

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on July 20, 2017. The teleconference meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Seeton. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

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

Also present at and participating in the meeting was Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer; Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol Administrator; Amy Surdam, Aeronautics Administrator; Pat Lewis, Chief Technology Officer; Mark Gillett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Engineering & Construction Program Manager; Mike Kahler, Supervising Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Rhonda Harsy, Financial Services Program Manger; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Others present (via telephone): Bill Merritts, Fairfax Imaging of Emeryville, California; Khale Lenhart and Karen Hinkle, of Hirst & Applegate, Attorneys at Law, in Cheyenne, representing Fairfax Imaging; Maggie Blackwood and Dave Clemens, OpSec Security of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Liz Crisofano and Ashley Belton, Sunadapt Solutions, of Tampa, Florida.

Other WYDOT guests present: Aimee Inama, Public Affairs Specialist; Debbie Lopez, Motor Vehicle Services (MVS) Program Manager; Kristi Pomeroy, MVS Supervisor; Hans Hehr, Procurement Services Program Manager; and Rhonda Harsy, Financial Services Program Manager.

Mr. Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering & Planning, and Sam Voyles, Assistant Attorney General, were absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Seeton 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 Ruwart, and carried to approve the minutes from the June 6 and 7, 2017, Commissions orientation and training session, and the June 15, 2017, breakfast meeting, regular business meeting, and education session.
3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented a letter written by Mr. Chris Mickey, Public Relations Advisor to Governor Mead, to Mr. River Pilot. In his June 14, 2017, letter, Mr. Pilot wrote to

Governor Mead expressing his concerns about preparations for new and emerging technologies, including autonomous vehicles, and how they will be managed in Wyoming. The Commission received a copy of Mr. Pilot's letter, and the response from Mr. Mickey was received on July 13, 2017.

4. Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Federal Budget Update: The annual appropriations bill is moving through the U.S. House of Representatives. The current version differs from President Trump's initial budget request, but favors rural states like Wyoming, leaving the Air Service Enhancement (AES) and the Airport Improvement Programs (AIP) intact. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funding remains consistent with recent appropriations. The appropriations bill will move to the U.S. Senate floor next week.

President Trump signed an Executive Order yesterday to form an infrastructure task force inside the U.S. Department of Commerce to address the issues with America's roads and bridges, airports, schools, and other infrastructure needs.

Management Audit Committee Meeting: The Management Audit Committee recently met with WYDOT executive staff members to discuss its engineering design process. A scoping paper was submitted to the Committee for its consideration in determining whether a full audit should be conducted. Design methods, stakeholder interaction, statutory and rule requirements, and administration and budget for engineering tasks were addressed in the scoping paper. Based on WYDOT's responses, the Management Audit Committee will not audit the Department's engineering design process at this time.

A copy of the "Management Audit Committee Scoping Paper of the WYDOT Engineering Design Process" was also provided to the Transportation Commission.

Government Spending and Efficiency Commission (GSEC) Meeting: The legislature formed a Government Spending and Efficiency Commission to address areas that could be more efficient by streamlining processes. WYDOT recently provided an updated "Efficiencies, Saved Resources, and Reduced Expenditures" report to the GSEC. A copy of the final June 2017 report was also provided to the Transportation Commission.

WYDOT 100-Year Celebration and Revised Web Site: WYDOT is planning for its 100-year anniversary celebration statewide. Employee meetings will soon be held in conjunction with a cook-out for current and retired Department employees to commemorate their service and the significant effort that has gone into making Wyoming's transportation system what it is today.

A transportation summit will also be held the afternoon of December 7, 2017, in Casper to commemorate 100 years of transportation in Wyoming. U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, Governor Mead, and other dignitaries have been invited to speak about the future of transportation

in Wyoming, and commissioners, city and county officials, and other transportation-related entities have been invited to attend.

Ms. Blackwood left the meeting (via telephone).

WYDOT's web site is being updated to exhibit how far Wyoming has come with its transportation system over the years. The site will also be streamlined for public use. Mr. McGee demonstrated some of the new website features for the executive staff. Hard copies of the presentation were emailed to the commissioners before the meeting.

Ms. Inama left the meeting. Mr. Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Engineering & Construction Manager, entered the meeting.

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

FY 2017 Third Quarter Budget Revision: Mr. Freier highlighted some of the changes that were necessary in the third quarter of the FY 2017 budget. A reduction of \$619,573 was made to the federal-aid fund appropriations, \$420,920 was added to the technology development incentive programs, the metropolitan planning account was reduced by \$22,149, and the recreational trails account was increased by \$14,745. Reductions of \$166,697 were also made to various regular maintenance program allocations and regular maintenance projects. The contract maintenance program was reduced by \$165,166, and a reduction of \$892,756 was made to the General Fund/AML (Abandoned Mine Lands) account.

