KCATT MEETING
MINUTES
December 23, 2003
ITD District 1 Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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

Approval of the November Minutes:
Dick Edinger made a motion to accept the November 25, 2003 minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Nigh, which passed unanimously.

Update With Utilities:

Avista: Steve Meredith reported the work at 4th and Neider was completed and work at Government Way and Neider would be completed the first week of January. Meredith asked Gordon Dobler what the schedule was for the removal of a building at the corner of Government Way and Dalton. Dobler thought it would be in the spring when the construction of the intersection began.

Upcoming Project Report:

CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality) Applications

City of Post Falls:
Bill Melvin stated that Post Falls would submit an application for a congestion study of a proposed Seltice Way and Mullan Ave. couplet. Melvin said he had been working on the application with Dan Redline at DEQ.

Post Falls Highway District:
Kelly Brownsberger said Post Falls Highway District would apply for CMAQ funds for paving projects on Three Forks Road at the north end of Hauser Lake Road and also Huetter Road north of Hayden Avenue to Lancaster.

Enhancement Applications

City of Rathdrum:
Larry Comer stated the City of Rathdrum had applied for a GAP grant to improve pedestrian trails along SH 41 and SH 53.

City of Post Falls:
Bill Melvin reported the City of Post Falls was applying to fund bike trails along 15th between Spokane Street and Idaho.

STP Urban Federal Aid

City of Post Falls:
Bill Melvin said the City of Post Falls would be submitting an application to widen Idaho to Poleline Avenue. Five (5) lanes are proposed. Also, a roundabout at Idaho and Poleline.

City of Coeur d' Alene:
Gordon Dobler said the City of Coeur d' Alene would submit an application to improve Government Way between Dalton Avenue and Hanley. Dobler said the project would involve the City of Dalton Gardens.

STP Rural Federal Aid

East Side Highway District:
Dick Edinger stated the East Side Highway District would be submitting an application to reconstruct and pave Burma Road.

Worley Highway District:
Tom Nigh said Worley Highway District would be submitting an application to improve Elder Road.

City of Rathdrum:
Bob Lloyd said the City of Rathdrum would be submitting an application for improvements at the intersection of SH 41 and McCartney.

Glenn Miles distributed a financial sheet describing the STP Urban Federal Aid Program. He stated the importance of moving projects forward out of preliminary development and into the program. This would allow other projects waiting on deck to move forward into preliminary development.

Seltice Way Bridge:
Post Falls Highway District has been preparing for a bridge reconstruction at a location on Seltice Way where a spur line of the Union Pacific Railroad has an under-crossing. Since PFHD has begun this process the UPRR has announced plans to abandon the spur line from Meyer Road to the De Armand Mill within the City of Coeur d' Alene. The proposed abandonment is approximately 5.5 miles. This new circumstance could significantly impact PFHD's design efforts by now having other optional alternatives to a bridge. Mike Gridley, attorney for the City of Coeur d'Alene, sketched a diagram on the board to orient the members to the Union Pacific Railroad's spur line coming into to the city from the northwest. Gridley explained that the City of Coeur d' Alene is trying to work in collaboration with other jurisdictions and the Centennial Trail Foundation to acquire the abandoned railroad right-of-way for a pedestrian and bike way. Commissioner Lynn Humphreys from PFHD confirmed UPRR had intent to abandon the portion of track described. Humphreys also said the PFHD wants to collaborate on maintaining the linkage of the abandoned UPRR right-of-way and are considering some type of arch culvert or tunnel structure in an effort to preserve the connection to the city. Humphreys continued and said that PFHD will still move forward with a 4-lane design for the roadway to alleviate the congestion at that location. He believed the preliminary design of an alternate structure could be in place but the allocation of funding would be dependent on the official abandonment process by UPRR. If all went as planned he thought it was reasonable to believe construction to begin in the summer of 2005.

Huetter Road Corridor Study:
Glenn Miles distributed maps that illustrated the study area of the Huetter Road Corridor Study. See Attached. Members were sent the scope of work document for review prior to the meeting. Miles explained the corridor has been divided into three (3) distinct geographic areas for environmental scoping purposes. This would allow for a separate examination of each area. Miles believed areas #1 and #2 would be straightforward and unproblematic, while area #3 could be more problematic and complex. Miles explained that the purpose and need, an evaluation criteria, the environmental document, alternatives, and cost/benefits, would be developed separately for each of the areas. Miles believes this approach would provide a right-of-way line for areas #1 and #2 in a much more expeditious manner. Task order approval would be given as funding become available. Notice of intent in the Federal Register will appear in February. **Dick Edinger made a motion to accept and recommend the Huetter Road Corridor Study Scope of Work as outlined. The motion was seconded by Tom Nigh, which passed unanimously.**

Election of Officers:
Chair Gordon Dobler opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Gordon Dobler moved to nominate Joe Wuest from Lakes Highway District as Chair. Dick Edinger seconded the motion. **With no other nominations the membership unanimously voted Joe Wuest as Chair of KCATT.**

Chair Gordon Dobler opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. Lynn Humphreys moved to nominate John Pankratz from East Side Highway District as Vice Chair. Dick

Edinger seconded the motion. **With no other nominations the membership unanimously voted John Pankratz as Vice Chair of KCATT.**

ITD Board Update:
John McHugh reported that CH2M Hill had given a presentation of the finding on the Mica Bay Study. CH2M Hill found the construction on US 95 south of Coeur d' Alene to have no significant impact on Mica Bay. The creeks in the area will be the next focus of the study.

Other Business:
Don Davis, Idaho Transportation Department, reported the US 95, Garwood to Sandpoint project has been renamed the US 95, Garwood to Sagle project. Don also said that the environmental documentation for the project has been changed from an Environmental Assessment (EA) to a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Joe Wuest reported that Lakes Highway District had submitted a letter to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council regarding the equity factor method of allocating funds. The LHTAC Board has instructed the LHTAC staff to review the method. Wuest said there would be a meeting with LHTAC administrators on January 14 to discuss the equity factor. Wuest encouraged the members to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion. He will contact the members about location and time of the meeting.

John Austin from the Kootenai County Public Transportation Committee distributed the proposed Public Transportation FTA Budget FY 2004-2005. The proposed budget is comparable to last year's. Austin explained the intention of the KMPO Policy Board has been to maintain the current level of service with no new enhancements until the Public Transportation Study conducted by Nelson/Nygaard is completed. Austin explained the total local match dollars from the cities would remain the same amount ($3,919.00) for the proposed 2004-2005 budget. Discussion ensued. **Dick Edinger made a motion to accept and recommend the FY 2004-2005 Kootenai County Public Transportation Budget. The motion was seconded by Rand Wichman, which passed unanimously.**

Next meeting – January 27, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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TANNA DOLE
Recording Secretary