KCATT MEETING

Minutes
August 24, 2004
***ITD District 1* Conference Room**
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:
Chair, Joe Wuest called the KCATT meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of the July Minutes:
John Pankratz made a motion to accept the July 27, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Brownsberger, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Aldelphia: Bruce Hathaway reported that Aldelphia was working on sub-divisions.

KEC: Bob Hallock reported work in sub-divisions and a rebuild in Plummer.

Project Updates:

ITD: Jason Mensker reported the work on Meyer Road was complete and warning beacons would be installed for the signals at US 95 and Garwood Road this fall. There is a new variable message board on I-90 eastbound at the Blue Creek Bay Bridge. Mensker said the construction on Blue Creek Bridge would be complete in the fall and resume 4-lane traffic. The repaving work on SH 97 has been completed and the beltway lighting project on I-90 through Coeur d' Alene is underway. The project in the City of Rathdrum at Main and Bingham has been completed. The US 95 Setters to Belgrove construction is underway. Construction on the Wolf Lodge Creek Bridge will begin soon and anticipated to be complete by December. Construction on the Rathdrum Creek Bridge on SH 53 will begin in approximately 3 weeks. Mensker said the design will allow for extension in anticipation of the Bridging the Valley.

City of Post Falls: Bill Melvin reported summer maintenance was underway. Melvin said the 2 STP projects for Mullan Avenue would be bid together. A project on Idaho from Mullan to Poleline would be an in-house project to accommodate 5-lanes. Melvin said they anticipated a roundabout intersection design at Idaho and Poleline.

City of Coeur d' Alene: Gordon Dobler reported the City of Coeur 'd Alene was finished with summer overlays. Dobler anticipates Government Way project will be bid this fall for construction next year. Also re-construction of 4th from Best to Kathleen was scheduled for next year. Work on the Government Way Bridge would progress during the winter.

City of Rathdrum: Bob Lloyd reported the City of Rathdrum is still expecting to complete pedestrian walkways along SH 53 this summer. Also, there is a new sub-division planned on Meyer Road north of Lancaster.

City of Hayden: Jeff Zaug reported the City of Hayden was involved in a joint project on Honeysuckle Avenue with the Hayden Area Regional Sewer. Approximately 2000 feet of Honeysuckle Avenue between Ramsey and Atlas will be constructed. Zaug said Atlas Road would be closed for 2 months. Residents will be notified and the contractor will prepare a detour plan. Zaug said funding was needed for utility burial on the Government Way project and would cost approximately 1.5M. Zaug said the City of Hayden was applying for a block grant and considering an LID (Local Improvement District).

Eastside Highway District: John Pankratz reported work was continuing on Bonnell Road. Pankratz said the draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) for the Fernan Lake Road project was expected to be complete this fall. Construction may be possible for the 2008 or 2009 construction years.

Worley Highway District: Kevin Howard reported Worley Highway District was continuing work on the Rock Creek project. Howard said a fog seal was planned for Lofts Bay Road. Worley Highway District has also started re-construction on Setters Road.

Kevin Howard.

Post Falls Highway District: Kelly Brownsberger reported Post Falls Highway District expects to start work re-constructing on a portion of Poleline Avenue between Corbin and Pleasant View this fall and finish with paving next summer.

Lakes Highway District: Joe Wuest reported Lakes Highway District is near completion of 2 miles of re-construction on Dodd Road. Wuest also stated LHD was working with Kootenai County on an EDA grant to provide funding for the Lancaster Road project near the Coeur d' Alene Airport.

ITD Board Update: John McHugh reported a customer satisfaction survey done by Idaho Transportation Department showed an 82% satisfaction rate overall with District One, which ranked second in the state.

Current Business:

Transportation Plan Update Key No. 9025 – Status Report

Joe Wuest distributed and explained a spreadsheet displaying the suggested cost share split for the Transportation Plan Update.

After group discussion Sean Hoisington made a motion to recommend the cost share formula to the KMPO policy board for adoption. The motion was seconded by Gordon Dobler, which passed unanimously.

Federal Functional Classification Request Forms
Glenn Miles reminded the members to use the FFC request form for any changes. Federal classifications for Kootenai County were reviewed last year and there may be some changes this year. Miles requested the changes be submitted by November so the updates can be made on the map and sent on to FHWA.

Draft 2005 Unified Planning Work Program – UPWP
The draft 2005 UPWP was submitted to the KCATT members for review. Glenn Miles explained the items outlined in the work program for 2005.
Gordon Dobler made a motion to recommend the draft 2005 UPWP to the KMPO policy board for adoption. The motion was seconded by John Pankratz, which passed unanimously.

Public Transportation Service Proposals
Glenn Miles reported the draft report from Nelson/Nygaard outling service alternatives for public transportation in the Kootenai Metropolitan area would be complete by the end of the week. The KCATT members will be sent the report for review as soon as it arrives. Miles explained a map illustrating routes for proposed service alternatives. The Strategic Advisory Committee would also review the draft report and provide input. All of the input from the KCATT and SAC will be gathered before being presented to the KMPO board. After the service alternative report Nelson/Nygaard will prepare a financial plan and funding options.

Member Items:
Glenn Miles reported there was a Federal Highways grant proposal for jurisdictions to work collaborative on integrating planning and operations. Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) would be an example of a collaborative effort between planning and operations. Jay Hassell asked if there was a regional architecture plan for ITS in place. Miles said the traffic management center housed at SRTC is running 24/7 and there is an architecture plan that has been approved by Federal Highways.

Sean Hoisington said the tentative date for the local/public agency meeting is October 28. Hoisington said that Joe Haynes from Local Highway Technical Council would give a presentation in the afternoon providing information about funding for transportation.

Glenn Miles said the Urban Balancing Committee meeting will be next Thursday, August 27 in Boise. Miles also reported the Bridging the Valley project is on schedule. By the end of November 30% of the design, the environmental and permitting will be complete. Phase I of construction will begin in Kootenai County.

Joe Wuest reported that any further investigation regarding a vehicle registration fee as an option for local transportation funding would be put on hold. Wuest explained the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council may propose a vehicle title fee. Wuest believes it is best for KCATT to wait and see if LHTAC carries the proposal through.

Next meeting –September 28, 2004

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

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TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary