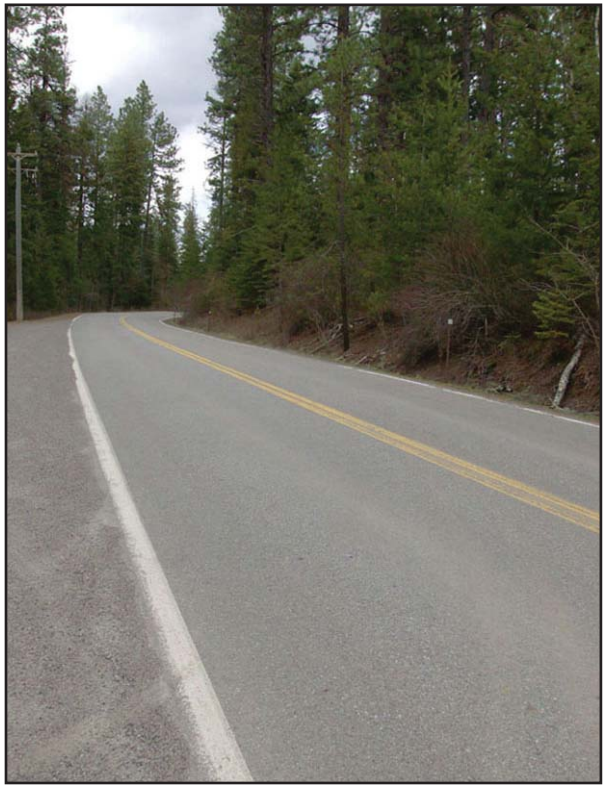
## About KMPO

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kootenai County. Federal law requires any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 to have a MPO. Congress created MPOs to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs in Kootenai County are developed and must be approved by KMPO.



## More Information

For more information about KMPO, see our website at **www.kmpo.net**. The site features information on planning projects and events, planning documents, maps, information on public transportation resources, and other transportation related information.

## Stay Up To Date

For the latest on regional transportation issues and events, check KMPO's weblog, or "blog". The blog is updated daily with transportation articles, legislative and funding updates, upcoming construction project, area road conditions and many other items. The blog provides an informal opportunity for the public to share ideas and opinions with KMPO's transportation professionals.
Log on to **www.kmpo.blogspot.com** and let us know what you think!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*"Cooperatively developing transportation plans for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in Kootenai County."*

## Partner Agencies

KMPO is an independent agency that was created through a joint powers agreement between ten different agencies with roadway jurisdiction in Kootenai County. KMPO's role is to encourage coordination and collaboration between its partner agencies:

- City of Coeur d' Alene
- City of Post Falls
- City of Hayden
- City of Rathdrum
- Coeur d' Alene Tribe
- East Side Highway District
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Kootenai County, Idaho
- Lakes Highway District
- Post Falls Highway District
- Worley Highway District
- Small cities and towns

## Regional Planning Responsibilities

KMPO establishes regional transportation policy and develops both long and short-range regional transportation plans for Kootenai County. This includes planning for roadways, public transportation and non-motorized transportation.

KMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides a blueprint for future transportation system improvements with a 20-year outlook. To help select transportation projects and make capital investment decisions, KMPO uses a regional transportation computer model to forecast travel patterns and traffic volumes into the future.

KMPO also maintains a four-year list of state and federally funded transportation projects known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This list of projects to be implemented in the near-term is updated and approved by KMPO annually.

## KMPO Board

KMPO is governed by a Policy Board consisting of elected officials from 9 local governmental agencies and the Coeur d'Alene tribe. One representative from the Idaho Transportation Department District 1 completes the 11 member board. The Board meets one a month. The public is welcome at all KMPO Board meetings and there is opportunity for public comment at all the meetings.

## Committees

The KMPO Policy Board has established two technical advisory committees to assist with transportation decision-making. The Kootenai County Area Transportation Team (KCATT) makes recommendations to the policy board on planning issues affecting the construction, use, operation and administration of roadways and other transportation systems in the county. KMPO's Public Transportation Roundtable serves as an advisory panel on planning issues related to transit and para-transit.

## Funding

KMPO is funded through a variety of sources including federal, state, and local funding. The local funding consists of contributions made by partner agencies.