KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
October 28, 2003
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the September Minutes:

Herb Heisel made a motion to accept the September 23rd minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Joe Wuest, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Avista:
Steve Meredith reported they are almost ready to tie into Government Way. There has been some hold up on Neider and Government because of removal of some trees.

Kootenai Electric Cooperative:
Bob Hallock reported the KEC is focusing on winter maintenance at this time.

Adelphia:
Bruce Hathaway reported work was continuing on installation for sub-divisions

Herb Heisel said that a letter would be mailed to remind all utilities to mark the utility equipment within the right-of-way in preparation for the coming winter months.

Project Updates:

Lakes Highway District:
Joe Wuest reported that Lakes was in the process of updating their Capital Improvement Program. Also, LHD has improvements to Ramsey Road, north of Prairie Avenue scheduled for 2005. He wanted to coordinate the work with the City of Coeur d' Alene and Post Falls Highway District.

ITD:
Andrea Storjohann reported that the bid for the bridge over Government Way at Interstate –90 was given to Morgan Osgood. There will be delays due to hold ups from Verizon. US 95 at Mica has opened to four lanes and from Mica to Cougar Creek has been finished. Interstate-90 from Sherman to Wolf Lodge will be completed in the spring. The portion of SH 97 being overlayed has been completed. ¾ in. base has been placed on Pleasant View Road and work will be completed in the spring.

Eastside Highway District:
John Pankratz reported ESHD has been awarded a 319 Grant and will begin work November 10th on Sunnyside Road (Rocky Canyon). Work will begin near the top and will continue to Blue Creek. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has partnered with ESHD and the work will include bank stabilization, road re-alignment and re-alignment of the creek channel. Pankratz also mentioned that ESHD was requiring Verizon to post a performance bond before doing work in the district.

Post Falls Highway District:
Herb Heisel reported that the bridge on Seltice Way near Central PreMix had gone to bid. Work was progressing on Pleasant View Road, the two CMAQ projects were progressing and routine winter maintenance was underway.

Rathdrum:
Bob Lloyd reported Rathdrum's CMAQ project was designed and accepted and work installing a 16-inch water main along SH 53 was in progress.

City of Dalton:
Ron Koontz reported the State/Local Agreement (SLA) had been signed for the Hanley project and was going to the city council for review.

City of Hayden:
Charlie Gay reported Hayden was doing routine winter maintenance.

City of Coeur d' Alene:
Gordon Dobler reported that signalization would be installed at Neider and 4th and Neider and Government by December 2003. The project at Government Way recently had a bid opening.

Other Business:

Traffic Model Update:
Ed Hayes, Sr. Transportation Planner from Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) gave an update to KCATT regarding the process of converting the Kootenai TModel to the EMME/2 Model. Hayes explained the process should take 3-4 months and Aecom, a consulting firm experienced with travel demand modeling, will likely do the work. Hayes explained that EMME/2 was a Federal Transit Authority (FTA) acceptable model and allows for more complex analysis. He continued by saying the conversion will be straightforward and many of the elements found in Kootenai's TModel network will also be used in EMME/2. EMME/2 will allow Kootenai to have more flexibility in the future. Glenn Miles explained that in the near future the agencies would receive a request for data that will be used as part of the Travel Demand Model update. Miles also thanked each agency that had given permission to the Washington Department of Transportation to place traffic counter in their jurisdiction. Approximately

120 counters were placed in Kootenai County. The traffic counts will be used for the traffic model update. Scott Stokes mentioned a recent project that ITD has been working on that relates to travel demand modeling. ITD is negotiating with a firm to study signalization systems on US 95. Stokes explained the project has component; 1.) Review optimization, 2.) Optimization through hardware improvements, 3.) Review of the geometry for optimization, 4.) Characterize the whole system. Until the study is complete no money has been programmed for improvements. Glenn Miles suggested a joint jurisdictional submittal under the CMAQ program for traffic signal control updates. Miles asked Stokes if ITD could partner on such a project. Stokes said it would be possible.

By-Law Update:
Tom Nigh, Ron Koontz and Glenn Miles met as a committee and revised the By-Laws[1] to reflect that KCATT is now under the authority of the KMPO. Miles asked the members to review and bring comments for the November 25th meeting.

Election of Officers:
There was a discussion regarding the past history of election of officers in KCATT. Miles directed the member's attention to Article III, Section 2 of the revised By-Laws. Election of officers to take place at the December 23rd meeting.

Final Scope of Work:

Huetter Road Corridor Study – The scope has not been finalized with the Transpo Group.

Public Transportation Plan – The scope of work with Nelson/nygaard has been finalized. The finalized scope was distributed to each member. Miles explained that at the completion of the study KCATT will be presented with the findings and make a recommendation to the KMPO Policy Board.

Next meeting – November 25, 2003

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

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Recording Secretary

[1] See Attached