

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on August 24, 2017. The special teleconference meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Ruwart. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

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 Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Pat Lewis, Chief Technology Officer; R. Vince Garcia, Graphical Information Systems/Intelligent Transportation Systems (GIS/ITS) Program Manager; Mike Kahler, Supervising Attorney General (via telephone).

Chairman Todd Seeton, of Jackson, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Ruwart led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Equipment Purchase for WYDOT Connected Vehicle Project: The Commission held a special meeting to consider Requisition Number 0000047402 for specialized equipment that is needed to further WYDOT's Connected Vehicle Project. Mr. Byrne presented the requisition for Commission consideration. Mr. Lewis then provided a brief explanation of why the equipment is needed.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000047402 to furnish 100 Locomate Roadstar Premium OBUs, and 68 each Locomate Roadstar Premium RSUs, for WYDOT's Connected Vehicle Project. The contract was awarded to Lear Corporation, of Southfield, Michigan, for the sum of \$170,100.00. Lear Corporation is a sole source provider of this item.

Commissioner Schmidt asked why Lear Corporation is a sole source provider of this item. Mr. Garcia explained that there are only a few certified vendors of dedicated short range communication (DSRC) radios. Vendors must be certified to ensure the radios don't interfere with other computer systems in vehicles. Of the three vendors, Lear Corporation is the only company that has Sirius/XM built in, which is key to achieving coverage throughout Wyoming. The Connected Vehicle Project will be implemented on I-80 for now, but the Department anticipates implementing the system statewide in the future.

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Commissioner Larson asked when the equipment will be implemented for use on the Connected Vehicle Project. Mr. Lewis indicated that WYDOT has made a commitment to the federal government to have the devices installed in snow plows and patrol vehicles, and the equipment installed along the roadway, by November 2017. Doing so will allow the Department to gather some good data, as that is when I-80 winter road closures will increase.

3. It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Ruwart adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m., on Thursday, August 24, 2017.