

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Diamond Room of the Sheridan Holiday Inn – Convention Center, 1809 Sugarland Drive, in Sheridan, on May 10, 2018. Chairman Ruwart convened the business meeting at 2:00 p.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Bob Ruwart, Chairman, Wheatland
Mike Larson, Vice Chairman, Lusk
Todd Seeton, Commissioner, Jackson (via telephone)
Louie Pfrangle, Commissioner, Worland
Phil Schmidt, Commissioner, Casper
William T. Panos, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Commissioners Rick Newton and Jim Espy were absent.

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer (via telephone); Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Mark Gillett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; 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; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Other meeting attendees: Mayor Andi Summerville, President, Laramie City Council; Mayor Roger Miller, City of Sheridan; Senator Dave Kinskey, former mayor, City of Sheridan; former Mayor Jim Wilson, City of Sheridan; Lane Thompson, Engineer, City of Sheridan; Kurt Countryman, General Superintendent, S&S Builders, Gillette; Lieutenant Colonel Shannon Ratliff, WHP Operations Commander, Cheyenne; Scott Taylor, WYDOT District Engineer, Sheridan; Jerry Buckley, WYDOT Resident Engineer, Sheridan; Heath Oetken and Tim James, WYDOT Construction Technicians, Sheridan; Laura Dalles, WYDOT Public Relations Specialist, Sheridan; Wendy Brusio, Employee Safety Program Manager, Cheyenne; and Melissa DeFratris, Legislative Liaison for Government Affairs, Cheyenne.

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 Schmidt, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018, breakfast meeting, business meeting, and executive session.
3. Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Legislative Interim Meetings: The Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee (JTC) will meet June 4-5, 2018, in Sheridan. Topics include the Revenue Information System (RIS) modernization, Wyoming roads funding, agency updates, and federal mineral royalty funding swap and indexing.

HB0194 (HEA0067), State-Funded Capitol Construction: During the 2017 legislative session, a bill was passed that will increase communication between agencies that manage vertical construction statewide. Based on conversations with legislative members and Legislative Services Office staff, WYDOT agreed to communicate more with the legislature about planned and ongoing vertical construction projects to gather input.

Broadband Policy Development: With the increased development of Wyoming's broadband infrastructure, WYDOT is working to establish a new "dig once" policy for the installations along highway rights-of-way. Careful planning and project streamlining are two of the most important items being considered within the policy so projects can connect in the future. Director Panos will keep the Commission informed as the policy is developed.

American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Committee on Transportation System Operations (CTSO): Director Panos was recently appointed as chairman of AASHTO's CTOS, a subcommittee of the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways. The CTOS focuses on transportation system operations and associated intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and emerging technology with a goal of improving safety, system reliability, and highway system performance. The Commission offered congratulations to Director Panos for being appointed as committee chairman.

WYDOT Employee Safety Program: Director Panos introduced Ms. Wendy Bruso, the newly appointed Employee Safety Program Manager. The program will be developed into a world class safety program for the Department.

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

Monthly Budget Report: The April 2018 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 58 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 50 percent expended, which is within budget tolerances.

A new account has been established within the April budget report. The H12 fund was added to include \$15 million that the 2018 legislature approved for the Commercial Air Service Improvement Program. The \$15 million cannot be expended without further authorization from the legislature, but WYDOT will accrue interest on those funds in the meantime.

The annual snow control budget is currently overrunning by about \$700,000, which is comparable to the five-year average. Compensation for the shortfall will come from other maintenance activities that were scheduled this fiscal year.

FY 2018 Federal Omnibus Appropriations Bill: Mr. Byrne provided a spreadsheet depicting federal grant opportunities that WYDOT is seeking through the new Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Many items are considered before applying for grants, including the required state matching funds and whether the Department would benefit from applying for such funds.

A letter was recently sent to U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Elaine Chao to share WYDOT's eagerness in being part of the funding model and to encourage the USDOT to move quickly to distribute funds. A grant application will soon be submitted for the Revenue Information System (RIS). If approved, the \$500,000 in grant funds will be applied to the RIS modernization project.

Governor Mead is also drafting a letter of interest to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue for broadband expansion in Wyoming. About \$600 million in grant funding is available for broadband development nationwide.

WYDOT is also submitting applications for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grants, formerly known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants. BUILD grants will provide \$1.5 billion to fund certain projects, of which about \$500 billion has been earmarked for rural state projects. Each state is limited to three projects. WYDOT has reduced its list to six projects, and will have to prioritize the top three for submission in the final grant application process. The application deadline is July 19, 2018.

Mr. Byrne recognized Mr. John Davis, Management Services Program Manager, and Mr. Ken Ledet, WYDOT's Grant Administrator, for their work in seeking, analyzing, and applying for these grants.

Selection of External Auditor for FY 2019: A consultant selection has been made for the FY 2019 external auditor. The selection committee unanimously chose McGee Hearne & Paiz, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, for next year's audit. The contract will be written for two one-year extensions.

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

WyoLink Tower Build-out Update: The Lusk-area tower is now in the hands of Motorola Corporation and WYDOT's Right-of-Way Program to work out the lease and begin site evaluation. Lusk's mayor signed the permits to survey and to investigate two weeks ago. The signing of these documents allows Motorola to move forward with the preliminary phase of that tower construction.

Documents for the Apache site near Rock Springs have also been signed, which gives way to another tower being built in the Rock Springs area. Tower sites in Evanston, Wright, and Newcastle are also progressing. The Department intends to build or co-locate these towers on federal, state, or local government-owned property, rather than lease. The goal is to select locations where the towers can be left in place long-term.

Revenue Information System (RIS) Project Update: The RIS is a JTC interim topic. WYDOT has contracted with a project management consultant that will assist in planning for RIS modernization. The JTC will meet in Sheridan on June 4 and 5, 2018, and the consultant will assist in preparing for and presenting information at that meeting.

Connected Vehicle (CV) Update: Mr. Lewis recently received an email from Ms. Kate Hartman, the USDOT Chief of Research Evaluation Program Management for Intelligent Transportation Systems. In her email, Ms. Hartman offered kudos to WYDOT's Transportation Management Team for their extraordinary work so far on the CV project. The program manager for the USDOT added to Ms. Hartman's email saying the CV team has made the device perform at a much higher level than what was originally anticipated. The program manager also offered high accolades to the CV project team members for their skilled work, calling them superstars in their own right.

The Toyota Corporation recently committed to installing CV modules in all of their vehicles by 2021. When Toyota learned of the CV pilot program, they reached out to WYDOT to work with the CV team to assist in developing the technology. Mr. Lewis recently signed a non-disclosure agreement with Toyota to begin this work.

Mr. Lewis left the meeting.

6. Mr. Fredrick presented the Chief Engineer's report via telephone.

WYO 789 Safety: At its February 15, 2018, Commission meeting, Commissioner Espy expressed safety concerns about large loads traveling on WYO 789. WYDOT's Traffic Program researched what could be done to address the concern of lost loads as large trucks mitigate the highway, and the findings were provided to Mr. Fredrick. The report revealed that the propensity of trucks losing their loads was caused by a steep downgrade when traveling southbound and drivers' unfamiliarity with the terrain. The Traffic Program will install signs in the southbound lane to warn drivers of the impending 6 percent grade.

Wyoming Engineering Society (WES) President's Project of the Year Award: The WES recently named the Sheridan 5th Street Pedestrian Underpass project as its President's Project of the Year. Sheridan's Mayor Roger Miller; former Mayor Jim Wilson; Senator Dave Kinskey, former mayor, City of Sheridan; Lane Thompson, Sheridan City Engineer; Kurt Countryman, General Superintendent, S&S Builders, of Gillette; Scott Taylor, WYDOT District Engineer; Jerry Buckley, WYDOT Resident Engineer; Heath Oetken and Tim James, WYDOT Construction Technicians, were recognized for their participation in making the project come to fruition.

Senator Kinskey, Mayors Miller and Wilson, and Messrs. Thompson, Countryman, Taylor, Buckley, Oetken, and James left the meeting.

7. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held May 3, 2018, in Cody.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Bob Ruwart - Chairman**

State project DR15574, involving sign structure repair and miscellaneous work at reference marker (RM) 359.58, at the Interchange of I-25 and I-80, in Laramie County. Completion date: December 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 93,550.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$ 74,300.00	-20.6%
Delta Wye, Inc., Gillette, WY	\$ 90,100.00	
Cache Valley Electric Company, Salt Lake City, UT	\$125,037.88	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$131,289.77	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$164,680.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried that Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 3
Todd Seeton - Commissioner**

Federal projects STP-1202030 and ARSCT-1202A01 combined, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on approximately 18.00 miles of WYO 233, beginning at RM 1.95, between Kemmerer and Ham's Fork, in Lincoln County. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$3,965,055.00	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$3,788,772.50	-4.4%
Kilgore Companies dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$3,921,422.30	
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$4,017,769.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$4,312,999.12	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried that Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, Montana, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

**COMMISSION DISTRICTS 4 and 7
Rick Newton - Commissioner
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner**

Federal projects NHPPI-GM-I254163 and STP-GM-1000018 combined, involving grading, draining, sub-base, culvert lining, and miscellaneous work at various locations between Casper

and Kaycee and Kaycee and Barnum, in Johnson and Natrona counties. Completion date: June 30, 2019

Engineer's Estimate	\$902,390.00	
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$818,775.71	-9.3%
Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY	\$927,147.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that 71 Construction, Casper, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5
Louie Pfrangle - Commissioner

Federal project NHPP-N343042, involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, fencing, and miscellaneous work on approximately 3.00 miles of US 20, beginning at RM 134.77, between Thermopolis and Worland, in Hot Springs County. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$797,502.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$995,875.63	+24.9%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to reject the bid from Mountain Construction Company and to rebid the project later.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 5 and 6
Louie Pfrangle - Commissioner
Mike Larson - Vice Chairman

Federal project STP-BR-B184020, involving grading, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work at various locations in District 4, including Big Horn and Crook counties. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 738,125.50	
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$1,091,575.00	+47.9%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Vice Chairman Larson, and carried to reject the bid from S&S Builders, LLC, and to rebid the project later.

**COMMISSION DISTRICTS 6
Mike Larson - Vice Chairman**

Federal project NHPP-N403008, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, bridge rehabilitation and replacement, electrical work, and other miscellaneous work on approximately 8.50 miles of US 20, beginning at RM 54.80, between Lusk and the Nebraska state line, in Niobrara County. Completion date: October 31, 2019

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 9,611,907.00	
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$ 9,871,069.69	+2.7%
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$10,479,626.50	
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$10,774,877.82	
Northern Improvement Company and Sub, Fargo, ND	\$12,530,221.00	
Border States Paving, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$12,881,747.60	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$13,277,785.06	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Vice Chairman Larson, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that Knife River, Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 7
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner**

Federal projects STP-DR51740, NHPP-DR51742, STP-DR51743, and STP-DR51776 combined, involving grading and miscellaneous work at various locations, between Farson and Lander, in Fremont County. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$3,597,565.00	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$3,468,089.50	-3.6%
Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY	\$3,498,747.75	
Patrick Construction, Inc., Lander, WY	\$3,769,059.15	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Vice Chairman Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

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

CARBON COUNTY

NHPPI 252.50 I804269; Rawlins to Laramie, Elk Mountain Section, westbound lane; RM 252.50 to 258.90; pavement rehabilitation; FY 2021; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$187,767; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$4,086,879

FREMONT COUNTY

NHPP-GM 75.33 N202075; Highway District 5, south half, at various locations on WYO 789; drainage repair; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$25,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$500,000

GOSHEN COUNTY

NHPP 93.20 N853097; Torrington Streets, Valley and Main Street; RM 93.20; ADA improvements; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$12,500; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$250,000

LARAMIE COUNTY

TIDP 0.00 B191027; Cheyenne Streets, various locations; traffic systems; FY 2019; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$80,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,620,000

STPU-CH 0.00 B221004; Cheyenne Streets, various locations; reconstruction; FY 2022; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$22,102

