KCATT MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2005
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

Chairman John Pankratz called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes:

Tom Nigh made a motion to approve the June 28, 2005 meeting minutes. Rand Wichman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved

Update With Utilities:

Avista: John Pankratz introduced Tom Burke who will represent AVISTA with the recent retirement of Steve Meredith. Mr. Burke Indicated AVISTA would be installing new street lighting in Spirit Lake, relocating approximately 10 poles on Diagonal Road and waiting for a railroad permit before starting work on the Seltice Bridge project.

Adelphia: John Pankratz indicated Eastside Highway District was starting work on Hawk Road but needed an Adelphia line relocated and was waiting for a site disturbance permit to be issued by Kootenai County.

Project Updates:

Joe Wuest informed the committee the Interstate was putting top rock on Chilco Road and would be overlaying Nunn, Bruno, and Howard Roads in the north part of the District. Joe also indicated that Lancaster Road Phase 1 and 2 will be bid together next year and that a rock crushing operation will probably be set up as part of realigning the road on the hill.

Andrea Storjohann informed the committee the safety project on U.S. 95 from Coeur d' Alene to Sandpoint is nearing completion with the rumble strip grinding finished and striping anticipated next week. Most people calling ITD are not happy with the project because they believe the lanes have been narrowed, when in fact they are still 12 feet wide. The rumble strips next to the fog line appear to cause the most dissatisfaction rather than set back 6 inches.

The Setters projects on U.S. 95 are going well and the large bridge across Lake Creek in under construction. This project will close up for the winter in about 6 to 8 weeks.

Government Way Bridge was removed in 2 nights, and construction is underway.

Coeur d' Alene's Government Way Project should see the last of the paving this week and the Seltice Way/Seltice Bridge project should be advertised in the next couple of weeks.

Andrea also informed the committee that Barbara Babic had been selected for the Transportation Planner position for ITD in District 1. Her current position is being reviewed for possible re-alignments in the office.

Tom Nigh indicated the Rockford Creek project is finishing its second shot and will put the 3rd shot on next season. The Presley Road reconstruction is underway and the ballast rock has been put down and will begin their annual ditching and road-striping program this next week.

Kelley Brownsberger indicated the Post Falls Highway District had finished their chip sealing program and are now starting their fog sealing and striping programs.

John Pankratz indicated the Bonnell Road project is finished and hoping to begin putting chip seals and fog seals down starting next week, with the help of the Worley Highway District crew. John stated the Gozzer Ranch development was working on off-site improvements.

Rand Wichman let the committee know the Gozzer Ranch developers have agreed to provide the local match ($11,000) for the SR 97 corridor study on the east side of Lake Coeur d' Alene. Rand also indicated the he should be at full staff levels in the County and Building departments by next week.

ITD Board Update:

There were no Board updates.

Current Business:

a) I-90 Post Falls Access Project

Amy Schroeder with ITD District 1 introduced the CH2MHill study team currently working on the Access Project. Scott Chandler with CH2MHill presented the various alternative alignments that were being considered as well as a matrix on the pros and cons each of the alternatives have to local access, safety, community cohesion, and impacts to I-90 travel conditions.

Denna Grangaard with ITD District 1 then discussed with the committee the various environmental considerations that needed to be considered to determine if any of the alternatives had fatal flaws. After a discussion on each of the alternatives the conclusion was that from an environmental standpoint there does not appear to be any fatal flaw at this level of analysis. As the alternatives progress further analysis will be required to ensure an adequate level of analysis is conducted.

The committee was then asked by ITD and the Study Team for their thoughts on the various 7 alternatives. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Tom Nigh and seconded by Joe Wuest that the preference of the KCATT committee would be to advance alternatives 2,5,6,7 for further consideration in the EIS. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Development Impacts

Glenn Miles indicated that KMPO had sent a letter to Kootenai County outlining an approach to address some of the safety mitigation on SR 97 that will be necessary as a result of continued growth and development. Based on that letter, which was approved by KMPO Chair Dixie Reid, Kootenai county was able to obtain the previously discussed local match for the SR 97 Corridor Study and will be looking toward additional developer contributions to support the local match for the 2 million dollar ITD SR 97 safety project currently in the ITD program.

c) VISUM Model Update

Glenn Miles informed the committee that PTV America intends to turn over the KMPO Regional Travel Demand model prior to the end of August and should have the future year model available shortly thereafter. This model will take into account the new information from the Regional Travel Survey and work conducted by Intermountain Demographics.

d) Regional Travel Survey

Due to time constraints, Glenn Miles briefly discussed the results of the travel survey and handed out the executive summary to committee members.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

September 27, 2005 8:00 a.m. ITD District 1 Conference Room

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Glenn F. Miles
KMPO Executive Director