

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Headquarters building, 5300 Bishop Boulevard, in Cheyenne on June 21, 2018. Chairman Ruwart convened the business meeting at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Bob Ruwart, Chairman, Wheatland  
Mike Larson, Vice Chairman, Lusk  
Todd Seeton, Commissioner, Jackson  
Rick Newton, Commissioner, Buffalo  
Louie Pfrangle, Commissioner, Worland  
Phil Schmidt, Commissioner, Casper  
Jim Espy, Commissioner, Savery  
William T. Panos, Director  
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Mark Gillett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Brian Olsen, Acting Aeronautics Administrator; Pat Lewis, Chief Technology Officer; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol Administrator; Mike Kahler, Supervising Attorney General; Sam Voyles, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Other attendees: Patrick Wolach, Executive Vice President, and Alisha Sins, Sales Representative, of Douglass Colony Group, Inc.; Troy Ennis, Estimator and Project Manager, Conwest, Inc. (via telephone); Jack Vicory, Area/Territory Manager Representative for Johns Manville (via telephone); and Melissa DeFratis, Legislative Liaison, WYDOT Government Affairs.

Mr. Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Ruwart led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2018, breakfast meeting, business meeting, and executive session.
3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented a letter from the Campbell County Rockpile Museum in Gillette. The letter expressed safety concerns of an increasing number of pedestrians who are trying to cross US 14-16/WYO 59 to visit the museum. A copy of the letter was sent to Commissioner Newton, as the museum resides in his Commission district.

District Traffic Engineer Michelle Edwards responded to the letter on June 8, 2018. District staff made an initial site visit. WYDOT's Traffic Studies Section from Cheyenne will evaluate the area and make recommendations for improvements, if needed.

4. Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee (JTC) Meeting: WYDOT executive staff members testified before the JTC at an interim meeting held June 4, 2018. Senator Anderson was recently selected as the new JTC chairman, as Senator Meier will soon complete his term as a legislator with his run for the office of State Treasurer.

One important topic at the meeting was the modernization and funding for the Revenue Information System (RIS) project. A consultant was recently hired to evaluate and provide recommendations for best practices for the system. The latest estimate for the RIS modernization is about \$68 million, which may be spread out over 10 years. Several ideas and options were presented, but no conclusions were made about a funding source for the RIS upgrade.

Commissioner Newton noted that hiring troopers and state employee compensation were mentioned during the JTC meeting. Director Panos and Colonel Haller briefed the JTC about hiring qualified troopers and related compensation issues, revised trooper work schedules, and current recruitment strategies.

Dr. Khaled Ksaibati of the University of Wyoming's Civil and Architectural Engineering Department also presented "Management/Funding of Wyoming's Transportation Infrastructure" at the JTC meeting. The presentation revealed that about \$92 million is needed annually to maintain Wyoming county and rural roads in their current condition.

Colonel Haller entered the meeting.

Senate Environmental Public Works (EPW) Committee Meeting: Director Panos testified before the Senate EPW Committee on June 13, 2018. Information was shared about infrastructure needs nationwide for autonomous and connected vehicles.

Transition Planning: Director Panos is working with Governor Mead's office to create a smooth transition for the new executive branch in early 2019. WYDOT will work with staff internally to develop an agency-specific plan that will offer many details about the agency.

The Governor's office is developing a web-based system that will contain detailed information about every state agency. The database will be available to the incoming administration for use as a tool to search for vital information about many agency topics. The new system should make the transition more productive for the new administration and for state agencies.

Capital Construction Oversight: During the 2018 legislative session, a bill was introduced that, if approved, would have required legislative approval of all state building projects if they exceeded a certain funding threshold. Governor Mead recently directed WYDOT to draft correspondence

and provide information to the legislature demonstrating the Department's proven process for evaluating the needs of WYDOT facilities.

WYDOT has drafted a letter, and Chairman Ruwart and Director Panos will sign and send to the Senate President and Speaker of the House.

Messrs. Ennis and Vicory joined the meeting by telephone.

5. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's report.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. The May 2018 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 61 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 57 percent expended, which is within budget tolerances.

The snow control budget is overrunning by about \$1.5 million. The primary reason for the overrun is the spring opening of Wyoming's mountain passes. Additional snow control may be necessary in September 2018, which could increase the overrun.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to move Bid Numbers 18-175 and 18-177 to a consent list.

It was moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to approve, by consent, the following bids:

- Bid No. 18-175 to furnish 3,451,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel for delivery at various WYDOT locations statewide. The bid was awarded to Homax Oil Sales, Inc., of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$4,734,294.10; Ellenbecker Oil, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$1,537,388.90; Cardwell Distributing, of Evanston, Wyoming, for the sum of \$1,176,108.90; Murdoch Oil, Inc., of Greybull, Wyoming, for the sum of \$888,860.00; J. H. Kasper Oil Co., Inc., of Rawlins, Wyoming, for the sum of \$224,699.00; Bailey Oil Co., of Riverton, Wyoming, for the sum of \$153,909.50; Honstein Oil and Distributing, LLC, of Buffalo, Wyoming, for the sum of \$116,098.00; and Kellerstrass Oil Co., of Salt Lake City, Utah, for the sum of \$27,215.00; for a total sum of \$8,858,573.40.
- Bid No. 18-177 to furnish 90,000 gallons of aviation fuel for delivery in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Avfuel Corp, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the sum of \$216,785.70.

Bid for Project DR15706 for WYDOT Vehicle Maintenance Building Roof Replacement: Mr. Byrne opened the conversation about the bids on Project DR15706 for the WYDOT vehicle maintenance building roof replacement. The low bid received from Douglas Colony Group, Inc., (DCG) of Commerce City, Colorado, was deemed irregular because the bid documents were deemed ambiguous and could not be fairly assessed. The bid documents also did not contain a subcontractor list, which was a requirement of the bid process.

Mr. Patrick Wolach, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for DCG, addressed the Commission about his bid. Mr. Wolach explained that a standard cover letter was submitted with their bid and it included a detailed scope of work to be performed. A scope of work letter is common practice when submitting DCG bids on private contracts, but Mr. Wolach now realized that the letter should not have been sent with the DCG bid documents as it contained inclusions and exclusions that did not apply to WYDOT's Project DR15706. Mr. Wolach advised that, when evaluating their proposal, he did not believe DCG would need subcontractors for this job because his company has a solar division with licensed electricians on staff. Mr. Wolach also thought he could potentially choose from one of the 13 electrical contractors on WYDOT's prequalified bidder list, if needed. Mr. Wolach stated he did not see anything in the bid documents that would require his company to perform electrical or mechanical work on the project.

After the bid opening, DCG submitted a list of potential subcontractors that could be used after beginning the work, if necessary. Mr. Wolach offered to have the subcontractors prequalified by WYDOT to work on the project, and he asked to have the cover letter extracted from his bid and to use only the scope of work included in the bid documents. Mr. Wolach also advised that if a subcontractor was needed, DCG would absorb the cost of the additional work.

Commissioner Espy asked Mr. Byrne to read the portion of DCG's cover letter detailing the bid exclusions. Mr. Byrne read from the letter indicating the bid prices excludes "demolition; raising or lowering of units, conduit, pipe, drains; all mechanical and electrical; plumbing; abatement; liquidated and consequential damages; permits, fees, and bonds..."

Mr. Wolach admitted DCG's bid contained irregularities and that including his cover letter with additions and exceptions to WYDOT's scope of work with his bid was "a clear mistake," but he asked the Commission to give his company some grace when awarding the job.

Mr. Ennis, of Conwest, Inc., advised that their bid was prepared in accordance with WYDOT specifications with no exceptions or limitations, and he asked the Commission to consider awarding the bid to Conwest, Inc.

Commissioner Schmidt shared that although saving over \$123,000 (the cost difference between the first and second low bids) by awarding the project to DCG was very enticing, maintaining the integrity of the bidding process was ultimately the most important factor.