NATRONA COUNTY

NHPP-E 116.73 N212122; Casper Streets, Poplar Street, BNSF bridge; RM 116.73; community development; FY 2018; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$132,000

HSIP 17.68 W258025; Casper Streets, Wyoming Boulevard, Gannet Drive to Yellowstone Street; RM 17.68 to 18.44; safety improvements; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$42,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$462,000

PARK COUNTY

NHPP 44.39 N311104; Yellowstone to Cody; RM 44.39 to 45.37; slide repair; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$15,000; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$460,000

SHERIDAN COUNTY

NHPPI-PM 2.96 I901122; Interstate 90, various locations; drainage repair; FY 2019; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$57,030; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,900,950

NHPP 83.54 N372046; Dayton to Ranchester; RM 83.54 to 88.61; pavement resurface; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$153,148; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$3,062,965

UINTA COUNTY

STPU-EV 0.00 B233004; Evanston Streets, various locations; reconstruction; FY 2023; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$22,102

VARIOUS COUNTIES

NHPPI-GM 85.70; Interstate 25, various locations; drainage repair; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$33,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$1,100,000

SCP 0.00 B189103; statewide, various locations; snow fence; FY 2018; request state preliminary engineering funds of \$50,000

STP-GM 20.00 B205031; Highway District 5, various locations; guardrail; FY 2020; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$25,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$750,000

9. Mayor Summerville joined the meeting by phone.

Naming of the New Structure Located at Harney Street and Snowy Range Road in Laramie: Mayor Andi Summerville, who also serves as the Laramie City Council president, advised that two University of Wyoming campus groups approached the Laramie City Council about naming the viaduct on the Harney Street alignment over the Union Pacific Railroad. Mayor Summerville indicated that the Council discussed the topic and is open to naming the structure, but WYDOT district personnel advised that the Transportation Commission must approve the naming of a road or bridge, since the state owns the structure.

One of the groups cited historical reasons for wanting to officially name the bridge. Mayor Summerville noted some of the historical references to the name that is used to identify the bridge, and she mentioned that Harney Peak in South Dakota was recently renamed based on that history.

Mayor Summerville asked if the Commission would consider officially naming the structure, or whether the Commission would consider allowing the City of Laramie to lead a community process to bring recommendations to the Commission for the naming of the bridge.

Mr. Fulton noted that, to his knowledge, WYDOT has never named any structures in Wyoming other than the three-letter designation given to each structure for identification purposes. There are 1,960 state-owned structures statewide. Structures may be called by certain names, but they have not been officially named by the Commission in the past. Research revealed that the majority of other states require legislative action to name a bridge, and most require varying

degrees of written approval from surrounding entities or local governments before the state considered the action.

Mr. Fredrick added that the bridge in question is not actually named the “Harney Street Viaduct.” The bridge has been called that merely to identify one of the alignments that were considered in the public involvement process. WYDOT has not named bridges in the past, and Mr. Fredrick recommended not naming this structure. Mr. Fredrick suggested naming the adjoining bicycle trail, rather than the structure itself.

Mayor Summerville advised that if the Commission decides against her request, the community groups will likely pursue legislative action to name the structure. The Laramie City Council also supports naming the structure because of its stature, location, and proximity to being a gateway to the Laramie community.

Director Panos advised that there is no hesitation to establish a name for a bridge, but those requests have historically been approved through the Wyoming State Legislature.

The Commission took no action to name the new bridge on Harney Street over the Union Pacific Railroad in Laramie. Chairman Ruwart asked Mayor Summerville to keep WYDOT and the Commission informed of the progress.

Mayor Summerville left the meeting.

10. Mr. Cawley provided an update on FHWA topics.

FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill: The Federal Omnibus Appropriations Bill passed the U.S. Congress in April 2018, and WYDOT has been allocated \$12.9 million in one-time funding through the General Fund. Mr. Cawley advised that the obligation authority for the allocation is anticipated within the next 60 days, or once the accounting mechanisms are established with the U.S. Treasury.

The former Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program has evolved into the Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program. The BUILD Program will accept applications through July 19, 2018, for the \$1.5 billion in overall funding. Certain merit criteria must be met to be eligible for the funding, such as safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental protection (formerly sustainability), quality of life, innovation (changed from a secondary to primary criteria), partnership (changed from secondary to primary criteria), and non-federal revenue for transportation infrastructure investment (formerly a secondary and now a primary criteria). Other potential criteria include demonstrated project readiness, costs and benefits, and geographic diversity among recipients.

Some additional, more notable items within the Omnibus Bill that may be of interest to the Department include \$225 million for competitive highway bridge program and \$300 million for

national significant federal lands and tribal projects. Additional information about these programs is expected to be released in late-summer 2018.

FHWA Staff Changes: Mr. Doug Mikowski is a new hire to the FHWA Wyoming Division Office. Mr. Mikowski assumes the role as the Financial Specialist effective May 14, 2018.

Mr. Shaun Cutting was also recently hired as the Wyoming Division Office Engineering and Operations Supervisor.

11. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Mr. Gillett introduced the newly hired WYDOT Employee Safety Program Manager Wendy Bruso. Ms. Bruso replaces Ron Chavez who retired in July 2017.

Construction Update: The construction season is in full swing, and district personnel are busy overseeing 44 active construction projects, including 11 projects in District 1, 7 in District 2, 12 in District 3, 6 in District 4, and 8 in District 5.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled July 9, 2018, for the new structure on Harney Street over the Union Pacific Railroad in Laramie.

Surfacing operations were suspended on the US 89/WYO22 intersection in Jackson last fall. Work on that project has resumed, and surfacing will be complete by early next week.

The North Sheridan Interchange project is ahead of schedule. The Riverton Main Street (North Federal Boulevard) project is also making good progress.

Maintenance Update: Maintenance personnel have started summer operations with plant mix patching; fence repairs; delineator, bridge, and culvert maintenance; and other maintenance activities.

District crews are working to open the Snowy Range, Sierra Madre, and Big Horn Mountain passes, which have been closed throughout the winter. These mountain passes are expected to reopen no later than Memorial Day weekend.

A mid-April winter storm closed I-80 from Rock Springs to the Nebraska state line. A major wind event also occurred in mid-April. The wind storm created gusts as high as 88 miles per hour west of Cheyenne, and caused numerous trucks to blow over on I-25 between Cheyenne and the Colorado state line.

In northern Wyoming, the snow-water equivalent is about 115 percent of normal, and as much as 155 percent of normal in the Yellowstone National Park area. The southern half of the state received about 27 percent of normal near Casper to 109 percent of normal in the Cheyenne area.

WYDOT's hot plant is set up in Guernsey and is producing hot plant mix for patching in District 2. Other districts are also engaged in their patching operations, and they are using hot plant mix from commercial sources.

Five man-made avalanches have occurred on Teton Pass over the last month, bringing the total to 26 avalanches this winter.

The landslide that occurred last month on the Chief Joseph Highway continues to move. Travel is confined to one travel lane, and that lane is in the upside ditch along the roadway. The remaining lane of travel has been soil-nailed to the mountain to stabilize the slide. Another slide was recently discovered directly above the existing slide on the highway switchback. The secondary slide was also soil-nailed to the surrounding area for stabilization purposes.

The Bear Slide on US 26 near Togwotee Pass has become inactive, which negated the need to hire a contractor for those repairs.

Traffic Operations Update: Spring traffic operations have begun, and painting crews are striping roads throughout the state.

Sign crews are busy installing the new move-over signs in accordance with the recent statute change to include maintenance, construction, and utility workers. The new move-over law is effective July 1, 2018. The WYDOT Public Affairs Office has launched a move-over law campaign to inform drivers of this change.

Signs will soon be installed along US Highway 28 near South Pass City for the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Pathway designation. Governor Mead will unveil the signs on May 22, 2018. Other state-elected officials and dignitaries will also attend the unveiling ceremony.

Mechanics Update: Mechanic shops are working on equipment that is typically used during the summer months. Crews are also working to keep rotary plows in good working order for the spring opening of the Wyoming mountain ranges.

District Staffing Changes: A new district equipment supervisor was recently hired in Laramie. Mr. Dick Demoney replaces Gary Curry who recently retired.

WYDOT Facilities Update: The Summit Rest Area between Cheyenne and Laramie was recently closed due to a power outage, which was caused by a vehicle striking a power pole.

Mayor Miller, Mr. Countryman, and Ms. DeFratis left the meeting.

12. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through April 30, 2018, includes 25¹ fatal crashes involving 25¹ deaths. The fatalities include 12 rollover crashes, 9 multi-car crashes, 2 fixed objects, and 2 pedestrians. Of the 25 fatal crashes that occurred in 2018, 5² involved commercial vehicles.

Of the 25 deaths that have occurred this year, 5³ can be attributed to the use of alcohol and/or drugs, with 2 involving rollover crashes, 2 involving multi-vehicle collisions, and 1 involving a pedestrian. Of the 5 who died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes, 4 were attributed to not wearing proper restraints.

There were 15 fatal crashes last month that were related to the non-use of occupant restraints, and all of them were Wyoming residents. Five of the 15 fatal crashes involved individuals who were 20 years old or younger, of which none of them were properly restrained.

Five of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and all of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 25 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 12 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 9 occurred on interstate highways, and 4 occurred on city/county roads.

No multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways in 2018.

In locations where rumble strips/stripes were present, there were 8¹ crashes. There were 13¹ crashes where rumble strips/stripes were not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 7 vehicle crashes in 2018, resulting in 7 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	3 crashes
Monday	7 crashes
Tuesday	0 crashes
Wednesday	1 crash
Thursday	4 crashes
Friday	6 crashes
Saturday	4 crashes

¹ Numbers at the time of reporting; final numbers may change.

² Number not included in total deaths (sub-crash data).

³ Not all chemical tests were available at the time of reporting.

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	12 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	4 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	6 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	3 crashes

The following statistics were also provided to the Commission:

- 83 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 44 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 50 percent of people dying in fixed object crashes were unbelted.
- 76 percent of the fatalities in 2018 were drivers.
- 16 percent of the fatalities this year have been passengers.
- 65 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 20 percent of the fatalities.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 1,724⁴ crashes statewide, of which 1,225 involved non-commercial vehicles, and 499 involved commercial vehicles.

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

Recent Rescue of Four Children: The WHP recently interceded in two separate child abduction cases, of which two children were safely rescued in each situation. The Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating each case with WHP assistance.

Methamphetamine Seizure: About three weeks ago, the WHP seized 50 pounds of methamphetamine through a routine traffic stop on eastbound I-80. The drugs were detected by a WHP K9 in a hidden compartment in the vehicle. The WHP is working with DCI and the Drug Enforcement Administration on the investigation, which will soon be complete. Colonel Haller noted that this is by far the largest single seizure of methamphetamine in Wyoming history.

High-Speed Chase on US 189 in Lincoln County: On May 9, 2018, the WHP was involved in a high-speed chase on US 189 north toward Kemmerer. The driver proceeded northbound turning his vehicle's headlights off and on, swerving in and out of oncoming traffic, and causing serious safety concerns. Troopers set up three sets of spike strips in an attempt to stop the vehicle.

At one point when the vehicle's headlights were off, a trooper who had just deployed a set of spike strips was re-engaging in the pursuit and he did not see the suspect's vehicle directly in front of him. The trooper veered away to avoid a rear-end collision and his patrol car rolled several times. The trooper had to be extricated from his vehicle. He was flown to the University

⁴ Does not contain all crashes worked to date; some reports are still pending.

of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City for treatment where he is in stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery.

Following the trooper's vehicle crash, the suspect continued in the pursuit for approximately 30 miles further, but eventually succumbed to three flat tires caused by the spike strips. The suspect fled from his vehicle on foot with a handgun. He fired four shots and proceeded into the Sand Hills in the dark. Multiple other law enforcement agencies joined the search on foot and they used non-lethal tactics to eventually capture the suspect.

A press release will be issued soon regarding this incident.

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

Commercial Air Service Improvement Council (CASIC) Meeting: The CASIC was established by the Wyoming State Legislature this year as a first step toward introducing a 10-year strategic plan to improve Wyoming's commercial air service. The CASIC held its first meeting in Sheridan on May 8 and 9, 2018. The primary focus of the meeting was to develop recommendations for the plan, review the implementation schedule for the plan, and establish criteria for a request for proposals (RFP) to secure an airline to provide commercial air service. The Aeronautics Division will now begin to create the plan and write the RFP, which will require Governor Mead's approval before implementation.

A contract is anticipated by June 30, 2019, as the Wyoming State Legislature will need to approve the expenditure during the next legislative session.

Cheyenne Air Service Update: The Cheyenne Airport lost its scheduled commercial air service in late March 2018. WYDOT is working with the City of Cheyenne, the Laramie County Commission, and community stakeholders to re-establish reliable air service.

Director Panos advised that WYDOT is acting as a third party facilitator in the airline negotiations. Mr. Olsen believes plans are progressing well, and he will report back to the Commission when a new carrier contract is solidified.

Cheyenne Airport Runway Project: A major Cheyenne Municipal Airport runway project is scheduled to begin in 2020. A significant portion of the main runway will be reconstructed, and the project is expected to close the runway for several months. WYDOT Aeronautics is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to delay the project to allow the new airline to establish itself in its new business venture. Some runway patching may be necessary to ensure safety until the project can be done.

Airport Projects Statewide: Mr. Olsen shared information about numerous projects that are scheduled at various Wyoming airports. The FAA will soon release airport grant funds to assist with the projects.

14. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,896 personnel as of May 1, 2018, compared to 1,893 a month ago and 1,930 one year ago. There are currently 63 WYDOT positions advertised statewide, of which 42 are field positions, including 37 maintenance operations and mechanic jobs. The WHP also has 5 openings posted, and recruitment is ongoing to fill vacant trooper, dispatch, and port-of-entry positions.

Wyoming Compensation Commission (WCC) Meeting: The WCC met April 26, 2018. One of the discussion topics from that meeting was state employee housing allowances and how they are administered. The WCC voted for a small increase in the housing allowance paid to employees in Teton County. Employees already being paid the housing allowance will continue receiving it as long as they do not have a change of address. New employees who choose to live outside Teton County will not receive the allowance.

State employee pay tables were also discussed at the April 26 meeting. The pay tables were established in 2014 and they have not changed since then. The WCC voted to accept a recommendation from the State Department of Administration and Information to write a letter to Governor Mead and the Wyoming State Legislature Management Council urging them to adopt updated pay tables. In general, the current tables are at least 11 percent lower than market salaries across most pay bands. Mr. Rossetti noted that, although bringing all state employees to market salaries could cost the state up to \$72 million annually, it is important for the state to consider doing so. Mr. Rossetti indicated he will keep the Commission informed of any progress.

Wyoming Wildlife Conservation License Plate: During the 2018 legislative session, a bill was passed to create a wildlife conservation license plate. A small committee was formed to determine a potential design for the plate. Mr. Rossetti shared a draft of the proposed design.

15. Meeting with Governor Mead: Chairman Ruwart, Vice Chairman Larson, and Commissioner Seeton met with Governor Mead on May 3, 2018. Discussion topics included some of WYDOT's successes in recent years, including the passage of the \$0.10 fuel tax, commercial air service improvement, increased driver license and vehicle registration fees, and the difficult navigation of some funding issues. A more lengthy discussion ensued about the importance of the Commission's relationship with the legislature, and the need to meet and interact with legislators to keep them aware of WYDOT topics. Governor Mead thanked the entire Commission for its dedication and support during his term as governor, and he strongly encouraged the Commission to continue to support the Wyoming Highway Patrol in its endeavors.

16. It was moved by Vice Chairman Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, 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). Ms. Brusio, Messrs. Rossetti, Cawley, Olsen, Byrne, and Fulton, Colonel Haller, and Lieutenant Colonel Ratliff left the meeting. The Commission went into executive session at 4:40 p.m., on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to come out of executive session. No action was taken during the executive session. The Commission came out of executive session at 4:57 p.m.

18. It was moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Ruwart adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m., on Thursday, May 10, 2018.