KCATT MEETING MINUTES

for

September 23, 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:

Jeff Zaugg welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and introduced Paul Good the new representative for Avista Utilities.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

It was noted the minutes should be corrected to indicate the spelling of Canal Street and Fairmont Loop.

John Pankratz made a motion to approve the August 26, 2008 meeting minutes. Robert Palus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Utility Updates:

There were no utility updates this month.

Project Updates:

Chairman Jeff Zaugg of the City of Hayden stated the City is hoping to finish the Government Way project soon. They are waiting on some landscaping issues to be resolved.

Kelly Brownsberger with Post Falls Highway District (PFHD) reported they are finishing up the Canal Street and Fairmont Loop intersection and continuing with regular maintenance.

Vice-Chair Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District (WHD) stated they should reach substantial completion of the Tall Pines Bridge project this week with asphalt being placed this Thursday. The Larson Road project is almost complete and the Elder Road project made it through the LHTAC concept approval process.

Robert Palus of the City of Post Falls updated the group on the Mullan Avenue project and stated they are looking at October 15th as a completion date. He also mentioned the City has a technical advisory committee meeting next week for the Beck Road Interchange.

John Pankratz with East Side Highway District (ESHD) was happy to report that the crews are moving dirt on the Fernan Lake Road. He also reported on the following projects: The Latour Creek Road paving was completed last week and the hydro seeding is done, Gotham Bay Road has ballast on it from Burma to the very bottom property line of the developer, and paving was also completed in the Forest Lake subdivision last week. He also reported that ESHD applied for $100,000 of the emergency funding from LHTAC to help match the 10% of the FEMA money that will be used for the repair of damaged roads.

Joe Wuest with Lakes Highway District (LHD) reported they did some paving on Lancaster and reported that the Steel's Corner is done as well. He also stated that on the Strahorn project the contractors are finishing up the sewer placement and hope to have ballast and paving started by the first of October and work is being started on Parks Road.

Gordon Dobler of the City of Coeur d'Alene stated they finished up with the sidewalk on 15th which is a Safe Routes to School project. He also reported the City is in the middle of negotiations with the consultants for the Government Way design which is now being handled by LHTAC.

Chet Anderson of the City of Rathdrum reported they are finished up their maintenance projects and announced they hired a city engineer. His name is Kevin Jump and will be attending the KCATT meetings starting next month.

Scott Clark for Kootenai County gave an update of the Counties Comprehensive Plan. The planning commission finished up on the first round of deliberations and received the draft from the copy editor and hopes to have it out for 60 day review soon. The formal public hearing will be at the end of November or the first of December.

Don Davis with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) reported on various projects. 9th Street Bridge is wrapped up, 53 to Ohio Match temporary paving is over half done and once that is done they will start on the rehab and new construction for the southbound lanes from Ohio back down to 53. He stated on Highway 41, Seltice to Hope paving is being done. Funding issues on the Garwood to Sagle project have been reported in the paper recently. The news articles indicated that funding for the project is going away and never coming back, which is not quite accurate. The Transportation Board has not recommended bonding this project yet because ITD is still awaiting an environmental clearance. Mr. Davis clarified that the program still has 998 million dollars for the entire project. When the environmental clearance is in hand, and the project is ready to move into final design and construction, that funding will be requested.

Mr. Davis also reported that ITD is finishing design for US95 from Wyoming to Highway 53, with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for September 24 at 1:00 pm.

ITD Board Update:

Don Davis reported that the IT Board dealt with January's submittal to the legislature asking mainly for bonding funding for projects that are ready.

Dick Edinger stated that any problems with concept designs are not the fault of LHTAC and he asked to know about projects so he may be able to speak on the Highway District's behalf.

Current Business:

a) FFC Map

Carole Richardson passed out the Federal Functional Classification Map to the group and stated all changes were addressed from previous submissions. She asked the members to scan the map and make sure all the changes were incorporated and if satisfied they would make a recommendation to the Board for approval. The KCATT members clarified some items and made minor revisions to the map.

Kelly Brownsberger made a motion to recommend to the Board the Federal Functional Classification Map for approval. Kevin Howard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

b) Vehicle Registration Fee Update – Joe Wuest

Joe Wuest gave an update on the status of the vehicle registration fee. He reported a presentation was given to the Coeur d'Alene Chamber by Commissioners Marv Lekstrum and Jimmie Dorsey that went very well.

Joe Wuest also handed out an informational brochure and asked the group for input or suggestions to finalize the document for distribution to the community.

c) UPWP – KCATT Recommendation

At the August KCATT meeting, KCATT was asked to review a draft of the proposed Unified Planning Work Program for 2009. A finalized version was submitted to KCATT this month. Carole Richardson went over some of the highlights and asked KCATT for a recommendation for Board approval. An advance copy of the UPWP has also been sent to Board members for their review.

Gordon Dobler made a motion to recommend to the Board approval of the UPWP. Joe Wuest seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Board Items

Carole Richardson reviewed the items for Board approval. The upcoming Board items are the Federal Functional Classification Map, UPWP, Development Review Policy and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next KCATT meeting will be October 28, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Jennifer Wash,
Recording Secretary