KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

October 27, 2009
Coeur d'Alene Library
702 E. Front Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

Call to Order:

Chairman Kevin Howard called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome / Introductions:

Kevin Howard requested all those present to introduce themselves:

Kevin Howard (Chair)	Worley Highway District
Kevin Jump (Vice Chair)	City of Rathdrum
Gordon Dobler	City of Coeur d'Alene
John Pankratz	East Side Highway District
Robert Palus	City of Post Falls
Eric Shanley	Lakes Highway District
Jeff Zaugg	City of Hayden
Andrea Storjohann	ITD – District One
Kelly Brownsberger	Post Falls Highway District

Staff.

Glenn Miles	Executive Director
Ryan Stewart	Senior Transportation Planner
Bonnie Gow	Transportation Planner II
Donna Lively	Administrative Secretary

Alternates and Guests.

Don Davis	ITD – District One
Jimmie Dorsey	East Side Highway District
Dick Edinger	East Side Highway District
Marv Lekstrum	Lakes Highway District
Monty Montgomery	Lakes Highway District
Bob Miller	Post Falls Highway District
Ralph Paul	IDEQ
Randy Broesch	Ruen-Yeager & Assoc. (City of Harrison)
Donna Montgomery	Citizen
John Austin	Panhandle Area Council
Melissa Cleveland	J-U-B
Clif Warren	Mobility Manager District 1

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

Robert Palus made a motion to approve the September 22, 2009 meeting minutes. Kelly Brownsberger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Project Updates:

Andrea Storjohann reported that ITD is wrapping up their paving project on Worley North. There were problems with the approach lefts on one stretch; a temporary fix is now in place and new concrete will be poured in spring.

All US-95 projects in town: the one south of I-90, the structure work over I-90, and SH-95 north to Wyoming, are complete. Also, ITD has completed their core plan for variable message signs, which includes one eastbound by Huetter, one beyond 15th, and one just past the state line in Washington. Test messages will be displayed on them over the next 30 days.

She added that the precon for the I-95 ITS project, which is partially funded with KMPO funds, will commence tomorrow and continue through the winter. Gordon inquired as to whether the project included the controllers, to which Andrea responded that it did. John Pankratz asked what the completion date was for the Beauty Creek Bridge project. Andrea noted that it should be completed within the next few weeks given that it has a mid November deadline date.

Kevin Jump reported that the contractor is ready to pave the City of Rathdrum's ITD administered pedestrian pathway project. Their pavement/overlay project was completed in early October. The City is also in the process of acquiring right of way for an intersection improvement project at SH 41 and Wright Street.

Eric Shanley reported that the Lakes Highway District is finishing up work on Dodd Road; mainly some site stabilization.

Gordon Dobler reported that the City of Coeur d'Alene has completed their 4th Street and Neider/Howard Road projects and are getting ready for leaf pick up for storm maintenance.

Jeff Zaugg reported that the City of Hayden's Walmart project started about a week ago; public right of way is anticipated to be addressed in mid-February and the business is expected to be open in July. Glenn asked how the City's meeting went last night. Jeff stated that it was an informational meeting held in the City of Hayden Lake that involved a briefing on a concept to change Strahorn Road from Miles Avenue to a one way northbound.

John Pankratz reported that the East Side Highway District is conducting some geotechnical work and that the first lift out to the bridge on the Fernan Lake Road project is paved, but the contractor may not be able to complete the paving due to weather changes. The contractor will be responsible for providing winter maintenance on this road if they fail to complete the entire paving project before winter.

Kelly Brownsberger reported that the Post Falls Highway District is finishing drainage work around Hauser Lake. A developer has completed ¾ mile of pavement but may not get completed prior to winter. They are sending out a letter to utilities stipulating that there will be no digging after November 15th and that all utilities are to be marked.

Robert Palus reported that the City of Post Falls is wrapping up their Seltice/Cedar Street traffic signal, which will be in a test flash mode by Thursday and full operation by next Tuesday. The Spokane/Poleline roundabout project is completed with the exception of minor landscaping and swale work. A Walmart project out by Cabela's also starts this week as well. The City is still in discussions regarding the modeling for the Greensferry interchange project.

