KCATT MEETINGMINUTES
March 23, 2004
ITD District One Office
600 W. Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Call to Order:
Chair Joe Wuest called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the March Minutes:

Tom Nigh made a motion to accept the February 24, 2004 minutes. The MOTION was seconded by Gordon Dobler, which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.

Update With Utilities:
Steve Meredith from Avista reported completion of the work at the intersection of Government Way and Neider with the exception of gas. Meredith also mentioned Avista will provide a loop feed to the Coeur d' Alene Airport in preparation for the expansion. Joe Wuest reported the Kootenai County Utilities Council is putting together a map of projects expected over the next 2 years. Wuest said it was still necessary to have input from the cities.

Old Business:

US 95 – Garwood to Sagle Update
Lou Krug from HDR Engineering reported on the progress over the past year. Meetings with businesses, residents, community leaders and legislators have defined a wide range of alternative routes. Now it is necessary to chose a smaller number of alternatives to advance for detailed analysis, including a draft EIS. There have been three (3) public meetings with an average of 150 people attending each meeting. Krug said to ensure safety and capacity along this route they believe a freeway facility is indicated. There has been overwhelming support for improvements to the highway. Krug explained the recommendations from the Kootenai County Commissioners and Lakes Highway District are to advance only those alternatives that improve the highway primarily along its current alignment. Krug explained they would be meeting with the City of Athol, Bonner County Commissioners and BCATT. Joe Wuest asked how the locations of the interchanges would be determined and expressed concern over their placement in relationship to adjacent property owner needs. Krug explained the location of interchanges would be determined carefully with input provided by residents as well as the involved agencies. Glenn Miles stated it was important to keep in mind where additional interchanges will be built in the future. Krug requested the KCATT comment and recommend the alternatives to advance. It was suggested that KCATT members and the KMPO board review the documents that have been put together explaining the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. Krug will prepare packets for each of the members to review. At the April meeting KCATT members will make a recommendation as to which alternatives be advanced for further

analysis. The recommended alternatives will be presented to the KMPO board at the May 6 meeting.

Program Applications and Process Improvements
Sean Hoisington said there would an intermodal working group meeting in Boise next week. Improvements to applications will be discussed. Joe Wuest asked about the prioritization process in regards to a jurisdiction within an MPO area. Hoisington said there are inconsistencies in the CMAQ and Enhancment applications regarding the prioritization and signature from the MPO. Hoisington continued by stating the prioritization should be consistent with the KCATT transportation plan priorities. Each respective agency's projects should align with the plan. Glenn Miles believes it appropriate for the MPO to have weight in the prioritization process. One approach would be for the state to assign funding according to a defined geographic region. Then within those geographic regions, if an MPO exists, the prioritization being consistent with the MPO's long-range transportation plan would drive the awards. Bill Melvin suggested having the option of submitting applications via electronic mail. Joe Wuest reported the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council has chosen not to make any changes to the equity factor method. Discussion ensued.

Optional Funding Source
Joe Wuest reported all four highway districts support moving forward to develop the idea of having a countywide vehicle registration fee. The revenue from the fee to be used specifically for road improvement purposes. Glenn Miles recommended having a detailed plan before presenting the proposal to the KMPO board. This would involve a purpose and need statement, a detailed outline of process, a list of the projects planned in accordance with the KCATT Transportation Plan, as well as a comprehensive campaign approach to reach the public. Additionally, to have an initial assessment of public response Miles suggested having several public meetings prior to bringing the proposal to the KMPO board

Project Updates:

Lakes Highway District:
Joe Wuest reported that Lakes Highway District has finished construction on Lancaster Road and plans to have it paved by May 31, 2004.

ITD:
Andrea Storjohann reported that Idaho Transportation Department the bid for the Belgrove to Lake Creek portion of the US 95 project has been awarded. The construction of that section will take three (3) construction seasons. Storjohann also told the members that Marvin Finn has been appointed as the new resident engineer at District One. Also, Verizon has gotten a line at Government Way.

East Side Highway District:
John Pankratz reported East Side Highway District was working on Rocky Canyon and have started spring maintenance.

Worley Highway District:
Tom Nigh reported load limits have been lifted in Worley Highway District and spring maintenance is in progress.

Post Falls Highway District:
Kelly Brownsberger reported that work would resume on Pleasant View Road on April 6.

City of Rathdrum:
Bob Lloyd reported work has started on the east end of Main in the City of Rathdrum.

City of Hayden:
Jeff Zaug reported the City of Hayden was making evaluations for summer maintenance.

City of Post Falls:
Bill Melvin reported spring maintenance had begun.

City of Coeur d' Alene:
Gordon Dobler commended ITD for the management of the project on Dalton Avenue between Government Way and US 95. Dobler stated the City of Coeur d' Alene was moving toward design work for the EDA grant project on a section along 4th Street.

Other Business:

Travel Demand Software Update
Glenn Miles recapped the KMPO board approval of updating the travel demand software for the Kootenai model. Originally EMME/2 software was suggested, however; over the course of the past months the company PTVision has partnered with Tmodel Corporation and developed a powerful travel demand software that operates within a Windows environment and integrates easily with GIS. The KMPO staff was presented a demonstration of the software. The Kootenai road network was converted as part of the demonstration. The software Visum from PTVision is better suited to the Kootenai model. Miles also noted that Visum meets the mandatory criteria of both the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Visum will also provide a large cost saving over the EMME/2 software. **Gordon Dobler made a MOTION to recommend to the KMPO board the travel demand software Visum is used. The motion was seconded by Sean Hoisington, which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.**

FSA aerial photography
Tanna Dole said she has been in contact with Nathan Bentley, the state GIS coordinator. The Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service, both USDA agencies, have partnered in a project called the National Aerial Imagery Project. The NAIP will fly all of Idaho and will cost 1.36M. FSA/NRCS is asking for a 440K match statewide. The state has collected 380K from local, state, federal agencies as well as private industry, which would have use for ortho imagery. The ortho images will be 1M resolution and in color. Dole reported she had spoke with Tracey Fuller, the USGS mapping liaison in Boise. Fuller said the next expected flight for USGS orthos will not be

until the year 2009. Fuller told Dole the NIAP will cost only one-fifth of what it will cost for USGS and encouraged participation. NIAP flights in Idaho will take place between June and August and the data will be available within 60 days. The KMPO staff is asking KCATT members to recommend to the KMPO board a contribution of $2,000 to the aerial project. **Bill Melvin made a MOTION to recommend to the KMPO board making a contribution of $2,000 to the NIAP for ortho imagery. The motion was seconded by Gordon Dobler, which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.**

Next meeting – April 27

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary