

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom on November 12, 2021. Chairman Schmidt convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Chairman Phil Schmidt, Casper
Commissioner Jim Espy, Saverly
Commissioner Jon Dolezal, Evanston
Commissioner Susan Holmes, Sheridan
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance
Director K. Luke Reiner
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Colonel Kebin Haller, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) Administrator; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Troy Babbitt, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Ryan Thompson, Assistant Attorney General; Monica Gourdine, Interim Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Caleb Tygum, Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc.; and Garrett Foster, Avail Valley Construction-WY.

Other meeting attendees: Senator John Kolb and Representative Mark Baker, legislative liaisons; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Katie Legerski, Executive Director, Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Wyoming; Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Ayen, District 2 Engineer; John Davis, Management Services Program Manager; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates Program Manager; Kent Ketterling, State Construction Engineer; Misty Dobson, Driver Services Program Manager; Melissa DeFratis, Strategic Performance; and Ken Dobey, Avail Valley Construction-WY;

Vice Chairman Venable, of Worland, and Commissioner Crank, of Cheyenne, were absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Schmidt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021, business meeting.
4. Correspondence: Secretary Casner advised that a letter regarding neighborhood street repairs had been received from a constituent in Rock Springs. Ms. Casner advised that the matter will be referred to the local government for follow-up. A letter from law firm Williams, Porter, Day and Neville of Casper was also received regarding Highway 220 access and is currently being

researched by Director Reiner and Chief Engineer Mark Gillett, and more discussion will occur at the December 2021 Commission meeting.

5. Old Business: Director Reiner advised the Commission that Governor Gordon has appointed Patrick Crank of Cheyenne as the new District 1 Commissioner. Commissioner Crank will attend the December 2021 Commission meeting.

Director Reiner stated that previously WYDOT had requested CARES Act funding to fund rest stops. Currently, an ARPA funds request in the amount of approximately \$700,000 is pending and WYDOT will continue to seek federal funding for rest areas that were previously closed. A decision on the ARPA funds request will not be made for several months due to the legislative budget process.

Tom DeHoff advised that District 1 continues to work with the Bridge program to mitigate transient issues under the Crow Creek bridge in Cheyenne. WYDOT will discuss the placement of grouted rip rap under the bridge with Cheyenne City Councilman Pete Laybourn. Completion of the project will most likely occur this winter.

6. Director Reiner presented the Director's Report.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Cases continue to stabilize throughout WYDOT. Director Reiner advised that President Biden's mandate that all employers with 100 or more employees require the COVID-19 vaccine would apply to WYDOT; however, Governor Gordon has filed a lawsuit challenging the mandate and the Courts have implemented a stay. WYDOT is not tracking vaccination status at this time.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): President Biden signed this bill last week; however, portions of this bill remain unfunded. WYDOT is continuing to operate under a continuing resolution, which expires December 3, 2021. Due to the upcoming holiday season, it is possible that another continuing resolution will be passed to allow operations to continue until the IIJA is funded. Using the funding amounts currently proposed, there is an increase of approximately \$100 million per year over five years in formula funding for WYDOT. USDOT has requested six months to set up disbursement procedures for IIJA funds. Director Reiner anticipates that there will be several discretionary grants that will be made available to several political entities. In Wyoming, there are very few agencies authorized to receive and distribute funding and USDOT has decided that state DOTs will be responsible for the reception and distribution of federal funding. In order to facilitate this, WYDOT may need to make staffing changes. However, there may be difficulty obtaining the discretionary grants due to state funding match requirements.

Commissioner Hughes asked Director Reiner if he had insight on how to prioritize the federal funds received. Director Reiner advised that priorities have previously been established in the WYDOT budget using guiding principles, and his recommendation would be to apply the money to the already established priorities. Chairman Schmidt agreed and advised that supply chain

issues, labor shortages, and price escalation may cause difficulties when applying federal funding.

Chairman Schmidt asked Director Reiner if it is ever a possibility that WYDOT would enter into supply procurement in order to assist in price stabilization. Director Reiner referred the question to Mr. Gillett.

Governor's Budget: Governor Gordon released his proposed budget on November 15th. The budget is conservative and reflects Wyoming's current mineral based economy.

WYDOT Budget: Exception requests were submitted with WYDOT's budget request, and all requests were for spending authority only. Spending authority requests were made for multiple items, including WHP equipment and WyoLink equipment. No funding increase requests were made.

A pay increase line item was included with the budget request, and the Governor will present the complete compensation request to the legislature on December 1st. All requests are subject to legislature approval.

Director Travel: Director Reiner and Mr. Gillett recently met with the Teton County Commissioners to discuss details of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant recently awarded for Teton County. The majority of the grant money will be used for Highway 22.

Town Hall Meetings: Town hall meetings are scheduled for December 1st and 2nd via Zoom. Dates and times will be distributed to each Commissioner, and each Commissioner will have the opportunity to address attendees.

Joint Transportation Committee: Executive Staff will attend the Joint Transportation Committee meeting November 29th and 30th in Casper. Two revenue bills, one regarding severance tax and one regarding fuel tax, will be among the discussion topics at this meeting. Director Reiner advised that state match for available federal funds will also be discussed.

Joint Appropriations Committee: WYDOT exception requests will be presented at the December 17, 2021 Joint Appropriations Committee meeting. IJA will also be discussed and state match requirements at this meeting.

Commissioner Hughes asked Director Reiner to elaborate on salary adjustments that may be listed in the Governor's upcoming budget. Director Reiner stated that the Governor will present his budget on December 1st, which will clarify his position and plans for moving forward.

Chairman Schmidt requested talking points regarding salary adjustment details. Mr. McGee and Mr. Rossetti will assemble the talking points for distribution to the Commission.

7A. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 10 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 10 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

7B. Mr. Byrne advised that there would not be a consent list for the November 2021 Procurement Services bids.

Commissioner Espy confirmed with Mr. Byrne that all bid specifications and requirements had been met. Commissioner Hughes noted that the bid sheet listed Evans, Colorado as the location for delivery. Mr. Byrne clarified that the vehicles in the both bids listed will be utilized statewide, but will be delivered for outfitting to a company in Evans, Colorado. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to approve Bid 22-005RE.

- Bid 22-005RE to furnish 42 new and most current model Dodge Charger AWD pursuit patrol sedans for departments statewide. The bid was awarded to Bob Ruwart Motors, Inc. of Wheatland, Wyoming, for the sum of \$1,433,055.96.

Mr. Byrne presented Bid 22-007RE and advised the Commission that the low bidder does not meet specifications. As a result, it was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried to approve Bid 22-007RE.

- Bid 22-007RE to furnish 12 new current model four wheel drive or all-wheel drive pursuit rated mid-size SUVs for departments statewide. The bid was awarded to Bob Ruwart Motors, Inc., of Wheatland, Wyoming for the sum of \$450,106.92.

8. Mr. Gillett presented the Chief Engineer's Report.

Material Shortage: Issues are still occurring, however, contractors are working diligently to complete projects on time. Higher prices are beginning to be seen in submitted bids, and Executive Staff recently met with the Association of General Contractors-Wyoming (AGC-WY) regarding this issue. The AGC-WY advised that some suppliers are not providing exact prices for materials, instead only providing what month they may receive materials and the price will be determined at the time of delivery. Commissioner Espy stated that he had recently spoken with contractors in his area, and they stated that it was extremely hard at this time to accurately bid on multi-year projects. Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Gillett if it was possible for WYDOT to purchase project materials to ease supply issues for contractors. Mr. Gillett advised that it is very important to protect the integrity of the bidding process, and any materials supplied by WYDOT would have to be denoted before the bidding process began. WYDOT typically prefers contractors to innovatively bid projects, and it is possible that WYDOT would have the same procurement problems.

October 2021 AASHTO Annual Meeting: Mr. Gillett recently attended the Chief Engineer's Committee on Highways and Streets at the October 2021 Annual AASHTO meeting in San Diego. The main discussion topics were IJA, supply chain issues and inflation, and recruitment and retention difficulties. All DOTs across the United States are facing similar issues with recruitment and retention, and a resolution was passed to develop methods to ensure a collaborative industry workplace for the future.

Teton County BUILD Grant: Mr. Gillett and Director Reiner recently met with the Teton County Commission regarding the BUILD grant awarded to the county. Wyoming Highway 22 will be the main focus of grant monies and collaboration between WYDOT and Teton County is very important to ensure efficiency and appropriate expenditures.

Snow Removal Equipment Lighting: The rules and regulations for snow removal equipment lighting will be opened for modification in order to allow green lights and wands to be placed on snow removal equipment. Mr. Gillett stated that the color green penetrates through weather conditions very well and may increase safety for plows. Commissioner Espy asked if it is possible to proceed through the emergency rules and regulations process in order to implement the color change faster versus following the standard rules and regulations process. Mr. Gillett advised that he will research this possibility as this could be deemed a safety issue.

Commissioner Dolezal requested an update on the hiring process for the District 3 Engineer. Currently, the position is advertised in several areas and applicants are being reviewed.

8A. Monica Gourdine reminded the Commission that President Biden recently signed the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. Due to the magnitude and scale of this bill, USDOT believes that this is a new bill and not a re-authorization of prior bills.

Ms. Gourdine addressed the possibility of WYDOT procuring project supplies, and advised that if WYDOT were to do this, a public interest finding would need to be completed stating the reasons WYDOT was providing supplies.

8Bi. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the November 10, 2021, letting in Laramie.

Federal Project NHPPI-I804264 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), high performance wearing course, bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.20 miles on both eastbound and westbound lanes on I-80 beginning at RM 267.19 between Rawlins and Laramie in Carbon County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$11,341,788.00	
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$13,368,819.00	17.9%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$13,926,433.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC of

Afton, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-6738002 involving grading, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, removal and replacement of structure, sidewalk (concrete), guardrail and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.30 miles on the structure over I-80 beginning at Sta.11+00 in the City of Cheyenne in Laramie County. Completion Date: November 30, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$6,626,542.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$6,018,357.00	-9.2%
Zak Dirt, Inc., Longmont, CO	\$6,148,759.25	
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$7,363,122.00	
Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co. LLC, Draper, UT	\$7,539,573.10	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Reiman Corp., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required.

Federal Project NHPPI-I903102 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), fencing and miscellaneous work on approximately 9.80 miles on both eastbound and westbound lanes on I-90 beginning at RM 135.43 between Gillette and Moorcroft in Campbell County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$6,215,018.00	
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$6,167,391.80	-0.8%
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$6,573,112.48	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$6,675,899.33	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$6,738,251.38	
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$6,821,785.60	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$6,995,373.90	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Northern Improvement Company of Fargo, North Dakota, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project NHPP-N202074 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), chip seal and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.10 miles on US 287/WYO 789 beginning at RM 23.39 between Jeffrey City and Sweetwater Station in Fremont County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,814,705.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$4,005,659.96	5.0%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$4,404,666.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$4,577,406.66	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$4,726,637.82	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company of Worland, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-2100023 involving bituminous pavement surfacing and hot in-place recycling, chip seal, bridge rehabilitation, fencing and miscellaneous work on approximately 10.40 miles on WYO 150 beginning at RM 2.46 south of Evanston in Uinta County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,652,348.00	
Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Lewis & Lewis Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$5,035,419.90	37.9%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, Afton, WY	\$5,550,666.00	

