KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
May 27, 2003
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Gordon Dobler, Chair called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the March Minutes:

Herb Heisel made a motion to accept the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave Atwood, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Avista – Steve Meredith - Waiting for a letter to proceed on Pleasantview. Steve requested that all the cities send Avista a notice of a planned overlay project so they can run a leak survey over the area to preclude the area from having to be disturbed twice.

Verizon – John Rude - Fiber project to Pinehurst. About to begin a project putting cable from Arrow Point to Beauty Bay. Discussions are taking place about the relocation of the Government Way Bridge.

Project Updates:

Worley Highway District:

A mile of paving will be done on Rockford Bay Road. Overlays will be done during June in the Cougar Gulch area.

ITD:

Bellgrove to Mica on US 95 – Working on the walls; Intersection of Boekel and US 95 will be striped within the next few days which will finish this project; Copeland Project – (US 95 from junction of Hwy 1 and continuing 6 miles north) – Contract awarded May 16th. A groundbreaking will take tomorrow and a pre-construction meeting later this week. This is a $16 million project; Passing lanes to be constructed from Plummer north; Grinding will be done on I-90 over Lookout Pass; Westland Bridge under contract for construction to begin in next two weeks; Paving work done on I-90 from Sherman Avenue to Wolff Lodge. Future paving is planned on I-90 from Coeur d'Alene east; They will be working on the next phase of Setters (Fighting Creek south) to start in 2004. It is not known at this time how much of this project ITD will be able to build. $12-$15 million would build it to Lake Creek. If more funding is received it could become a $40 million project and cover a lot more ground. ITD is struggling with issues from other

agencies regarding this project and may be turning to KCATT for assistance in this regard.

Eastside Highway District:

A shoulder-widening project is underway on Canyon Road; Rocky Canyon reconstruction did not start in May as anticipated; Fernan Lake Project - Public meetings are being planned, the EIS is due in 2004 with construction of this project in 2006.

Lakes Highway District:

Some problems were encountered with fiber-optic lines not being buried to the correct depth on the state project for the bike path on Garwood; Boekel Road (Highway 41 and Hwy 95) should be paved in the next two weeks, which will finish up a 2-mile stretch of road. Lancaster Road west will be paved to an all weather road this fall.

Coeur d'Alene:

Fourth Street will receive an overlay from Appleway to Harrison. A reconstruct project will be done on 15th Street from south of Canfield to Kathleen. These projects will start when school is out. The Government Way project will hopefully be bid in August. They are waiting for the right-of-way certification.

Rathdrum:

Rathdrum will be enlarging a water line in Bingham Street and then pave under a CMAQ grant. The same grant will pave the last dirt section of Main Street. Overlays and chip sealings will be done throughout the city.

Post Falls:

Several chip seal and overlay projects will be done this summer. It is anticipated the Pleasantview project will go out for bid at the end of June.

ITD Board Update:

John McHugh stated District 1 is receiving $1.2 million from the enhancement program the following projects were recommended for enhancement funding in 2006:

- Old Town – River Trail
- Rathdrum – Pedestrian Path
- Bonner's Ferry – Visitors' Center
- Benewah County – Viewpoint

Also, approximately $100,000 is spent each year on trees for the region.

Mr. McHugh has been hearing comments regarding the need for continued rail service, especially when it comes to freight. A new concern that came up at the ITD District 2 Board meeting was the environmental issue of Historic Ditches.

Other Business:

Wild Horse Trail:

Ellen Larsen gave a presentation on the Wild Horse Trail. This is a proposed multi-use trail 33 miles in length connecting Rathdrum, Spirit Lake, and Athol. Ms. Larsen explained what type of amenities they would like to see on the trail (i.e. 10-ft separated paved path; green pathway for horses alongside trail), the costs involved, support received, and the status of the trail at this time. A Kodak grant from the Conservation Fund is being applied for to go towards funding research and design.

It was suggested that contact be made with North Idaho Pathways for volunteer help. Also, it was recommended that maintenance of the trail be taken into consideration.

Draft FTA 2004-2006 TIP Submittal:

A draft of a program was received from John Austin on behalf of Kootenai County for inclusion into the STIP. Mr. Austin reviewed the spreadsheet distributed to the members. He indicated he has been asked to update the 2004-2006 transit portion of the TIP. He met with the different transit partners and together they came up with the numbers on the spreadsheet. This will go to the KMPO Board at their June meeting for approval to go into the draft STIP so it can go through the public involvement process. This, like every other program is subject to amendment as things change.

Glenn Miles indicated a Draft Transportation Improvement Program will be distributed to the members in the near future. This document will be going out for public review. The KMPO Board will act on the program in September, which will set the program for the 2004 year. Three projects have been added from the draft program from this area - Mullan Road (two phases) and Huetter Road Study. The draft program will include both highway and public transportation programs.

Thank You Plaque:

Herb Heisel reported that he has ordered a plaque for Barbara Babic to thank her for her years of patient and dedicated service to KCATT. The jurisdictions on KCATT will each pay $10.00 to Herb towards the plaque.

Dick Edinger made a motion that a plaque be given to Barbara Babic and that each of the jurisdictions help with the cost by paying $10.00 each. Tom St. John seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Website:

Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) has acquired the KMPO web site address www.kmpo.net. This web address will be valid for three years and is subject to renewal after that time.

SRTC will create a web page for KMPO with input from members of the KCATT, the KMPO Board, and SRTC staff. Several different examples of web sites were distributed and comments were requested from the KCATT members.

Air Quality Advisory Committee:

A letter was received from the Kootenai County Air Quality Advisory Committee. They have asked to be an advisory committee to the KMPO Board and gave a presentation to the Board several months ago to explain their position. This request will be brought to the Board for discussion at their May meeting.

LHTAC:

Dave Atwood reported that the Next LHTAC meeting has been changed from June 27th to June 5th, which is the same date at the KMPO Board meeting. He asked if anyone has any comments or suggestions on either "criteria" or "equity factor" they should send a letter to Joe before June 5th.

MPO Work Group:

Functional Classification Map Review:

It was agreed that as a map was completed by a jurisdiction it would be given to Glenn Miles. All the comments will be entered onto a single map and brought back to KCATT at the June meeting.

Urban Balancing Committee:

Glenn Miles reported that the ITD Board met and discussed the dilemma in the urban program with COMPASS becoming a TMA. The Board said to hold their current board policy about the urban program in abeyance. Over the next several years it is expected that COMPASS will be moved completely into their own program. The direction the Board gave was to start moving towards incorporating ITD and COMPASS in that area in the Ada County Highway district to meet the Federal TMA requirements. For the remaining MPO areas the funding pool would remain the same but there is one less entity to share it with. COMPASS would have taken about $4.4 million a year out of the $10

million a year program. The program will remain the same for 2004. Conversation took place on how to transition from 2004-2005 and begin working to build the program. How the actual programs are created or rearranged will be determined after the TEA-21 reauthorization in completed in 2004.

Next meeting – June 24, 2003

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.