Mr. Kahler advised the Commission about their authority in awarding bids. In this case, the Commission has the option of awarding to the first low bidder, awarding to the second low bidder, or rejecting all bids and re-advertising the roof replacement. Mr. Byrne indicated the vehicle maintenance building roof is in poor condition and repairs are needed before winter, so delaying the award is not in WYDOT's best interest.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve purchase for Project DR15706 for the WYDOT

vehicle maintenance building roof replacement. The contract was unanimously awarded to Conwest, Inc., of Draper, Utah, for the sum of \$1,285,513.00.

Messrs. Ennis, Scarbrough, Wolach, and Ms. Sins left the meeting.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve purchase for Bid No. 18-168 to furnish four each, WyoLink-capable radio system service monitors, including a five-year extended warranty for the monitors, for delivery in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Edmo Distributors, Inc., of Spokane Valley, Washington, for the sum of \$214,691.52.

WYDOT Grants Update: Mr. Byrne briefed the Commission about recent grant opportunities being sought by the Department.

WYDOT is currently pursuing 33 federal grant opportunities for various purposes. Four applications have been submitted so far totaling about \$4.7 million, and one other application has been submitted jointly with another agency for \$4.9 million in funding. Four more federal grant applications will be submitted over the next month totaling approximately \$82 million.

Mr. Byrne and his staff are working closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation and other national entities to seek and pursue funding opportunities whenever they arise.

7. Mr. Fredrick presented the Chief Engineer's report.

Federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant: WYDOT was recently awarded an INFRA grant totaling about \$14 million. The funds will be used to construct an interchange and industrial road from Foothill Boulevard south to Blairtown Connector Road in Rock Springs. The existing bridge over I-80 has been struck several times, and it is currently closed. This grant will enable WYDOT to build an interchange, replacing the existing structure, to prevent future collisions and to improve safety for significant freight movement in the area.

The \$30 million project has been needed for some time. The remaining \$16 million not covered by the INFRA grant will come from other federal and local matching funds. Construction of the interchange is expected to begin in fiscal year 2020.

Afton to Thayne (Etna North) Project Update: At its October 2018 business meeting, the Commission approved a resolution to execute eminent domain for the Afton to Thayne (Etna North) project. There are 129 landowners involved in the property acquisition phase, and the project is scheduled to be let in FY 2019. The project requires 44 acres of permanent right-of-way acquisitions and 31 acres of temporary right-of-way access to be used for blending utilities, addressing slopes on access to properties, and storing materials and other construction staging for the project. So far, 41.5 acres of permanent right-of-way has been successfully acquired, and 29 acres of temporary construction permits have been negotiated.

Messrs. Kahler and Voyles traveled to Afton and visited the remaining landowners who have not signed property acquisition agreements for the project. Of the 129 landowners, 14 have not yet signed acquisition agreements. Of the remaining 14, 5 disagree with the property valuations, and the remaining 9 have a variety of concerns. Only 1 of the property owners has expressed opposition to the project. The right-of-way acquisition agents continue to work with all these landowners. Subsequently, Director Panos and Mr. Fredrick visited with the state legislators from that area and updated them on the right-of-way acquisition as well.

Mr. Fredrick advised that the inability to acquire all land needed for the project has delayed it another year. Condemnation proceedings will begin soon if agreements can't be reached with the remaining landowners. No action is required by the Commission at this time.

Emergency Repairs in 2018: Mr. Fredrick briefed the Commission about the landslide repair process.

So far in 2018, WYDOT is managing about 35 landslides, most of which have occurred in northwest Wyoming. There are also about 11 different sites where flooding has impacted highways and bridges statewide. Historic flooding is occurring along the Big Horn River and the Big Wind River near Ethete, Wyoming.