Kevin Howard reported that the Worley Highway District's Cave Bay Road bridge deck replacement project went very well. Pre-construction maintenance (culvert replacement) on the Elder Road project is completed. Final paperwork/permits are being collected for the Loffs Bay Road project. The Highway District is watching the lake level and according to newspaper predictions, the level should be low enough around November 1st to start construction. The target completion date is November 16.

Utility Updates:

Kootenai Electric reported that their big projects are winding down but that in the spring, they will focus on their feeders to and through Worley depending on ITD.

KMPO Planning Updates:

Glenn Miles reported that the KMPO Board approved the Unified Planning Work Program around the first of October. The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials had a last minute call for projects for any projects that could be completed by March 2010. Using the existing KMPO stimulus project list, the Lancaster Road project from SH 95 to SH 41 was selected, which includes paving projects in the Lakes Highway District and the City of Rathdrum at a total cost of approximately $2 million.

John asked whether the Lancaster project was already scheduled for federal funding. Glenn responded that it was not. Eric asked when KMPO would know whether the funding was received. Glenn stated that there is no schedule or timing as to when/if the project would receive funding. He noted that approximately 40% of the stimulus funds have been spent so far and there is an effort to retool the remaining funds to

put it towards public works projects. However, there are also discussions to roll over the remaining funds into the extension of SAFETEA-LU, but nothing has been decided to date.

Andrea reported that ITD's Wyoming to SH 53 project on US 95 is still in the running to receive stimulus funds. All of the right of way has been acquired and the project, if funded, is ready to go. She noted that there is also a 3 bridge project on I-90 between Post Falls and the state line. ITD received a similar request to identify a project for potential funding opportunities; they submitted the last stage of their Worley north project in addition to several others.

Glenn reported that the Governor's task force on transportation has been meeting and that the five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have been asked to put together the metropolitan area needs of transportation over the next 30 years. The MPOs' transportation model project lists will be used to prepare a unified discussion point as to what the big transportation needs are (in addition to preservation and maintenance) for the Task Force's December 2nd meeting. The MPOs' intent is to send a clear/consistent message that locals have transportation needs, since the Task Force has primarily focused on the state owned system.

ITD Board Update:

Andrea reported that ITD does not have a new Director yet; however, interviews are still being conducted.

Current Business:

a) Riverstone Area Transit Center Update – John Austin

John Austin reported that at the last KMPO Board meeting, the Board opted to create a subcommittee to assist the County in identifying and acquiring a transit center site. The County Commissioners want to move quickly, since the ARRA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2009. A County Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 9 am. The Commissioners requested that other 4 acre alternate sites be studied and the findings, cost, and area impact be presented at Thursday's meeting. Glenn asked whether anything has been submitted to the City of Coeur d'Alene. John responded that the Commissioners wanted to consider alternate sites first before submitting anything to the City; however, something should be available after Thursday.

b) ARRA Public Transportation Projects Update

John Austin reported that the 2 large buses and support vehicles are being procured through the statewide ITD system but no timeline has been given. Kootenai Medical Center is using a different provider for their 2 vans, which they should have in a few weeks. The $720,000 balance is still awaiting obligation for the transit center construction. Gordon asked whether a grant application was submitted to help cover the land acquisition. John responded that a grant for $1.2 million will be submitted;

however, a site must first be identified and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements completed. Additional funding sources have yet to be determined.

c) Non-Motorized Plan Update

Ryan Stewart stated that the final report has been drafted and will be presented to KCATT at its November meeting. It is hoped that the Plan will be adopted at the December KMPO Board meeting.

d) KMPO Model Update – Bonnie Gow

Bonnie Gow provided disks containing the draft 2030 model and a model release form, as well as maps depicting PM Peak Volumes by jurisdiction. AM Peak Volumes are available upon request. Federal Functional Classification maps were also included, as were maps depicting speeds, number of lanes, and signals. She requested jurisdictions to confirm the speeds, number of lanes, and signals no later than November 16, 2009. The 2030 contains the 2007 base network and the 2030 land use grown up. Additional maps provided included the 2007 base network with the 2007 land use, the 2030 no build – the original network with the 2030 land use, and the 2030 build forecast model containing the 2030 network with the projects and land use included.