Transportation planning funds were reduced by \$528,547. About \$790,000 in building occupancy expenditures were distributed to various WYDOT program overhead accounts to adjust for building maintenance. About \$200,000 was added to the employee relocation program account.

It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to approve the FY 2017 Third Quarter Budget Revision.

Monthly Budget Report: The June 2017 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 70 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 69 percent expended, which is within the target budget tolerances.

FY 2018 Budget Summaries: The Commission received copies of the draft FY 2018 budget summaries for their preliminary review. Mr. Freier advised that WYDOT executive staff is working through the draft budget to determine needs and to balance the budget. The final proposed FY 2018 budget will be presented to the Commission for consideration at its September 14, 2017, business meeting.

6. Mr. Byrne explained that proposals were received for RFP 17-148AC to furnish a motor vehicle services temporary tag system. OpSec Security, Inc., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, received the highest

score in the request for proposals (RFP) evaluation and ranking process, and met all RFP specifications and requirements.

Mr. William D. Merritts, Vice President of Government Sales for Fairfax Imaging, attended the meeting by telephone, along with his legal counsel, Mr. Khale Lenhart and Karen Hinkle, of Hirst & Applegate, Attorneys at Law, from Cheyenne. Mr. Merritts advised that he joined the call because he wanted to hear information about who was awarded the RFP and to acquire copies of the bidders' proposals. Mr. Lenhart advised they were not trying to influence the award of the RFP, but they were more concerned about the production of a records request made by Fairfax for the Department to produce copies of the two proposals that were submitted. Mr. Lenhart was informed that the bids were largely redacted, and he asked that as much of those bids as possible be released to Mr. Merritts, as he requested. According to Mr. Lenhart, Fairfax Imaging requested the documents to get a better understanding of what went into the bids, even though Fairfax Imaging was not a bidder in this RFP process.

Mr. Kahler advised that the Attorney General's office is working through the records request in detail to determine what documents can legally be released to Fairfax Imaging under Wyoming's Public Records Act. The Attorney General's office hopes to finalize the review by next week.

Chairman Seeton asked if representatives on the telephone from OpSec Security, Inc., and Synadapt Solutions had any comments to add to the discussion. Neither company representative offered any comments.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Vice Chairman Ruwart, and carried to award RFP No. 17-148AC, to furnish a system to generate temporary vehicle tags, for use by the Motor Vehicle Services Program, to OpSec Security, Inc., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Representatives from OpSec Security thanked the Commission for the opportunity to work for WYDOT, and they left the meeting. Messrs. Freier and Hehr, and Meses. Lopez and Pomeroy also left the meeting.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve purchase for Bid No. 17-216 to furnish 6,210 each, LED traffic signal lamps, for delivery at various statewide locations. The bid was awarded to Dialight Corporation, of Farmingdale, New Jersey, for the sum of \$117,797.50.

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

Welcome to Wyoming Signs: The new "Welcome to Wyoming" signs have been installed statewide. The public has expressed an overwhelming interest in purchasing the old signs, so the old welcome signs will soon be auctioned through the state public surplus website. Funds derived from the sale of the signs will be deposited in the H01 highway fund account to maintain Wyoming's state transportation system.

8. Mr. Fredrick presented the Engineering and Planning report in Mr. Fulton’s absence, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held July 13, 2017, in Casper.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Bob Ruwart - Vice Chairman

Federal project HSIP-I806210, involving upgrading signs at various locations along I-80 in Transportation District 1, including Laramie County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer’s Estimate	\$ 804,850.00
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$ 824,640.00 +2.5 %
Cache Valley Electric Company, Salt Lake City, UT	\$ 849,551.89
HL Construction, Inc., Billings, MT	\$1,166,990.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that **S & L Industrial, Cowley, 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.

Mr. Cawley noted that WYDOT recently completed its Wyoming 2017 Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and he congratulated the Department for its efforts in developing the plan. The plan addresses six highway safety emphasis areas with specific strategies to enhance safety on Wyoming highways. Lane and road departure crashes are focus areas in the plan, which is being addressed with three specific highway safety projects in the July 13 bid letting.

Federal projects HSIP-I180022 and DR15377 combined, involving removal of concrete median islands, electrical work, the repair of an overhead sign structure, pavement markings, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Laramie County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer’s Estimate	\$312,913.50
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$324,162.00 +3.6 %
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$336,869.75
Cache Valley Electric Company, Salt Lake City, UT	\$343,165.46

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Vice Chairman Ruwart, and carried that **Modern Electric Co., 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 2
Jim Espy - Commissioner

State project SCP-TC-1900040, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), and miscellaneous work on approximately 6.00 miles of WYO 530, beginning at reference marker (RM) 32.44, between Green River and the Utah state line in Sweetwater County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,890,048.75
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,178,068.36 +15.2 %
Kilgore Companies dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$2,188,241.70

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 2, 4, 6, and 7
Jim Espy - Commissioner
Rick Newton - Commissioner
Mike Larson - Commissioner
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner

Federal project HSIP-B172038, involving the installation of signs at various locations in Transportation District 2, including Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, and Niobrara counties. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$132,930.00
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$170,107.00 +28.0 %
HL Construction, Inc., Billings, MT	\$194,890.92

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, and carried that **S & L Industrial, Cowley, 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 3
Todd Seeton - Chairman

Federal project NHPP-N104093, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, curb, gutter, and sidewalks, sign structures, electrical work, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.50 mile of roadway, beginning at the US 26 and WYO 22 intersection in the town of Jackson, in Teton County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,840,229.75
Evans Construction Company, Jackson, WY	\$2,499,370.00 +35.8 %
DePatco, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$3,132,983.94

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that **Evans Construction Company, Jackson, 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 project NHPPI-I253114, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, removal of a concrete bridge, bridge deck repair, placing crusher run subbase and blended base, bituminous pavement surfacing, cable median barrier, and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.00 miles of the southbound lane of I-25, beginning at RM 149.89, between Douglas and Glenrock, in Converse County. Completion date: June 30, 2019

Engineer's Estimate	\$10,372,278.00
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$ 9,710,075.40 -6.4 %
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$ 9,904,127.10
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$10,196,734.78
High Country Construction, Inc., Lander, WY	\$10,202,483.95
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$10,247,082.21

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, 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.

Federal project STP-1301019 involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, geo-cell work, and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles of WYO 251, beginning at RM 4.80, between Casper and Casper Mountain, in Natrona County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$745,865.00
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$588,580.15 -21.1 %
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$598,661.00
Earth Work Solutions (WY), Gillette, WY	\$602,310.90
Andreen Hunt Construction, Inc., Mills, WY	\$639,556.00
Hedquist Construction Inc., Casper, WY	\$881,125.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newton, 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.

Federal project STP-PM-B172012, involving placing crushed base, concrete slab replacement, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2, in Converse and Natrona counties. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 645,974.00
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$ 654,756.80 +1.4 %
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$ 679,676.50
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$ 768,720.00
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$ 786,481.50
Hedquist Construction Inc., Casper, WY	\$ 876,400.00
EHC, LLC, Deaver, WY	\$ 882,618.00
Diamond Surface, Inc., Rogers, MN	\$1,045,583.20

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Vice Chairman Ruwart, 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.

State project SSP-TO-B172026, involving the installation of traffic signal communication systems at various locations in the city of Casper, in Natrona County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$170,660.00
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$195,500.00 +14.6 %
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$243,756.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **Casper Electric, 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.

9. Third Quarter State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Fredrick presented the third quarter 2017 STIP addendum. It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the third quarter STIP addendum, including the following amended project:

ARSCT 0.00 B175109; Fremont County; Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, Wind River Indian reservation; various locations; to fabricate and install Tribal Employment Rights Office signs; FY 2017; estimated cost is \$4,500; to be reimbursed by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes

10. Mr. Fredrick presented the FY 2018 STIP transit projects. It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the FY 2018 transit projects.

11. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Landslide Update: One new landslide has been identified about 10 miles north of Kemmerer on WYO 233, Milepost 10.6, in Lincoln County. The slide is a fill failure with a scarper head leading up to the guardrail posts along the roadway. The slide is not currently impacting the driving surface of the highway, and traffic has not been impacted. WYDOT Geology experts are monitoring the slide activity. This is the 28th slide to be monitored by the Department so far this year.

Flooding Update: Snow runoff has significantly subsided since last month. Unless an unusual rain event occurs, flooding should be over for 2017. The focus is now on repairing the damage that occurred from early spring runoff in many areas.

Maintenance Activities: Summer maintenance crews have been very busy maintaining Wyoming highways. Crews have been patching roads, chip sealing, cleaning bridges and culverts, repairing fence, mowing, striping, performing sign repair, and other miscellaneous activities.

The state hot plant has been moved from District 4 and is operating in District 1. Maintenance crews are preparing for the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse event by mowing, setting up water tanks, performing additional fence repairs, hosting meetings with the WHP, and performing other activities, as needed.