Mr. Fulton advised the Commission that high prices for fencing, snow fencing, and bridge rehabilitation work were seen in the bids for this project. Due to the high prices and their potential effect on the STIP budget, Mr. Fulton is recommending that all bids be rejected at this time. Commissioner Dolezal asked how the bids would be handled in the future. Mr. Fulton stated that the bid would be broken down into smaller projects and re-bid in order to lower costs and lessen the impact on the STIP budget. Caleb Tygum with Lewis & Lewis of Rock Springs, WY expressed concern that WYDOT has not completed enough similar projects to be able to fairly judge prices. Mr. Tygum advised that in 2020, the price for fencing t-posts was \$4.68, and in 2021 it is \$6.88, a 47% increase. Lead times are also increased, as well as rolled metal prices and oil prices. If the projects were to be split and re-bid, Mr. Tygum does not expect to see any lower prices. Commissioner Espy agreed and advised that he believes splitting up the original project will not affect the total cost. Mr. Fulton stated that although this project is listed in the STIP, due to rising prices, projects may have to be re-prioritized and be addressed later in the year. Commissioner Hughes asked when the project would be completed if it was not approved at today's meeting and expressed concern that the project may cost more in the future. Mr. Fulton estimated that if the project was not approved today, it would be re-structured and presented for approval in February or March of 2022. Commissioner Hughes referenced the new nuclear plant in Kemmerer and asked if the road in question would see more travelers as a result. Mr. Fulton stated that the road in question runs south to the Utah state line and would not see much increased traffic.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that all bids for Federal Project STP-2100023 be rejected.

State Project SCP-TC-P261034 involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), chip seal and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.90 miles on WYO 230 beginning at RM 2.58 between Laramie and Woods Landing in Albany County. Completion Date: June 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,383,041.00	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,474,407.00	2.7%
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$3,575,592.98	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,923,956.00	
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton WY	\$4,835,666.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required for this bid.

Federal Project STP-0600018 involving grading, placing pit run subbase and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, fencing and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.60 miles on WYO 116 and US 14 beginning at RM 5.63 between Sundance and Upton in Crook County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,572,984.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$2,798,423.91	8.8%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,858,680.75	
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$2,918,657.05	
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$2,937,872.50	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$2,997,646.05	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Croell, Inc., of Sundance, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

State Project SCP-TC-BR-B224002 involving grading, bituminous pavement surfacing, bridge rehabilitation, temporary concrete barrier and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4 in Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, and Weston Counties. Completion Date: November 30, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,547,316.00	
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$2,686,886.00	5.5%
Triple A Building Services, Inc., Laramie, WY	\$2,742,624.04	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,808,965.60	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried unanimously that S&S Builders, LLC, of Gillette, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required for this bid.

State Project SCP-TC-BR-B213017 involving grading, concrete slab replacement, bridge rehabilitation, temporary concrete barrier and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3 in Sweetwater County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,264,260.00	
Debernardi Construction Company, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$2,856,567.00	26.2%
Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co., LLC, Draper, UT	\$4,334,023.82	
<i>Plus 5% for Comparison</i>	\$4,550,725.01	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried unanimously that Debernardi Construction Company, Inc., of Rock Springs, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required for this bid.

8Bii. Addendum to the FY 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): Mr. Fulton presented the November addendum to the FY 2022 STIP.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried unanimously to approve the November addendum to the FY 2022 STIP.

8Biii. Urban System Program Update: The Urban System Program is for towns with populations of 5,000 or more, and each year the Transportation Commission approves a budget of \$5.7 million for each eligible town based on urban population. Modifications are necessary based on the 2020 census. The town of Worland has now fallen to a population of 4,700 and is now ineligible to receive funds. Worland does have a balance from previous years, and will be able to utilize that balance to assist in necessary programs. However, Worland is appealing the decision and if they are reinstated, WYDOT will reallocate funding percentages again. Casper saw the greatest increase in population based on the fact that the towns of Bar Nunn, Evansville, and Mills were included in the population count. The program update will be sent to affected towns in Wyoming by WYDOT.