In some instances, WYDOT maintenance crews can repair the damage landslides cause without bringing these projects before the Commission for approval. More significant damage requires design drawings and outside contractors to perform the work. Emergency repair work exceeding \$200,000 but less than \$1,000,000 requires staff to obtain commission chair approval to begin work. Mr. Fredrick noted that this process was followed on the slides that will be presented today, Chair Ruwart approved the expenditures, and the emergency work is underway or complete. The FHWA must also approve the majority of emergency repairs, as they are often eligible for future federal reimbursement.

The Chief Joseph Slide, in Park County, has been one of the most significant landslides in 2018, requiring traffic to be paired down to one lane for both directions due to failure of the embankment supporting the roadway. This landslide will require a more permanent fix that is currently being designed.

Repairs were completed yesterday to the Five Mile Signs Slide in Shell Canyon.

Significant flooding is also occurring on the Gros Ventre River. A temporary bridge over the Gros Ventre River was dangerously close to giving way to the flooding, which could have potentially damaged the new structure being built downstream. WYDOT worked with its contractor to expedite the deck placement on the new permanent structure to avoid the potential catastrophe. The new bridge will open in the next few days.

Badger Creek Fire Update: The Badger Creek fire in Albany County recently necessitated closing WYO 230 and WYO 10. The Wyoming Highway Patrol manned the closures around the clock. A complete assessment will be made when it is safe to enter the area, but WYDOT

anticipates needing to replace about 2 miles of right-of-way fencing along those highways. The fire is now 94 percent contained.

8. Mr. Cawley presented an update on FHWA topics.

Mr. Cawley congratulated Director Panos on his new appointment as the chairman of the AASHTO Committee on Transportation Systems Operations (CTSO). Director Panos recently testified before the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee meeting about the use of autonomous vehicle technology.

Mr. Cawley also acknowledged Mr. Fredrick for his leadership as chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures, a position he's held since 2012. Mr. Fredrick meets with the subcommittee next week to communicate its successes and to identify activities of national impact for the coming year.

Mr. Cawley advised that Director Panos and Mr. Fredrick represent Wyoming interests in these national forums, and they assist in advancing research and deployment and developing policies, standards, and procedures.

Dedication of the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Pathway: On May 22, 2018, a 19-mile section of Highway 28 in Fremont County was dedicated as the "Wyoming Women's Suffrage Pathway." The designation stems from legislation passed in 1869 that says it was, "An act to grant the women of the Wyoming Territory the right of suffrage and to hold office." Mr. Shaun Cutting of the local FHWA Division attended the event.

INFRA Grant: Mr. Cawley congratulated WYDOT on receiving a \$14 million grant to construct the Rock Springs I-80 Interchange and Interchange Road. The funding will be used to construct a new diamond interchange at I-80, reconstruct part of Interchange Road, replace an existing bridge over I-80, construct ramps with continuous acceleration and deceleration lanes, and build a new grade-separated crossing over a rail line.

FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriation Bill: At its May Commission meeting, Mr. Cawley announced that WYDOT was allocated \$12.9 million from the 2018 Omnibus Appropriates Bill. Over the past month, obligation authority was received. Mr. Cawley indicated he is eager to advance projects with the new funding source.

Environmental Coordination: The FHWA released the One Federal Decision Environment Review document in February. The purpose of the agreement was to accelerate and coordinate the project planning, environmental review, permitting, and decision making. The memorandum was supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds and Office of Federal Activities; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Coast Guard; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the Federal Highway Administration.

In May, the FHWA organized and held a complementary meeting with its local federal and WYDOT partners to discuss the memorandum and how to advance the concepts of the memorandum locally. Federal partners and WYDOT agreed that the opportunity to discuss programmatic matters to accelerate project delivery, while meeting the agencies' goals, is of value. The FHWA plans to continue the collaboration twice annually.

Close-out of WYDOT's Projects: Commissioner Schmidt asked for an update on the status of expediting the close-out of WYDOT projects. Mr. Cawley advised that WYDOT has lead the nation in this area for some time, but even more pressure is being applied to close out Wyoming construction projects even more quickly. Messrs. Cawley, Fredrick, and Byrne met yesterday to discuss "stale but active projects." About 30 to 40 projects have been closed out since December 2017, which freed up about \$4 million that can now be used on new projects.

9. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, which consisted of only the June project authorizations as there was no highway letting in June.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

**BIG HORN COUNTY**

NHPP 24.34 DR52090; Shell to Burgess Junction; reference marker (RM) 24.34 to 24.40; slide repair; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$45,500; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$244,210

**CONVERSE COUNTY**

STP 0.00 B202032; Douglas to Gillette, various locations; resurfacing; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$50,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$850,542

**LARAMIE COUNTY**

HSIP 0.00 B211027; Cheyenne Streets, various locations; safety improvements; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,200,000

**PARK COUNTY**

STP 26.04 DR51885; Chief Joseph Highway; RM 26.04 to 27.00; slide repair; FY 2018; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$5,954,607

**PLATTE COUNTY**

NHPPI 81.50 I252171; Wheatland North, Fairview Section; RM 81.50 to 94.20; reconstruction; FY 2024; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$934,022; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$13,000,000

**SHERIDAN COUNTY**

DR42900; US 14A, Lovell to Burgess Junction/Observation Slide; RM 85.13; slide repair; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$1,100,000

DR42937; US 14, Dayton to Burgess Junction/White Cross Slide; RM 81.50; slide repair; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$1,100,000

**TETON COUNTY**

ARSCT 0.00 ARS3905; Tribal Trails Connector; community development; FY 2021; request preliminary engineering funds of \$1,000,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$5,150,000; to be reimbursed by Teton County

ARSCT 0.00 N104A08; Hoback Junction to Jackson; Snake River South Section; utility work; FY 2019; request preliminary engineering funds of \$1,150; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$24,150; to be reimbursed by CenturyLink

**VARIOUS COUNTIES**

STP-BR 0.00 B211010; Highway District 1, various locations; structure repair; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$28,436; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,000,000

STP-BR 0.00 B211011; Highway District 1, various locations; structure repair; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$31,280; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,100,000

STP-BR 0.00 B212012; Highway District 2, various locations; structure repair; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$71,090; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,500,000

STP-BR 0.00 B2131017; Highway District 3, various locations; structure repair; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$104,218; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$3,665,000

STP-BR 0.00 B213030; Highway District 3, various locations; structure repair; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$74,787; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$2,630,000

10. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Construction Update: Field crews continue their work on 56 active construction projects statewide, including 17 projects in District 1, 9 in District 2, 11 in District 3, 8 in District 4, and 11 in District 5.

Recent flooding necessitated closing a temporary bridge that was set during the reconstruction of the Cattleman's Bridge over the Gros Ventre River. High water from the river scoured out one of the piers, causing a portion of the temporary bridge to collapse. Reconstruction of the new bridge was accelerated such that single-lane traffic will be able to use the new bridge by the end of the week.

Some other major reconstruction projects underway are the Jackson South on US 191, Lovell West on US 14A, and the I-25 interchange near Barr Nunn.

Maintenance Update: Winter seasonal road closures were opened earlier than usual in 2018.

Maintenance forces are placing hot mix asphalt statewide. Chip sealing is also ongoing in District 5.

A tornado touched down north of Cheyenne on May 28. The storm also produced significant hail, requiring snow plows to remove it from the highway.

WYO 230 and WYO 10 were closed because of the Badger Creek Fire in Albany County. WYDOT will be responsible for replacing some obliterated right-of-way fence along those highways.

WYO 132 between Kinnear and Ethete was restricted to one-lane traffic earlier this week due to flood water across the road.

Repairs to the Five-Mile Slide on US14A are complete, but two older slides on US 14 and US 14A in Sheridan County have started moving again. The drainage ditch has been filled in near Observation Point west of Burgess Junction to allow two-way traffic. The other slide is west of Ranchester and is not currently impacting traffic.

A mudslide occurred on US 191, at Milepost 151, on May 16, which necessitated closing the highway. Maintenance crews reacted quickly, so the highway was reopened the same day.

