KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Updates with Utilities – Avista – working on various projects in the Post Falls area – moving poles at a number of locations. Getting ready for construction season. Discussion followed on having clear zones. Lakes Hwy District is working with the utilities on this. Verizon – ready to go on the US95 and Boekel projects. Will be working on the Gov't Way Bridge project.

Project Updates – Gov't Way Bridge – Scott Stokes reported that the District continues to work on this project. Funding has been set back but the design work is going forward with construction this summer. Mike Moderie - Mica –Bellgrove – work will continue this summer. US95/Boekel will have turning lanes this summer. Carlin Creek – the lake level is rising and may affect the timeline of the project. Mica to Cougar Creek – work on the bridge with overlay and widening. Scarsello Road will start about mid-April. Greensferry paving will also go this summer. Hot mix plants will gear up the first of April. Costs will be going up.

Post Falls Hwy District – Prairie Ave west of Ohio, the developer is working with the district. Building a road north of Seltice to Prairie on Pleasantview. In the last phases of a joint project with Coeur d'Alene for the Seltice Bridge with widening Seltice.

Eastside – received a grant to do some work to reduce sediment. Lakes Hwy – Boekel road will be closed beginning tomorrow for work. Lancaster Road is closed for about two weeks for water line work. Ramsey Road – work will start up April 1, weather permitting. E. Hayden Lake Road – paving will begin when weather permits.

Coeur d'Alene – will have an overlay program this summer. Hope to get part of the Gov't Way project underway. Still working on right of way acquisition. Discussion followed on Costco's role in improving roads. The City is doing a traffic study. Discussion followed.

Scott Stokes discussed the US95, Garwood to Sandpoint project. The Citizens Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow. Scott discussed the importance of public involvement in this and other ITD projects. These advisory groups have been very successful in gathering public input.

The Department will also be holding a Visioning Workshop on April 10 at Templin's. The goal of the statewide workshops is to develop a far-reaching vision for transportation in Idaho.

Hayden – work will begin on an extension to Honeysuckle Avenue from Atlas to Ramsey. Discussion followed.

Board Update – John McHugh reported that the Board is still in the process of finding a Director. Jimmy Ross has been Acting Director and John says he is very impressed with the job he's been doing. John discussed the Board's work with signalization issues. There are various new ideas for timing signals in urban areas. A bill has been passed by the legislature on studded tires. The Governor is expected to sign it. There are difficulties with the Department's appropriation allocation. It cuts the budget by $8.7 million which includes cuts of about $4.5 million out of construction alone. Dave Atwood discussed an agenda item on the Board's next meeting which concerns Tribal involvement in funding projects. LHTAC passed a resolution in support of this without input from local entities that will be affected. Discussion followed.

MPO WORK GROUP

Two issues were before the group – Functional Classification Map updates. Gordon passed out maps and asked everyone to review and comment. Be ready to discuss at next meeting.

KCATT strategy for urban balancing meeting April 24 – pertains to urban funds. KCATT will need to make a recommendation to the KMPO Board. Four local agencies have projects on the list. Scott discussed the importance of fully utilizing federal urban funds. This is the best time of year to do the balancing work on projects. It's a close for the year and an opportunity to use available funding efficiently. Discussion followed. The team reviewed all the projects, their status and funding needs for each. A meeting prior to the balancing meeting will be held to finalize the discussion on the projects. Discussion followed on developing projects that would take advantage of any funding that may become available throughout the budgeting process. Scott encouraged them to develop smaller projects that would cover smaller amounts of money that may become available. Discussion followed.

Other Business – Joe Wuest discussed stormwater requirements and asked if it would be a coordinated effort of if each agency will be doing their own. Discussion followed. The group will coordinate their submittals. A meeting was set up for April 8, 2 p.m. to meet on this issue at Coeur d'Alene Council chambers.

Next meeting – April 22
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.