KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
August 26, 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 June Minutes:
Approval of the minutes as submitted was unanimously approved.

Update With Utilities:
Kootenai Electric – Bob Hallock – They are continuing the work installing fiber-optic cable to sub-divisions.

Avista – Steve Meredith – They have finished up McGuire Rd and will be working on Government Way.

Herb Heisel, Road Supervisor from Post Falls Highway District mentioned the One Call state conference being held in Idaho Falls. Heisel plans on attending and will give a report when he returns.

Project Updates:

City of Coeur d' Alene:
Government Way plans have been OK'd by Nestor Fernandez at ITD Headquarters in Boise; Neider Avenue & Government Way will begin construction this year. A traffic signal is scheduled at 4th and Neider Avenue.

Lakes Highway District:
South Hayden Lake Road paving has been completed. Boekel Road paving is complete. Clagstone Road will be completed by next week.

ITD:
I-90 from Sherman Avenue to Wolf Lodge to have an overlay, first since 1990; Government Way bridge has went to bid; Highway 95 paving from Mica to Cougar Creek is near completion; Highway 95 from Setters to Bellgrove will be advertised for bid this fall; The "road armor" treatment on Highway 41 has been completed. A consultant will be hired to study the signalization on Highway 95 to determine optimal timing.

Eastside Highway District:
Seal coating for the summer is complete.

Worley Highway District:
Seal coating for the summer is complete. Reconstruction of Drecshel Road is complete.

Post Falls Highway District:
McGuire Road work complete. ITD, Union Pacific and PFHD will meet to discuss signalization. Received positive remarks on the work done on Greensferry Road. Legislators to meet in October for road tour.

Hayden:
Summer maintenance underway. Government Way plans are in Boise.

ITD Board Update:

Mr. John McHugh reported that it is no longer necessary to analyze ditches for historic significance in the state of Idaho. However, canals still require analysis. Because of treaties there are two tribes (Yakima and Nez Perce) that are exempt from paying truck registration.

Old Business:

Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Update:
Transportation Manager Glenn Miles distributed maps to all jurisdictions to review the changes. The maps are to be reviewed and any additional revisions or edits are to be reported by Friday. The final FFC maps will be presented at the KMPO Policy Board Meeting on 9/4 for adoption.

Bridging The Valley (BTV) Status Report:
Manager Glenn Miles reported the geo-technical work is being done now for the project. Type and size of structures are being assessed. The Public Involvement Plan has been initiated and a web site will be launched soon. Miles stated that the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) was willing, for a minimal fee, to place traffic counters in Idaho for the BTV project and in preparation of updating the travel demand model. A letter of consent must be received from each jurisdiction before WSDOT will begin placing counters. WSDOT wants to start the work the week of September 22.

Presentations:

Bridging the Valley
Lori Barnes, Northwest Dynamics, presented the current status of the Public Involvement portion of BTV. Currently the City of Rathdrum is involved in choosing an alternate route. Lori explained there is possibility of three (3) possible options for alignment. Public meetings have taken place and on October 14 the options will go before Rathdrum City Council.

US 95 Garwood Project
Lou Krug from HDR Engineering presented an update. He explained the project is on schedule and the favored design was a four - lane highway with access control. The primary reasoning for this choice is capacity and safety. He had a map displaying a

number of alternate routes that have been suggested by citizens. He explained that NEPA and FHWA require a comparison of routes. A detailed analysis of routes would not occur until the alternatives were narrowed. Lou and Lori asked for a show of support for the design. A long discussion ensued regarding the issues associated with access control. Lou suggested giving another update in October or November.

New Business:

Empire Airlines:
Commissioner Dick Edinger said that John Robideaux had contacted him regarding the Coeur d' Alene Airport. John Perry, Empire Airlines, took the floor and explained the situation. Currently, Federal Express has a maintenance shop in Spokane that has been condemned and will be demolished within the next three years. The CDA airport is being considered for expansion that will include a new maintenance facility and a 160X160 hangar. Perry explained that CDA has been very responsive and Panhandle Area Council has been involved with financing, possibly a block or rural grant. Perry emphasized the need to coordinate infrastructure for the project. The airport expansion would mean that 80 maintenance employees from Spokane and 50 employees from offices in Coeur d' Alene would be re-located to the airport location. They are looking at a one (1) year time frame. Road Supervisor Joe Wuest said there were many issues to be considered and a one-year time frame may not be possible. Wuest specifically identified the construction and upgrades to Atlas Road and Lancaster Road. He believed it would also necessitate a signal at the intersection of Highway 95 and Lancaster Road. Road Supervisor Herb Heisel raised the question of an alternate route from the airport using Atlas Road to Hayden Avenue to Highway 41. Carole Richardson, ITD District 1 Transportation Planner, stated the ITD Board has said there were to be no new traffic signals on Highway 95. Edinger asked Senator John Goedde if the legislators could help. Goedde responded by stating that the Department of Commerce was working with Empire Airlines but had not seen any numbers ($) for the necessary improvements. Goedde agreed that to install a signal at Lancaster Road would be a disaster for Highway 95 as a two-lane highway.

Membership/Emergency Call List/By-Laws:
Transportation Manager, Glenn Miles recommended having an emergency contact list from each jurisdiction. This would provide a definitive list for emergency contact. Miles also suggested the membership re-visit the KCATT By-Laws. A committee was designated and will meet to make any necessary changes.

Other Business:
Rural Application Process:
Carole Richardson said that she has had several inquires about Local Highway Technical Assistance Council's (LHTAC) requirement to have the Transportation Plan coordinated with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Richardson explained that on the rural application there are 10 points assigned if a jurisdiction's transportation plan has been incorporated into the county's comprehensive plan. Richardson suggested the highway districts meet with Joe Haynes director of LHTAC to discuss the matter. Richardson seemed to think having county representation on the KCATT and KMPO would be enough to suffice the requirement. Commissioner Ken Renner said he had learned that

any projects within the KMPO boundaries would comply with the requirement. Miles agreed to confirm this with Joe Haynes. County Planner, Rand Wichman had a question about what exactly is meant by incorporating the transportation plan into the comprehensive plan. Miles concurred with Wichman that opening up the comprehensive plan would be a complex process. Renner said he had been in communication with Canyon County and would contact them again to learn how it was handled there. Gordon Dobler, City of Coeur d' Alene, asked Wichman if the comprehensive plan has a transportation element. Wichman replied that the document states there are ITD and four highway districts that manage transportation in the county and describes how it is accomplished. It further states that the county has no real role in transportation. Wichman said the comp plan has not been re-visited since 1994. It may be justified to re-visit it but said the workload was too much at this time to do that. Miles said the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) would 'establish a set of goals, objectives and policies that would remain consistent and compatible across all jurisdictions'. The MTP would provide a "plug and play" opportunity for the county to update the transportation element of the comp plan and not require a "from scratch" approach.

A Note of Thanks:
Commissioner Edinger wanted to express his gratitude to Commissioner Dave Atwood for his years of service to the Lakes Highway District. Atwood will step down from office in October.

Request for Proposals:
Manager Glenn Miles explained that seven (7) proposals had been received; two (2) for the Public Transportation Plan and five (5) for the Huetter Road Corridor Study. A selection committee would meet after the KCATT meeting to select a short list for interviews.

Next meeting – September 23, 2003

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Recording Secretary