Traffic Operations Update: Striping operations are ongoing statewide. The District 4 urban striping truck is currently being repaired in Rapid City, South Dakota.

During the 2018 legislative session, a bill was passed that includes maintenance, construction, and utility vehicles in Wyoming's move-over law. Sign crews will have all of the new signs installed this week to alert drivers to move over when these vehicles are stopped while working along the highway. The new law is effective July 1, 2018.

Mechanics Update: Mechanics continue their efforts to ensure that summer equipment is operating.

WYDOT Facilities Update: The Wagonhound Rest Area is closed this summer due to construction along I-80. The Laramie Port-of-Entry will also be closed June 25 through July 5, 2018, for scale repairs.

11. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through May 31, 2018, includes 36 fatal crashes involving 39 deaths. Thirteen of those fatalities occurred in May. The fatalities include 19 rollover crashes, 15 multi-car crashes, 2 fixed objects, 1 motorcycle, and 2 pedestrians. Of the 36 fatal crashes that occurred in 2018, 5 involved commercial vehicles.

Of the 36 deaths that occurred this year, 21 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 16 involving rollover crashes, 4 involving multi-car collisions, and 1 involving a fixed object. All of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Six of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and 5 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

There were 10 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 11 deaths. Of those deaths, 7 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Five were rollover crashes, 5 were multi-car crashes, and 1 involved a pedestrian. No commercial vehicles were involved in the 11 drug- or alcohol-related fatalities.

Of the 36 fatal crashes that occurred last year, 20 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 11 occurred on interstate highways, and 5 occurred on city/county roads.

Two multiple-fatality crashes occurred on Wyoming highways in 2018, of which 2 involved multiple vehicles, and 1 was alcohol related.

There were 14 crashes where rumble strips/strips exist, and 14 crashes where rumble strips/strips are not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 8 vehicle crashes in 2018, which resulted in 8 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 10 of the vehicle crashes that caused 10 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2018 were as follows:

Sunday	6 crashes
Monday	10 crashes
Tuesday	1 crash
Wednesday	1 crash
Thursday	5 crashes
Friday	7 crashes
Saturday	6 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2018 were as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	14 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	6 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	10 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	6 crashes

The following statistics were also provided to the Commission:

- 79 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 31 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 50 percent of people who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 80 percent of the fatalities in 2018 have been drivers.
- 15 percent of the fatalities in 2018 have been passengers.
- 70 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- All of the non-resident fatalities were wearing seat belts.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 28 percent of the fatalities.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 2,177 crashes statewide, of which 1,576 involved non-commercial vehicles, and 601 involved commercial vehicles.

A pin map was also provided to the Commission depicting the locations of the 2018 fatal crashes.

Sturgis and Ham 'n Jam Motorcycle Rallies: The WHP plans to deploy additional troopers to northeastern Wyoming in late-July and early-August to assist with increased motorcycle traffic from the Sturgis and Ham 'n Jam Motorcycle Rallies. The WHP will work with other law enforcement agencies throughout the rallies, as needed. Wyoming's dynamic message signs will be used to alert drivers to watch for the significant increase in motorcycle traffic.

Wyoming Move-over Law: The WHP is working with WYDOT Public Affairs to spread the word about the recent statute change regarding Wyoming's move-over law, which is effective July 1, 2018. Press releases have been made, and dynamic message signs, Facebook, and Twitter will be used to notify the public about the change.

WHP Staffing Update: On May 30, 2018, the WHP began the process of hiring new troopers. Of the 295 applications received, only 61 individuals showed for the written Peace Officer Standards and Training Entrance Examination. Following the written exam, applicants were given physical ability and battery testing, personal interviews, polygraph testing, and psychological examinations. After five days of performance testing, 26 candidates remain. The final review phase will be background checks before permanent job offers can be made.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Association Awards Banquet: The WHPA will host its annual awards banquet on June 22, 2018, in Thermopolis. Colonel Haller will share the award results at the next Commission meeting.