8C. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

COVID-19: Cases are decreasing in the field. Employees are encouraged to social distance, practice proper handwashing, sanitize equipment before and after use, and remain home if they are ill.

Construction: At present, there are 10 active projects across the state. The majority of these projects will be completed by November 30, 2021. Minor projects will continue across the state throughout the winter.

Seasonal Closures: WYO 130 over the Snowy Range was recently closed due to drifting snow and ongoing maintenance. Two more seasonal passes are expected to close in the near future due to weather conditions.

Traffic: Striping has been completed for the season. Employees continue to perform maintenance on traffic signals and electrical devices.

Equipment: Crews are currently repairing and conducting annual maintenance equipment inspections. Crews are also assessing and preparing snow removal equipment. Mr. DeHoff advised that advertisements for bids are out for eight-yard trucks, patrol sedans, patrol mid-size SUVs, and patrol pickups.

Facilities: The Shirley rest area is closed at this time due to plumbing issues. Replacement parts are approximately six weeks out, and port-a-johns have been placed at the rest area in the meantime. The Lyman rest area will also be closed as a result of a water leak.

9. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through October 31, 2021, includes 87 fatal crashes involving 94 deaths. The fatalities include 36 rollover crashes, 22 multi-car crashes, 7 fixed-object crashes, 17 motorcycle crashes, 3 all-terrain vehicle crashes, and 9 pedestrian crashes. Of the 81 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2021, 10 involved commercial vehicles.

There were 0 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 0 deaths in October 2021.

Of the 94 deaths this year, 41 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 26 involving rollover crashes, 11 involving multi-car collisions, and 4 involving fixed objects. Thirty-three of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Fourteen of those who perished were under 21 years old, and 3 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 87 fatal crashes so far this year, 35 of those drivers had no distractions. In 44 of those crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 87 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 46 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 18 occurred on interstate highways, and 23 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the multiple-fatality crashes in 2021, 2 were rollovers, 2 involved multiple vehicles, 0 involved commercial vehicles, and 4 were drug and/or alcohol related.

In locations where rumble strips/strips were present, there were 36 crashes. There were 44 crashes where rumble strips/strips were not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 4 vehicle crashes in 2021, which resulted in 4 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 20 of the vehicle crashes, causing 23 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2021 were as follows:

Sunday	16 crashes
Monday	6 crashes
Tuesday	11 crashes
Wednesday	16 crashes
Thursday	11 crashes
Friday	14 crashes
Saturday	13 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2021 were as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	12 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	16 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	37 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	22 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 72 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 50 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 57 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 76 percent of the fatalities in 2021 were drivers.
- 28 percent of the fatalities in 2021 were passengers.
- 80 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 3 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 31 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 4,985 crashes statewide, of which 1,240 involved commercial vehicles.

Employee Assistance Program: Colonel Haller reported that he has seen an uptick in usage of the Employee Assistance Program by troopers, particularly in the areas of mental and physical wellness. The program is completely anonymous, and all that WHP leadership is able to see are incoming bills for services provided to troopers. Colonel Haller stated that unfortunately, the increased usage may be in part due to crash scenes and fatalities troopers encounter.

K-9 Deployment: On I-80 near Rock Springs, WHP held a K-9 deployment, which is where high volume traffic stops occur focusing on drug courier stops. One individual stopped attempted to

flee and spike strips were deployed, however the individual continued to drive on and collided with the rear end of a semi-truck belly dump trailer. The individual is now deceased due to this collision.

Graduation and Commissioning of Class 101: Commissioners are invited to attend the graduation and commissioning of Class 101 on December 23, 2021 at the Supreme Court. There are four cadets graduating.

10. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report beginning with the October 2021 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Legislation: Mr. Olsen reminded the Commission that a continuing resolution was passed that funds the federal government through December 3, 2021. Mr. Olsen is hopeful that funding will be continued without any interruptions to the FAA or TSA. Mr. Olsen also expects funding to be received from the recently signed infrastructure bill and will provide details as they are available.