Construction Activity Update: WYDOT has 14 active projects in District 1, 13 projects in District 2, 10 projects in District 3, 18 projects in District 4, and 12 in District 5, for a total of 67 active construction projects statewide. There were 57 active construction projects statewide last month.

Ms. Harsy left the meeting.

12. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through July, 2017, includes 53 fatal crashes involving 65 deaths. The fatalities include 25 rollover crashes, 25 multi-car crashes, 4 fixed objects, 6 motorcycles, 2 ATV/snowmobiles, and 3 pedestrians. Of the 53 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 10 involved commercial vehicles.

There have been 19 fatal crashes to date deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 24 deaths. Of those deaths, 18 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Thirteen were rollover crashes, 7 were multi-vehicle crashes, 1 involved a fixed object, and 3 involved pedestrians.

Of the 65 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 33 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 21 involving rollover crashes, 10 involving multi-car collisions, and 2 involving a

fixed object. Fifty of those who died from non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Ten of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and 2 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 53 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 21 of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 17 occurred on interstate highways, and 15 occurred on city/county roads.

Five multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways as of June 30, 2017, of which 3 involved multiple vehicles, 1 involved a commercial vehicle, and 2 were alcohol related.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 6 vehicle crashes so far this year, which resulted in 6 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 7 of the vehicle crashes that caused 6 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

Sunday	8 crashes
Monday	8 crashes
Tuesday	6 crashes
Wednesday	5 crashes
Thursday	7 crashes
Friday	11 crashes
Saturday	8 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	12 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	9 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	12 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	20 crashes

The following statistics were also provided to the Commission:

- 84 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 42 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unrestrained.
- 70 percent of the fatalities so far this year were drivers of the involved vehicles.
- Of those who died who were not wearing seat belts, 54 percent were Wyoming residents.
- 54 percent of the Wyoming resident fatalities were unbuckled.
- 44 percent of the non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 38 percent of the fatalities.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 3,186 crashes statewide, of which 2,336 involved non-commercial vehicles, and 850 involved commercial vehicles.

The 2017 fatality pin map was also provided to the Commission.

New Trooper Recruit Update: Six trooper recruits graduated from the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy last week. Those individuals are now police officer-certified in Wyoming, and they will now move on to Wyoming Highway Patrol Basic Academy for further training. Three of the recruits were recognized for their exceptional achievements, Sam Zott for academics with an overall score of 97 percent; Amber Hoovska received the custody and control award; and Patrick Maze was nominated for honor student, which includes leadership, professionalism, team work, camaraderie, and other qualities often sought after in troopers.

Six other individuals who were already law enforcement certified were hired last week. Those individuals will also attend the 14-week Wyoming Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy for further training.

Solar Eclipse Preparations by the WHP: The new law enforcement certified troopers will ride along with other troopers to train and provide assistance to veteran troopers during the solar eclipse event. A high volume of traffic will be coming into the state during the event, which will require extraordinary commitment from the WHP. Policies are in place to handle minor crashes and/or crashes that are blocking traffic, and choke points and alternative routes have been identified. Communications are ongoing between the WHP and local law enforcement entities to avoid or prevent traffic congestion, if possible.

On August 18, 2017, the WHP will transition to 12-hour shifts. All vacations for uniformed WHP personnel have been cancelled or denied for August 18-23, and an oversize load restriction will be in place statewide August 20-22.

The WHP will continue to utilize press releases and social media to keep the public informed of developments throughout the solar eclipse event.

Law enforcement agencies from surrounding states have graciously agreed to be on stand-by if additional resources are necessary. The Wyoming National Guard is also available if assistance is needed with security and crowd control.

Commissioner Newton lost phone service and was not able to return to the meeting.

13. Ms. Surdam presented the Aeronautics report, beginning with the June 2017 Aeronautics Flight Operations Report and the June 2017 Wyoming Aircraft Accident Report.

Solar Eclipse Preparations by the Aeronautics Division: The WYDOT Aeronautics Division continues to work with Wyoming airports to prepare for the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse. The volume of aircraft passing through Wyoming during the event is expected to be substantially higher than normal, and airports are making special arrangements for additional fuel, extra tie-downs, unique aircraft parking areas, and specific camping locations and fees. The Jackson and Casper

airports are particularly prepared with increased security processes and staffing, as they are in the direct path of the total eclipse.

Director Panos indicated that WYDOT has purchased special eclipse viewing glasses for all WYDOT employees to ensure their safety.

