KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

October 24, 2006
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman Bill Melvin called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Jeff Zaugg made a motion to approve the September 26, 2006 meeting minutes. John Pankratz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

Avista: No representation was present

Verizon: Nothing to report at this time.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann with the Idaho Transportation Department reported that they have finished paving over the 4th of July Pass; Prairie Avenue is in the process of being striped and signals being set; The girders have been set on the first half of Harrison Bridge and are now working on the deck; the Setters projects on U.S. 95 has stopped for the winter, but the contractors will continue to work on the Lay Creek Bridge, Railroad Bridge, and Fighting Creek Bridge; Seltice Way project is closed for the winter due to EPA constrictions. Ms. Storjohann also mentioned Government Way from Hayden project is out to bid and Heutter Road for Post Falls Highway District was awarded the interstate that goes from Hayden to Lancaster. Work won't start on this until spring.

Chet Anderson with the City of Rathdrum stated they are working on a water tie-in between Highway 53 and Boekle Road, which will be complete by October 24, 2006.

Gordon Dobler with the City of Coeur d'Alene reported that the transmission line is being installed underground across Government Way and the freeway. This project is expected to be finished by the end of October.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District stated they are finishing up on the culvert and driveway repairs on the East Hayden Lake water line projects as well as the culvert project on Lancaster Road. He also mentioned that the rock crushing and dirt removal started again on Lancaster Road and will continue for the next couple of months. The Highway District plans on working on Rice Road and coordinating with utilities on movement of Verizon, the water line, and sewer line for the new school opening next fall.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District reported that the Fernan Lake Road project is scheduled to go to bid in April. He also mentioned that the preliminary engineering has been split into two phases for the Burma project due to increased expenses.

Bob Wilbur with Post Falls Highway District stated that the crews are out replacing some major culverts, pulling ditches, and grading roads.

Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District reported that all that remains on the Kidd Island Road/Valhalla Intersection project is paving, striping, and signage. Ghouls Landing and Doubletree Lane is in the middle of construction replacing ballasts.

Jeff Zaugg with the City of Hayden stated that the Government Way project is out for bid and have people looking for addendums to the project. In addition he reported that sub-divisions are trying to finish paving before the plant shuts down for winter.

Bill Melvin of the City of Post Falls reported the 15th Street Bike/Pedestrian Facility Project will be bid this winter and the two Mullan Avenue projects are in right of way acquisition and should be out to bid late winter; The 4th Avenue project is under design and an application is in for a commerce department grant in November; The CMAQ project for the Seltice/Mullan couplet has been redefined to be a congestion mitigation study for that area; The centennial trail west of Spokane Street is shut down due to utility work.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh updated the committee that the Board has decided that they will go to the legislature and request a gas tax increase, but have not decided how much to ask for. GARVEE was discussed and the money available is not as much as anticipated. Lancaster Interchange has been added to the GARVEE projects for 2008.

Current Business:

a) Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study (Status Report)

Glenn Miles stated that KMPO has had three public open house meetings pertaining to the Huetter Corridor Right of Way Needs Study. Christine Fueston from Ruen-Yeager passed out to the committee a summary of comments that were received from people by letter, blogs, e-mails, and from the recent public meetings. She gave an update of how many opposed, agreed, and other suggestions and questions from the public. These comments will be presented next Thursday to the KMPO Board and if they approve the document, Ruen-Yeager will go back to each of the jurisdictions for adoption into their comprehensive plan. Mr. Miles added that the KMPO Board has agreed to open the meeting up for public comment during the Board meeting on this matter.

b) Hayden Transportation Plan (Update)

Glenn Miles introduced Sean Hoisington from David Evans and Associates who then gave a Power Point presentation on the Transportation Strategic Plan for the City of Hayden. Mr. Hoisington discussed the planning process and current status of the project as well as the upcoming timeline for major planning milestones. He requested to come back to KCATT in November to discuss the deficiencies in traffic capacity and improvement scenarios. The committee asked if Mr. Hoisington can provide a packet of information showing any in congruencies of surrounding areas a week prior to next months meeting so each agency can compare it to the Transportation Model for a point of discussion.

c) Rural Highway Investment Program

Glenn Miles reminded the committee if they had a project to submit for a letter of support from KMPO that they provide it to the committee a week prior to the meeting. Joe Wuest from Lakes Highway District presented a project for a Steel Curve to improve the intersection of Lancaster Road and E. Hayden Lake Road and are asking for $100,000 to fund this project.

John Pankratz made a motion to recommend a letter of support from the KMPO Board for Lakes Highway District in the Rural Highway Investment Program for a Steele Curve project not to exceed $100,000. Jeff Zaugg seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

John Pankratz reported that East Side Highway District (ESHD) has sent a letter of intent that they are going to apply for $100,000 available through Homeland Security Flood Mitigation for Latour Creek Road for reconstruction. ESHD is also applying for $100,000 from the Local Rural Highway Investment Program to pave a mile portion of Latour Creek Road. The application was not presented to the

committee at this time but Mr. Melvin suggested that if ESHD can get the material to the committee before next Thursday they will vote for support by e-mail.

Bob Wilbur from Post Falls Highway District presented an application for guardrail safety improvements of Up River Road and Highway 95 and portions of Riverview Road between Spokane Street and I-90. They are asking for a recommendation from the KCATT committee for a letter of support from the KMPO Board.

Andrea Storjohann made a motion to recommend a letter of support from the KMPO Board for Post Falls Highway District in the Rural Highway Investment Program for guardrail safety improvements not to exceed $100,000. Kevin Howard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

d) Functional Classification for Cemetery Road for the City of Harrison

This item has been tabled until the November meeting.

Special Events on Roadways

Glenn Miles reported that after the KMPO discussion on Special Events on Roadways, the Board asked that this item be brought up as a regular item on the KCATT agenda allowing each jurisdiction to know when and where each event is taking place. He also stated that the Board suggested creating a common permit for regional events that spanned across more than one jurisdiction and keep local events within the local agency. Mr. Melvin asked that each agency provide their road closure permits and then the committee would come up with one common form that each agency would use for the larger special events in the area.

Additional Business

Chairman Melvin, City of Post Falls, brought up new information concerning the future Beck Road Interchange. He is looking for a recommendation from KCATT to the Board to have the future Beck Road Interchange a regional priority as an essential element for safe and efficient movement of people and goods on the regional transportation system and that STAR Financing would finance this project.

John Pankratz made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to support a resolution that would support the STAR Financing for the Beck Road Interchange. Joe Wuest seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Glenn Miles stated that Senator Craig and staff visited last Friday and took a tour of Kootenai County with KMPO members and staff and was shown different projects going on in the area. Mr. Miles gladly reported that Senator Craig and staff is in support of Northern Idaho Transportation issues and stated that a working group was created in the Senate that is looking at the next reauthorization bill, which occurs in 2009.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be November 28, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Jennifer Wash
Recording Secretary