KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
July 27, 2004
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:
John Pankratz, Vice Chair called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the March Minutes:
Tom Nigh made a motion to accept the May 25, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve Meredith, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:
Avista: Steve Meredith reported Avista was doing routine maintenance and planning for new jobs.

Adelphia: Bruce Hathaway reported Aldelphia was doing a lot of work in sub-divisions.

Project Updates:
ITD: Andrea Storjohann reported the paving on I-90 to Wolf Lodge has been completed. Paving on I-90 from Cedars to Cataldo will begin in the next few weeks. This job will include bridges also. Storjohann also reported paving on SH 97 will be done in the next few weeks. Work progresses on the Setters to Belgrove portion of US 95 construction. ITD is currently involved with several local projects also.

Eastside Highway District:
John Pankratz reported Bonnel Road was still under construction and would likely be for the duration of the summer. Routine summer maintenance is underway.

Worley Highway District:
Tom Nigh reported the second phase of the Rockford Creek is project should be finished some time in August. Chip sealing for the summer was completed and Nigh said re-construction of the Setters Road would begin soon.

Post Falls Highway District:
Kelly Brownsberger reported the new section of Pleasant View Road from Seltice Way to Prairie Avenue officially opened on June 18. Also several CMAQ projects have been completed and the right-of-way approval process for the widening of Prairie Avenue would begin soon.

City of Post Falls:
Bill Melvin reported the concept reports for the Mullan Avenue between Greensferry Road and SH 41 were underway and Melvin expected the process to be complete within the next few days.

City of Hayden:
Jeff Zaug reported the City of Hayden was exploring funding options for utility burial on the Government Way project. Routine summer maintenance was in progress.

ITD Board Update:
John McHugh reported the ITD Executive Board had met in Shoshone (District Three) last week. McHugh said ITD would propose legislation for a primary seat belt law.

Current Business:

a. KCATT Transportation Update Plan – Key No. 9025
Glenn Miles explained that Lakes Highway District had originally sponsored the Update Plan project prior to the formation of the KMPO. Since the formation of the KMPO the local match dollars (approx. $19,000) will be provided by the agency members of the KMPO. Joe Wuest has been working on developing a formula for the proportionate share of each jurisdiction. Kelly Brownsberger suggested any further discussion be tabled until the committee that was organized to review the local match share has an opportunity to meet. Glenn Miles said he would review the history regarding local jurisdictions past participation.

b. Functional Classification Review
Glenn Miles distributed a form for requests to the Federal Functional Classification System. Miles explained the form would be advantageous for a number of reasons, such as providing a thorough explanation to Federal Highways, local elections and local agency of the proposed changes. Also the request form will provide an institutional memory as to the rationale used at the time of the proposed change. Miles asked for the members to review the request form for discussion at next month's KCATT meeting.

c. STIP Program Update
Scott Stokes said the draft STIP was in the open comment period of the process for approval and encouraged members to offer input. Stokes said the draft STIP has been presented to the KMPO Policy Board, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, Shoshone County Board of Commissioners and Bennewah County Board of Commissioners. Sean Hoisington reminded the members that August 4 is the end of the comment period for the STIP.

Other Business:
Scott Stokes mentioned the ITD Executive Board Tour would tour District One on August 19.

Glenn Miles explained the "end of the year sweep" was near. Miles explained the funding for projects that have not moved forward in the program will be swept off the table and re-distributed to projects that are prepared to move forward. Miles said the City of Coeur d' Alene is ready with the Government Way project and will request an additional $400,000. This "end of the year sweep" funding is on a first come - first serve basis.

Glenn Miles gave a brief update on the Bridging the Valley project. Design plans will be available to the jurisdiction soon. There has been good turnout for the public outreach meetings. The environmental report has been moving along successfully. Miles said there is a $15M earmark request in the 2005 appropriation year for BTV and both congressional delegations have expressed support for it. Miles also explained there was a $36M project in the State of Washington that has been stalled and the funds could be available for local match money on the BTV project. Miles stated BTV has been federalized as one project and the possibility of $36M local match funds from Washington State would be enough for the balance of the local match on the BTV project.

Dick Edinger asked if the KCATT had looked any further into the vehicle registration fee. Edinger expressed concerns that other groups were also proposing "fees" as an alternative funding mechanism and had doubts about voters rejecting any one, if not all of the proposals. Miles explained that the KCATT committee looking into the vehicle registration had not met. Miles said staff research had provided numbers of vehicles by model year and because of the other proposals believed it best for the KCATT to hold off until 2005.

Next meeting –August 24, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary