

## **WYDOT District 3 State Transportation Improvement Plan Summary**

Overall, District 3 attended 5 meetings—one in each county (Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln and Teton Counties)

Overall, 24 WYDOT employees attended, 60 non WYDOT people attended and 21 comments were made at the meetings.

No sign-in sheets were available at the commission meetings. However, you can view Sweetwater and Teton County's meetings online.

### **Sublette County**

District 3 met with the Sublette County Board of County Commissioners at their regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Sublette County Courthouse on June 20 at 9:00 a.m. Sublette County Commissioners Sam White, Tom Noble, Doug Vickrey, Dave Stephens were in attendance. Also in attendance were: Mack Bradley, Clayton Melinkovich, Jeness Saxton, Cali O'Hare representing the Pinedale Roundup (via Teams) and Carrie Long, County Clerk, Billy Pape, Road & Bridge, Mike Jackson, Rio Verde Engineering, Scott Cheeney, Andre Irely, Maintenance and Adrian Kowalski.

Peter Stinchcomb, WYDOT, updated the board on the State Transportation Improvement Plan. E board thanked WYDOT for the presentation. There were no public comments made.

The commissioners asked the district staff about the locations of other county Wyolink towers. Stephanie agreed to send a map to the commissioners. Commissioner Vickery asked about what material is being used for erosion control on the Big Piney cutoff road. Staff discussed the use of rip rap.

The commissioners asked about the use of fabric overlays within WYDOT for road construction. Stinchcomb said it has been used in Gillette, but is not used very often. Stinchcomb recommended speaking with materials engineers about its merits and disadvantages.

Meeting minutes are available here: <https://www.sublettecountywy.gov/AgendaCenter>.

### **Sweetwater County**

District 3 met with the Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners on July 5, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session with commissioners Keaton West, Island Richards, Robb Slaughter, and Mary Thoman present.

WYDOT District Engineer John Eddins provided an update on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) on current and future highway projects in Sweetwater County. The commission expressed concern with the condition of I-80. Eddins explained our pavement management system and highlighted the future pavement jobs scheduled.

District 3 Resident Engineers Brad McCullough and Clint Lockman provided an update on the 2023-2028 local projects which also included the future/delayed projects. The Commission expressed appreciation for the update. Commissioner Richards requested that WYDOT review the logo sign locations on the

new interchange project in Rock Springs. McCullough offered to review the locations and make any necessary changes. Commissioner Richards asked Eddins to work with the county about discussing hot in place on County road 1. Eddins said he would share some information. The commissioners thanked WYDOT for their presentation.

Meeting video and minutes can be found here:

[https://www.sweetwatercountywy.gov/boards\\_and\\_commissions/agendas\\_and\\_minutes/index.php](https://www.sweetwatercountywy.gov/boards_and_commissions/agendas_and_minutes/index.php)

### **Uinta County Commission meeting**

District 3 met with the Uinta County Board of Commissioners on July 18 at 10:30 a.m. in an open work meeting with Commissioners Mark Anderson, Brent Hatch and Eric South present. Gary Welling, Loretta Kallas and Amanda Hutchinson from the county were also present. A reporter from the Uinta County Herald was also present.

District Engineer John Eddins provided an update on the State Transportation Improvement Plan, along with Construction Engineer Peter Stinchcomb and Resident Engineer Damon Newsome.

The commission thanked the district for the presentation, for approving the approach into the fairgrounds and for the new signal on Front Street. The group discussed truck parking issues in Evanston, and potential locations. The group also discussed the current project on WYO 150 and local funding opportunities. The district staff also informed the commission on the status of the WYO 414 project, which has not begun work yet.

### **Lincoln County**

District 3 met with the Lincoln County Commission during their regular meeting on Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. In attendance included the following: Commissioners Hansen, Connelly and Bowers; County Clerk, April Brunski; Deputy Attorney, Austin Dunlap; Commissioner's Secretary, Corey Roberts and Chief of Staff, Stephen Allen, Matt McCloud, road and bridge, Amy Butler, county engineer.

Peter Stinchcomb, WYDOT construction engineer, presented a slideshow on the WYDOT STIP Program. WYDOT currently has 6700 miles of highways and 2000 bridges statewide. The presentation included information on increased cost escalation (federal funding is not covering the cost of inflation); past, present and future projects (delayed approximately \$70m in projects in FY23 to FY24). He also presented information on the 2023 local projects and future local projects through 2029.

The Commission thanked WYDOT for the Etna job, highlighting the safety improvement and drive.

The Commission asked about the fence on the open range section of WY 89 on Salt Pass and what the status of getting this fence installed is. Eddins said he needed to consider whether it was fiscally responsible to do that fence, but he'd get back to them with an answer.

Matt McCloud asked if any of the road sections near Sage Junction on US 30 could be moved up, as the County wants to partner with WYDOT when we're in that area on an overlay of CR 207 and all those projects have been pushed back to 2028 or later. The Kemmerer resident engineer responded and has been working with Matt and Amy to add this work to the N121119 Sage East project.

The meeting minutes can be found here:

[https://www.lincolncountywy.gov/government/county\\_commissioners/agendas\\_minutes.php](https://www.lincolncountywy.gov/government/county_commissioners/agendas_minutes.php).

## **Teton County**

District 3 met with the Teton County Commission at a public workshop on Aug. 7, at 9:30 a.m. In attendance included: Commissioners Luther Propst, Natalia Macker, Mark Newcomb, Greg Epstein and Wes Gardner were in attendance, as well as various county employees. Peter Stinchcomb gave a presentation on the STIP and future projects in Teton County.

The commission asked if WYDOT has approached EV companies to pay for installation for charging stations.

The commissioner expressed concern about potholes on highways through Jackson. They asked if local companies could actively fix potholes and bill back Wyoming. Eddins explained our contract process and that we already do that. The commission expressed a desire for an immediate repair. Eddins said he would work with our maintenance forces to try and expedite pothole repair.

Comments from Pete Halpin expressed strong opposition to the Tribal Trail connector.

Comments from Linda Arelio expressed a desire to get more information on the Tribal Trail connector status and if the prior public engagement will be folded into the new NEPA process.

Tim Young expressed concern that the county does not have enough influence on the projects that go into the STIP and requested that WYDOT do more to involve Teton County and involve them earlier in the year, during the development.

Katharine Dowson from friends of pathways echoed Young's comments about actively involving the public in the planning of the STIP. Dowson also commented on Flat Creek bridge and would like to see more integration with the town and county.

Kelly Keyem commented about property WYDOT gave Teton County pathways adjacent to Fish Creek. Her concern was that if this area is developed by the county, it will hurt the habitat for the local wildlife in the area and negatively impact wildlife viewing.

Jeff Gottlieb from the Responsible Growth Coalition expressed opposition to the Florida T configuration at the WYO 22 and WYO 390 intersection. He disagreed with the design. He expressed opposition to the new timing configurations of the signal at WYO 22 and 390 as well.

Commissioner Newcomb discussed the timing of the public meetings of the STIP and expressed a desire to get involved in the earlier summer.

Wes Gardner asked if you can comment on projects year round and requested some collaboration with the Teton County public information officer to get out a public notice that the public can comment year round.

The commission requested that some the comments collected during the STIP public engagement be reflected in the future STIP.

The meeting can be reviewed at: <https://tetoncountywy.new.swagit.com/videos/268468>.