KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2003

The meeting came to order at 8 a.m. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Update with Utilities – Steve Meredith – Avista is in the process of re-doing Ramsey Road. Still working on Boekel Road. Working out details on the Gov'tWay overpass project. He asked about any phasing changes on the Govt Way project – Gordon Dobler has the plans and will review them to see how Avista will be affected. Discussion followed. Also working on Pleasantview project.

Kootenai Electric – finishing up Boekel Road portion. Jobs are planned for Milsap and Riverview to Greensferry and Greensferry over to Highland.

Project Update – Gordon Dobler – Gov't Way needs to be obligated by this July. He reviewed the status of the project, including right of way acquisition. The project has been altered somewhat and divided into 2 segments. Plans are ready for final design submittal. Package should be ready to deliver by June 1. Discussion followed on traffic control measures for this project and the overpass project the State will be doing. Discussion followed on timelines for the projects.

Scott Stokes – Adding a turnbay on Boekel Road. Scott also discussed the next phase of the Worley-Mica project. Congress earmarked $7 million in the appropriations bill for the project. The District is reviewing construction phasing for this segment. The District is currently acquiring right of way. Phasing will depend on available funding. Discussion followed on funding issues and construction phasing.

Scott and Barbara Babic gave an update on the US95, Garwood to Sandpoint, environmental and engineering study. Discussion followed on the corridor and other projects on 95.

Carlin Creek Bridge – Scott gave a status report – lake levels are going down and work should be able to start up shortly.

Dick Edinger discussed a bill Eastside received digging up a cable. Discussion followed on the process and procedures for working with utilities during construction projects. Dick also discussed a potential new policy for charging utilities for time spent by the highway district.

Gordon reported that the Ironman event is ongoing in their preparations.

Board Update – Carole Richardson reported that the Board passed a resolution supporting the Bridging the Valley project, which includes $800,000 for preliminary environmental work. The Department will pursue funding sources for Idaho's portion of funding ($120 million). Idaho's congressional delegation will play a key role in getting

full funding for this. Discussion followed on some of the concerns and issues that will affect how the project is ultimately funded in Idaho.

Scott also reported on the Visitors Center for Bonners Ferry. The Board supports the concept and has directed staff to move forward with some preliminary work on design.

MPO Work Group – Carole passed out copies f the resolution listing the priority of enhancement projects. The group also discussed functional classification maps for Kootenai County. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Discussion followed on public transit issues in light of potential budget cuts. The group also discussion jurisdictional issues with public transportation.

Carole requested an item on next month's agenda to discuss upcoming prioritization of projects for KMPO.

KCATT will also express their support from a technical viewpoint of Bridging the Valley to KMPO. The support will include provisions that state any funding would not compete with highway funding. Motion passed.

Other Business – Joe Wuest asked if Hayden and Coeur d'Alene would like maps of subdivisions that the highway district has. Yes.

Dick Edinger – discussed the current state budget issues and asked the group if it was willing to send a resolution to the Legislature outlining the concern for budget holdbacks/funding. Discussion followed - no action was taken.

Next meeting – March 25
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.