zorros Street intersection. Mr. Palus noted Post Falls Highway District would be making a request to classify Prairie Avenue

from SH-41 to Atlas Road as a principle/primary truck route; the city will be providing a letter of support. The city anticipates moving forward on a design for a roundabout or traffic signal at the top of the onramp at Seltice Way and 4th Avenue; they will be drafting a letter to Damon Allen, ITD, and requesting ITD staff assistance.

Kevin Howard, Worley Highway District, reported the 2017 Watson Road slide repair project had been completed. The District has consultants working on two projects planned for 2023 construction – the Cougar Gulch Road project and Rockford Bay/Loffs Bay intersection project. Crews are prepared for winter.

Chair Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene, reported two signal foundations were installed at Kathleen Avenue and Government Way in preparation for the 2022 Kathleen Avenue widening project between US-95 and Government way; the bid is expected to go out in December. The Lacrosse Avenue project was paved last week. The signal at Northwest Boulevard and Lacrosse Avenue will be turned on the first week of December. Chair Bosley commented on the Sherman Avenue signal upgrade project and noted a coordination scheme was currently being developed and was expected to be implemented the first week of December.

Chad Ingle, Kootenai County, reported the Strategic Service Plan update is ongoing; the outcome will be shared with KCATT and the KMPO Board.

6. Planning Updates

Ali Marienau noted she will be updating the 2020 base model with the 2020 Census housing data. A full model update and calibration will begin in the next few weeks. A request for traffic counts is expected to be sent out next week. The semi-annual non-motorized transportation roundtable meeting will be held after the holidays; a notice will be sent out.

7. Idaho Transportation Board Update

Mr. Fenn noted the Board addressed funding design services for the Coeur d'Alene River Bridge project; a consultant is needed as District 1 lacks in-house resources. The Director discussed the new federal infrastructure bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a 5-year reauthorization for FY22 – FY26. Idaho is expected to receive the following projected annual funding increases – \$91 million across highway program categories, \$45 million for bridges, \$11 million across public transit program categories, \$6 million for electric vehicle infrastructure. This is the largest overall increase since 1958. Mr. Fenn commented that the funding was not as flexible as it had been in the past. A focus on carbon and pollution reduction, Buy America, safety grants, and opportunity grants for smaller communities were noted. The December 9th, January 13th, and February 17th ITD Board meetings will be held in Boise.

8. Current Business

a. INRIX – Traffic Analytics Software – Discussion on Presentation

Mr. Miles commented on INRIX's technology and use of connected vehicle data to check the performance of a transportation system. He had asked Ted Trepanier, an INRIX representative, to discuss the signal analytical software with Chair Bosley, Rob Palus, and himself. Mr. Miles described the technology, benefits to the jurisdictions, and how it differed from other technologies including Bluetooth. Chair Bosley and Mr. Palus both commented on the technology and opportunities it provided, including use with the planned transportation management center. Mr. Miles noted ITD currently used the software and commented on the possibilities through the ITD INRIX contract. He asked the committee if they would be interested in a presentation during one of the KCATT meetings; the committee expressed interest in the INRIX presentation. Mr. Miles will arrange the presentation.

b. Potential Funding for Sidewalk Gaps and Shelters on Citylink North Routes

Mr. Miles commented that they had been looking for funding opportunities to address sidewalk gaps which are a challenge and safety issue those using the transit system. He reported \$205,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for sidewalks had been received; the funds must be obligated by August. Mr. Miles said, it would be a great opportunity for local jurisdictions to address sidewalk gaps along transit routes.

Chair Bosley noted Jody Bieze had sent him a list of accessible/inaccessible bus stops and said the city will be looking into the matter.

9. Upcoming KMPO Board Items

a. Election of 2022 Officers

Mr. Miles noted a possible lack of business before the KMPO Board in December. Election of the 2022 officers will likely take place in January.

10. Other Business

a. Kootenai County Regional Mobility Platform Demonstration – Chad Ingle (15 minutes)

Chad Ingle noted Kootenai County had been working with Passio Technologies over the past year to develop a rider platform. Mr. Ingle introduced Tim Hibbard of Passio Technologies and noted Mr. Hibbard would be giving a demonstration. Passio Technologies is also the Intelligent Transportation Service (ITS) provider for the fixed route, Paratransit and Ring-a-Ride services.

Mr. Tim Hibbard provided the background on the project, noting Kootenai County was awarded a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competitive bid for an Integrated Mobility Innovation project. The goal was to aggregate regional transportation providers into a mesh network and provide affordable and more transportation services for citizens throughout the region; they will be collecting feedback. Mr. Hibbard demonstrated the dispatch app, which allows drivers to see and perform on-demand trips, and the rider app, which allows riders to request, manage, and ultimately pay for on-demand trips. The platform is ready to be rolled out to beta users. The committee had no questions for Mr. Hibbard or Mr. Ingle.

b. KCATT Member Items

Mr. Fenn commented to Mr. Shanley that the SH-53/Ramsey Road traffic signal went into flash over the Thanksgiving holiday. While he was taking it off flash, a number of drivers indicated that they preferred the all-way stop over the running signal.

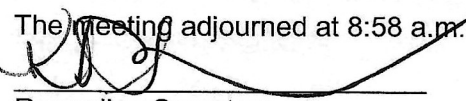
Mr. Miles reported John Parmann, who had served on KCATT as the aviation representative since 2015, had sent a letter indicating he would not be able to attend the remainder of the 2021 KCATT meetings and would not be seeking reappointment. Mr. Parmann expressed thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to serve on KCATT. The position will be advertised.

11. Next Meeting – December 21, 2021

12. Adjournment

David Callahan moved to adjourn the November 23, 2021 meeting. Rob Palus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.


Recording Secretary