Bonnie noted that the same packet will be distributed to the KMPO Board at their November meeting. She hopes to have the model ready for Board approval in December. Glenn emphasized the importance of confirming the speeds, number of lanes and signal locations prior to making any capital facilities improvements to address network deficiencies. Bonnie noted that any changes to the most recent project list could also have an impact on the model. Jurisdictions were asked to complete the model release form and return it to Bonnie.

f) Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) Funding Applications

John Pankratz stated that the Local Rural Highway Investment Program Funds must now be prioritized and recommended by the MPO. These funds can be spent on construction projects, overlays, federal aid match, transportation plans, and signage. Each jurisdiction can apply for $100,000. The East Side Highway District is applying for $100,000 for a portion of the local match for their 2011 federal aid project. They are asking for KCATT support and hopefully a recommendation from the KMPO Board.

Glenn asked what their 2011 federal aid project was to which John responded that it is their Burma Road project. Eric Shanley stated that there are probably other jurisdictions applying for the funds and asked whether the Highway Districts could meet to discuss it and make a recommendation to KCATT. John responded that they are on a tight time frame and that the applications are due in Boise by December. Eric stated that Lakes Highway District will be applying as well and

suggested that the four Highway Districts meet to prioritize the projects. Kevin Howard stated that generally, those applying should not do the prioritizing, but rather, a subcommittee of those not applying should convene to make that determination in the best interest of the Highway Districts. He stated that Worley Highway District will also be applying for these funds for their 2011 Watson Road project. It was noted that the Post Falls Highway District would be applying for the funds as well.

The City of Coeur d'Alene, the City of Post Falls, the City of Hayden, and ITD were identified as those jurisdictions that are not applying for the Local Rural Highway Investment Program Funds and should comprise the subcommittee to review and prioritize the various Highway District's projects. Glenn reiterated that in the past, the project applications were evaluated strictly on their own merit and KMPO received several grants; however, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) is now requiring that these projects be prioritized by the KMPO.

Randy Broesch representing the City of Harrison stated that the City is also requesting $50,000 for their Transportation Plan update, which will address roadway standard updates and storm water management recommendations. It was noted that transportation plans receive separate funding. The committee was advised to submit their 2-page project application forms and map(s) to KMPO staff who will then coordinate and convene the subcommittee meeting either later this week or the first part of next week.

John noted that there are three categories of funding: construction, signage, and plans. Dick Edinger was asked to clarify whether within the construction category funding requests for federal aid match and construction would be ranked separately or together. He responded that they would be ranked together. The KCATT subcommittee members who will review the Local Rural Highway Investment Program Fund applications were identified as Gordon Dobler, Jeff Zaugg, Andrea Storjohann, and Robert Palus.

g) Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

a. ITD ADA TIP Amendment

Glenn reported that this TIP amendment came via an email notification from Mark McNeese with ITD stating that ITD intended to break FY2010 Stimulus project KN11964 into five individual projects spread among districts 1, 2, & 3 requiring a STIP modification under the rules agreed to with FHWA. 30% of KN11964 is located in ITD District 1 and is now identified as project KN11979 in the amount of $513,000 requiring a TIP modification.

Andrea added that ITD hired a private consultant to conduct an ADA needs assessment throughout the state and prepare a prioritized list. Kootenai and Bonner Counties will be the focus for this project.

b. CdA Tribe Amendments

Glenn reported that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe received some earmarks and additional funds and because the projects are in the KMPO area, a TIP amendment is needed. An Administrative Modification to the FY10 STIP to include KN11308 in the amount of $563,078 to place the project in the correct category is needed so that the funds can be awarded.

c. ITD ARRA I-90 Project Amendment

Glenn noted that the ITD ARRA I-90 Bridge Rehab project amendment, KN11976, is for bridge deck repairs at the state line in the amount of $6 million.

Gordon Dobler made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as presented. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Upcoming Board Items

Glenn noted that Bonnie will present the draft KMPO model to the Board so that they can get an idea of the projected growth and development and its effects on transportation. The Board will also be updated on the Non-motorized Transportation Plan. And, at the Board's request, Ryan Stewart will also provide a presentation on the creation of Regional Public Transit Authority (RPTA) for Kootenai County.

The Board will also be provided with a copy of the KCATT subcommittee's prioritized Local Highway Technical Assistance Council's LRHIP program project list for Board consideration and approval as well as the KCATT recommendation on the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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Donna Lively
Recording Secretary