Annual Capital Improvement Program Update, Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2027: Airports have submitted for review all projects slated to be completed during FYs 2023-2027 and all projects are being prioritized with the FAA. The Aeronautics Commission will approve the Capital Improvement Program updates in the spring and projects will be added to the STIP for next year's construction season.

Cheyenne Runway: Air service resumed from the Cheyenne airport on November 1st, and markings and groovings continue to be installed on the runway.

Air Service: The airline industry continues to struggle, and in the U.S. during the third quarter, pre-tax losses of \$1.2 billion were seen. Year to date losses total \$18 billion before the payroll support program. One of the biggest struggles facing the airline industry is maintaining crew resources and the ability to keep to previously published schedules. This has resulted in significant service disruptions, especially for regional airline partners. American Airlines United Airlines, and Delta Airlines have started to cut flights in order to address issues, specifically in 50 seat airline bookings, which are very prevalent in Wyoming.

Commissioner Espy reminded the Commission that Natrona County recently signed an agreement with SkyWest/Delta to continue air service from Casper to Salt Lake City, UT. Mr. Olsen clarified that this agreement is similar to a minimum revenue guarantee, with Natrona County providing 60% of the funding and the State of Wyoming providing the remaining 40%.

11. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,838 personnel as of November 3, 2021, compared to 1,829 a month ago and 1,900 one year ago.

Employee Recruitment and Retention: Targeted recruitment efforts are underway in states that have vaccine mandates. Maintenance total employees have increased by 11 in the month, but 50 vacancies remain.

Salary Adjustment Talking Points: Mr. Rossetti reminded the Commission of the salary adjustments that have occurred over the last decade. In the last ten years, it is estimated by the Economic Analysis Division that the Wyoming cost of living has increased by 26%.

12. Mr. Babbitt presented the Chief Technology Officer's Report.

RIS Replacement Update: Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Rossetti continue to work with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), the University of Wyoming and county commissioners across Wyoming to complete the RFP for the system replacement. Vendor days have been scheduled, and 13 vendor presentations have been scheduled.

Next Gen 911 Update: The State plan is currently in draft form and is proceeding through the final review process. If federal funding were to become available for Next Gen 911 in the near future, WYDOT would be able to proceed quickly. Funding was not included for Next Gen 911 in the recently signed infrastructure bill but additional legislation has been introduced at the federal level.

WyoLink Update: Mr. Babbitt reported that Quantar updates are occurring. There have been some delays on supply deliveries but parts are being deployed as they are received. The Casper Port of Entry recently was upgraded, which is a major point in the state system. Progress is still being made on projects, however due to location and weather some updates may be delayed until 2022.

Strategic Sourcing Contract for Radios: A contract with Motorola for radios has been signed, executed and submitted to the State Budget Department Director Kevin Hibbard. The contract is for three years and is a 57% savings off list price.

Information Technology (IT): WYDOT has been working with ETS, who have been tasked with reporting all IT purchases to the Wyoming legislature. This is to ensure all products are working efficiently across the state and cost savings are being realized.

GIS: WYDOT and ETS are currently working to make sure all mapping processes are utilizing the same platform.

13. December 2021 Commission Meeting: The December 2021 Commission Meeting will be held in person in Cheyenne on December 9th. The AGC-Wyo Annual Convention will be held in Cheyenne on December 8th at Little America and commissioners are invited to attend the general session and the President's reception. Commissioner Schmidt will not be available for the December Commission meeting.

14A. Legislator Comments: State Representative Mark Baker shared remarks regarding the special legislative session regarding vaccine mandates and commended WHP for their procedures and professionalism during high speed pursuits. State Senator John Kolb shared remarks regarding the WHP, roadwork issues on I80 near Evanston, and clarified WYDOT's position on vaccine mandates.

18. It was moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m., on Thursday, November 18, 2021.