Wyoming Air Service Update: A meeting was recently held in Casper to discuss Wyoming's air service, available funding, and the future of a more cohesive and robust program for its citizens and to promote economic development. Wyoming Business Council board members, chairman of the Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) Initiative, the Wyoming Airport Operators Association president, Wyoming Senator Michael Von Flatern, Representative Tom Walters, director of the Wyoming Business Alliance, Wyoming County Commissioners Association president, and the Wyoming Association of Municipalities executive director attended the meeting. Ms. Surdam believes the gathering began the process of a public-private partnership, a long-term contract that will enhance Wyoming's air service into the future. The Wyoming Aeronautics Division is working with a consultant to develop a model for a long-term air service contract to include all Wyoming communities that currently receive commercial air service to optimize and stabilize statewide air service.

A second meeting is scheduled August 23, 2017, with the same attendees, to have further discussion about the proposed business model. The goal is to finalize the business model in September 2017. Ms. Surdam will keep the Commission informed of its progress.

Meetings With Wyoming Airport Operators: Ms. Surdam has visited 28 of the 40 Wyoming airports so far, and she plans to meet with the remaining airport operators by the end of October. Ms. Surdam believes the meetings have been very beneficial to the airports and to WYDOT to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Response Letter to River Pilot Regarding New and Emerging Technologies: The Commission received a copy of letter from Mr. River Pilot in June, inquiring about new and emerging technologies, including autonomous vehicles and drones. Mr. Chris Mickey, Governor Mead's public relations advisor, responded to the letter. Ms. Surdam has met with Mr. Mickey and is actively involved in determining a strategy for tracking inquiries and interest about unmanned aircraft in Wyoming.

Wheatland Airport Briefing: Ms. Surdam explained to the Commission that the Aeronautics Division administers about 50 to 100 grants for Wyoming airport projects annually, and that communities provide matching funds for the projects.

Mr. Brian Olsen, the Aeronautics engineering and construction program manager, briefed the Commission about the Wheatland (Phifer Airfield) runway reconstruction project. In 2007, a master plan was finalized for Phifer Airfield. The plan identified about a dozen serious safety issues and a course of action to correct the deficiencies. Some of the primary issues include acquiring additional land around the airport, moving the runway about 90 feet to the east of its current location, and

correcting a line-of-sight issue. The design will be finalized in early spring, and the project will be let in the summer 2018. The project will cost of about \$6 million, of which about \$3.8 million will come from the FAA, \$2 million from WYDOT, and the remaining funds will come from the city of Wheatland.

14. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,925 personnel as of July 14, 2017, compared to 1,923 a month ago.

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

Eclipse Briefing: The WYDOT Telecommunications Program and the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) coordinator have been working with the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security and various county entities to review their communications plans for the upcoming solar eclipse. Mr. Lewis believes the WyoLink system will work well for interoperability between agencies for the event and that this is a good opportunity to test the system to identify any weak points to further strengthen it.

Annual PSCC Report: Wyoming statute requires the PSCC to prepare an annual report to the legislature and the Governor about the status of the WyoLink system. The report was submitted to Governor Mead and to the 2017 Wyoming State Legislature on June 16, 2017, with a copy provided to the Transportation Commission at its business meeting. The report details the changes that have been made to WyoLink over the past year, including the transition of the PSCC to WYDOT, funding, tower capitalization, and modernization of the system.

WyoLink Update: At its June business meeting, the Transportation Commission gave approval to proceed with a contract to hire Motorola Corporation to finish the initial build of the WyoLink system. A negotiator to assist WYDOT in developing this contract was also approved by the Commission at its June meeting. The negotiator has been hired and is now working with WYDOT's Telecommunications Program personnel to assess the final system needs and to begin the contracting process. Sixteen towers are needed to finish the system. Mr. Lewis noted that this is a good opportunity to renegotiate the expiring contract for the ongoing maintenance and operations costs of the entire system.

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) in Wyoming: On July 11, 2017, Governor Mead announced that Wyoming will join FirstNet. FirstNet was established by U.S. Congress in 2012 to build, operate, and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband, data-specific network for emergency responders. Wyoming will participate in the system, as it will provide access to public safety features, and it delivers extensive population and geographic coverage.

The contractor, AT&T, has indicated that over the next five years FirstNet will take on voice communication capabilities. WYDOT is investigating the possibility of using FirstNet to enhance and modernize WyoLink in the future.

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The cost to build the FirstNet infrastructure in Wyoming will be borne by the federal government.

16. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to add Rhonda S. Harsy, Financial Services Program Manager, effective July 10, 2017, and to remove David Stearns, effective July 17, 2017, as authorized signatories for the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Seeton adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, 2017.