Trooper Recognitions: Colonel Haller, Director Panos, the Commission, and Governor Mead will recognize Trooper Bill Daugherty of Powell at the Commission lunch later today. Trooper Daugherty will receive a special WHP Commendation Award for his quick action in rescuing 3 children and taking into custody an alleged drug dealer on April 29 near Lander.

On May 31, an incident occurred on I-80 just outside of Rock Springs. Trooper Josh Karis, a K9 handler, made a traffic stop and immediately observed what he believed was ongoing criminal activity. The suspect exhibited some mannerisms that led to reasonable suspicion the individual may be drug trafficking. After letting the K9 out of the patrol vehicle, it immediately alerted to drugs in the suspect's vehicle. While trying to detain the suspect, an altercation ensued. A passing semi-truck driver saw the conflict; he immediately stopped his truck and assisted the trooper with taking the suspect into custody. The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation is conducting a full investigation of the incident.

12. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics report beginning with the March 2018 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

There were no reported plane crashes in May 2018.

Commercial Air Service Improvement Council (CASIC) Update: The CASIC continues its work to prepare a 10-year air service strategy and plan to establish reliable air service in Wyoming. The Council first met in Sheridan, May 8 and 9, 2018, where recommendations were made for the plan. Goals for the plan are to take care of today's critical air service needs, provide a safety net for Laramie and Cody, and provide future statewide air service connectivity. The Aeronautics staff has been working quickly to prepare the draft plan and a formal request for proposals (RFP) before the next CASIC meeting, July 12 in Riverton. After the CASIC approval, the plan will go before the Aeronautics Commission and then to Governor Mead for final approval.

Airport Projects Update: About 40 airport construction projects will begin in 2018, for which half the grants have been issued. The Aeronautics Division is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to obtain the remaining grant funds for the rest of the projects. Mr. Olsen anticipates the remaining funds will be issued in the next 45 to 60 days.

FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill – Supplemental Discretionary Funding for Aviation: The FAA received approximately \$1 billion for the Airport Improvement Program through the FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Those funds will be distributed nationwide over the next 3 years. The Aeronautics Division is aggressively pursuing FY 2018 funding now by compiling a list of airport projects that would compete well for the funds. Aeronautics staff will work with the local airports through the application process.

13. Director Panos presented the Support Services report in Mr. Rossetti's absence.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,914 personnel as of May 31, 2018, compared to 1,896 a month ago and 1,922 one year ago.

14. Mr. Lewis presented the Chief Technology Officer's report.

Revenue Information System (RIS): Mr. Lewis reported that the RIS on the state mainframe became inoperable last week. After conducting the weekly reboot of the state mainframe, RIS did not come back online. This resulted in almost an entire day where WYDOT was not able to process driver's licenses and counties were not able to process vehicle registrations. In addition, law enforcement agencies statewide were unable to access driver's license and vehicle registration information during traffic stops while the system was down. After about 6 hours, RIS ultimately came back online after a second system reboot.

National Weather Service Alerts on "511" Application: The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program has been working with the National Weather Service to develop notification capability through WYDOT's "511" map application. Mr. Lewis reported that during a severe thunderstorm in Laramie County on June 19, some of the first alert notifications were successfully launched through the "511" map application.

WyoLink Update: WYDOT staff and local agencies continue their work to locate and secure potential locations for new WyoLink tower installations. Landowner permissions have been obtained for several sites, which opens the door for the contractor to begin environmental evaluations that the FHWA requires. Most of the proposed locations are city- or county-owned properties. The Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) has prioritized the tower build-out.

15. It was moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to recess the business meeting and move into an executive session to receive information about pending litigation, in accordance with Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). Messrs. Byrne, Lewis, Olsen, Cawley, Colonel Haller, and Ms. DeFratis left the meeting. The Commission went into executive session at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

16. It was moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried to come out of executive session. No action was taken during the executive session. The Commission came out of executive session at 11:39 a.m.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Ruwart adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2018.