KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
April 22, 2003
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Vice Chair Herb Heisel called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Herb announced that Barbara Babic was no longer going to be taking minutes for KCATT now that SRTC was providing staff support to KMPO. Herb and the rest of the KCATT members expressed their deep appreciation to Barbara for all the years she has taken minutes for KCATT. Also introduced at the meeting were Ed Hayes, Sr. Transportation Planner and Shannon Amidon, Public Education and Information Coordinator For Spokane Regional Transportation Council.

Approval of the March Minutes:

A correction was made to the minutes on page 1, paragraph 4. It should read Prairie Avenue west of Idaho Road (instead of Ohio).

Bob Lloyd made a motion to accept the March 25, 2003 minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Dick Edinger, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Representatives from Verizon, Kootenai Electric, and Avista gave the committee updates on various projects throughout the area. This included fiber optic extensions on Seltice, Boekel Road high pressure gas line, and a 6" gas main to KMC.

Project Updates:

Lakes Highway District:

Joe provided the committee an update on Ramsey Road north of Highway 53 to Scarcella with a 2" overlay.

ITD:

ITD indicated that they will be trying to get the mainline done this year on US 95 Bellgrove to Mica. Also, they would like to get the four lanes at Cougar Creek Mica at

Cougar Creek Bridge work completed by the end of summer. On US 97 there will be paving in the vicinity of Corbin Creek. Carole indicated that District 1 has completed the US 95 Corridor study and provided members of the committee a CD version of the report.

Eastside Highway District:

Rocky Canyon project will start in May and will have daily road closures.

Worley Highway District:

They will begin their Mag Chloride application on roads over the next five weeks. This year they will be putting down 21 railcar loads of Mag Chloride.

Post Falls Highway District:

Herb indicated that Mc Guire Road from Fisher to Prairie was ready to pave. They were doing the Seltice at Stateline intersection and doing several overlays to get ready for the Iron Man Competition coming up this summer.

Lakes Highway District:

Dave Atwood indicated they had one piece of right of way left on Dodd Road.

Rathdrum:

Bob Lloyd informed the committee that Rathdrum was paving the last of the dirt roads and chip sealing north of Highway 54.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh informed the committee that Carrie Thoreson of Post Falls had been appointed to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee; the legislature had reinstated funding to the ITD program; and that random drug testing at ITD would be limited to those jobs that are determined to be safety critical. John also indicated the ITD Board has expressed concerns about the performance of consultants, related to performance, deadlines, and completing projects. There is an interest in seeing more performance benchmarks and performance based contracting in the future to improve consultant results.

MPO Work Group:

Functional Classification Map Review:

Carole Richardson reminded the committee that ITD wants to get the Functional Classification System maps completed and the group needs to get together to complete

the update of the Urban maps. Carole made copies of the current map available. The members of the group agreed to get together and complete the review for the KMPO Board to endorse.

Other Business:

Unified Planning Work Program Amendments:

Glenn indicated to the committee there are two work program amendments being requested today. Kootenai County is requesting an amendment that would amend the existing work program to add $48,000.00 in Section 5307 funding to the Public Transportation Task. This would provide funding to support a short term/current planning position at the county for a twelve-month period to work with the county and those agencies currently providing demand responsive transportation services in Kootenai County. The required local match ($12,000) would be the responsibility of Kootenai County, but it is expected to be covered by the successful contracted employee.

John Austin with Panhandle Area Council (PAC) informed the committee that part of Kootenai County's agreement with the public transportation partners was to provide a planning position to assist in coordination and short term planning efforts. This would include surveys of existing providers, existing riders, and a review of existing resources that could be used to match FTA funding that is available.

Tom St. John expressed concern that he did not see a product or critical path for the position. What he sees is more strategic outcomes rather than a scope of work, deliverables, and time lines for completion. He asked that the County provide a more detailed scope to the KMPO Board if this were to be recommended for approval. John indicated he would work with Glenn to get it updated for the KMPO Board packet.

Dave Atwood made a motion to approve Kootenai County's request subject to the revisions requested by Tom St. John. Dick Edinger seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Huetter Road Corridor Study:

Carole informed the committee that with completion of the US 95 Corridor Study, they met at the Post Falls Highway District to look at the possibility of going on to the next step of developing some conceptual plans for a Huetter Road arterial. The idea would be to look at various improvement scenarios in the corridor as part of the MPO work plan. Glenn indicated that with the recommendation to add funding and tasks to the Public Transportation Task, some funding could be re-allocated to a new task that could look at corridor studies such as Huetter Road. The committee discussed the idea of putting such a work program together. Herb provided a map to the committee showing various arterial scenarios that they felt might work on the south end of the corridor.

Rand Wichman indicated that no plan currently shows arterial improvements in the corridor which makes it difficult to require setbacks or right of way set asides as subdivisions and commercial developments are being submitted for review and approval. Rand also indicated that much of the corridor north of I-90 might very well be in the City of Coeur d' Alene with an upcoming annexation proposal. The committee discussed the importance of getting these corridor studies completed and adopted into the regional transportation plan and local comprehensive plans.

Dave Atwood moved to re-allocate $35,000 in CPG funding to a new task that would provide the opportunity to study the Heutter Road corridor. The motion was seconded by Dick Edinger, which was unanimously approved.

Rand reminded the committee that the new subdivision draft ordinance will be out for review and that comments before May 21st would be appreciated.

Next meeting – May 27, 2003

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.