

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via video conference on February 18, 2021. Vice Chairman Schmidt convened the business meeting at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Vice Chairman Phil Schmidt, Casper
Commissioner, Mike Larson, Lusk
Commissioner Jim Espy, Savery
Commissioner Jon Dolezal, Evanston
Commissioner Greg Venable, Worland
K. Luke Reiner, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Nate Smolinski, Emergency Communications Program Manager; Colonel Kebin Haller, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Ryan Thompson, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Other meeting attendees: Erica Legerski, Senior Policy Analyst for Governor Gordon; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Program Manager; John Davis, Management Services Program Manager; Doug Jensen, State Contracts & Estimates Engineer; Rhonda Holt, Controller; and Katie Legerski, Executive Director, Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Wyoming.

Chairman Rick Newton, Commissioner Lee Filer, and Chief Technology Officer Troy Babbitt were absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Schmidt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2021, business meeting and executive session.
3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented a letter from Wyoming Senator Dave Kinskey thanking the WHP for its security efforts leading up to and during the recent abbreviated legislative session.
4. Director Reiner presented the Director's report.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Director Reiner advised that COVID-19 cases across the state and within WYDOT are trending downward.

WHP troopers have received their COVID-19 vaccinations. WYDOT's pilots will be vaccinated in the next phase offered, followed by Driver Services and Ports-of-Entry employees.

Right now, the Wyoming Health Department plans to distribute vaccine dosages commercially, but WYDOT has offered to back up the distribution process if needed.

COVID-19 Relief Funding: WYDOT received about \$63 million for surface transportation as part of a COVID-19 relief package. Messrs. Gillett and Cawley will provide more information about the COVID-19 relief funding and other potential federal funding under their reports.

WYDOT also received some airport funding as part of the COVID-19 funding. Mr. Olsen will explain more about this topic under the Aeronautics report.

Legislative Update: Director Reiner briefed the Commission about a few WYDOT-related bills considered by the legislature January 27 through February 5, 2021.

Legislative standing committees meet February 22 through 25, 2021, and the full legislative body reconvenes March 1 through April 2, 2021. Governor Gordon has directed agency personnel to meet virtually during the legislative session, not in person.

Director Reiner shared information about bills standing committees will consider February 22-25, 2021, and some WYDOT-related bills the full legislature will consider during the month-long session beginning March 1, 2021.

WYDOT 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey: The Commission received a copy of the draft WYDOT 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey. Ms. Sandra Sanderson provided an overview of the survey results and some comparisons to previous years.

The Commission will hear a full presentation of the survey results at a future education session.

5. 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 32 percent expended, and the Legislative budget was 31 percent expended in FY 2021, which is within budget tolerances.

Mr. Freier noted the snow control budget is 41 percent expended for FY2021.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to move Bid Numbers 21-056CS, 21-057CS, 21-058CS, 21-059CS, 21-060CS, 21-061CS, and 21-062CS to a consent list.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to approve, by consent, the following bids:

- Bid No. 21-056CS to furnish 1,445 tons of unmodified performance-grade asphalt binder material, for delivery in Districts 1 and 2. The bid was awarded to Peak Asphalt, LLC, of Rawlins, Wyoming, for the sum of \$632,920.00.
- Bid No. 21-057CS to furnish 388 tons of unmodified emulsified asphalt material, 2,450 tons of modified emulsified asphalt material, and 250 tons of diluted emulsified asphalt material, for delivery at various statewide locations. The bid was awarded to Peak Asphalt, LLC, of Rawlins, Wyoming, for the sum of \$181,785.00, and Western Emulsions, Inc., of Billings, Montana, for the sum of \$1,293,200.00, for a total sum of \$1,474,985.00.
- Bid No. 21-058CS to furnish 14,200 tons of ½-inch performance grade oil hot mix bituminous pavement material and 120 tons of tack oil, for delivery in Cheyenne and Laramie. The bid was awarded to Knife River, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$861,980.00.
- Bid No. 21-059CS to furnish 12,000 tons of ½-inch performance grade asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material and 1,500 tons of ¾-inch performance grade asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material, for delivery in Casper. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$739,125.00.
- Bid No. 21-060CS to furnish 4,000 tons of ½-inch performance grade asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material, for delivery in Rock Springs. The bid was awarded to Kilgore Companies, LLC, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, for the sum of \$280,000.00.
- Bid No. 21-061CS to furnish 30,190 tons of ½-inch performance grade asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material, for delivery in Sheridan, Gillette, and Sundance. The bid was awarded to Sacrison Paving, Inc., of Whitewood, South Dakota, for the sum of \$302,580.00, and Simon Contractors, of Gillette, Wyoming, for the sum of \$1,442,570.04, for a total sum of \$1,745,150.04.
- Bid No. 21-062CS to furnish 8,700 tons of ¾-inch performance grade warm plant mix bituminous pavement material, 700 tons of commercial cold mix, and 24 tons of tack oil, for delivery in Riverton and Cody. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction, of Riverton, Wyoming, for the sum of \$211,600.00, and Mountain Construction Company, of Lovell, Wyoming, for the sum of \$483,975.00, for a total sum of \$695,575.00.

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

COVID-19 Relief Funding: WYDOT received \$63.5 million in flexible COVID-19 relief funding. WYDOT is using its guiding principles to decide the best use of the funds. Most of the funds will be spent on surface transportation projects.

Wyoming Engineering Society (WES) Awards: WYDOT's North Sheridan Interchange project won the WES 2020 Presidential Project-of-the-Year Award. The \$46 million project moved Sheridan's I-90 interchange west from its original location and redesigned into a safer diamond configuration. The project also included reconstructing several miles of I-90 and the Sheridan North Main Street five-lane section, which now extends and connects North Main Street to the new highway interchange. The project took three years to complete.

The I-80 Point of Rocks project, east of Rock Springs, received a WES honorable mention.

American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Transportation Policy Forum Meeting: On February 17, 2021, Director Reiner, Chief Engineer Gillett, and John Davis and Kacey Brown of the Management Services Program met with AASHTO's Transportation Policy Forum members. Director Reiner conveyed WYDOT's stance on the following national issues:

- Increased transportation funding with reduced restrictions and more flexibility,
- Reauthorization of the highway bill,
- State funding using the current formula,
- Providing assistance with electric vehicle charging stations,
- Support for a road usage charge (RUC),
- Limit greenhouse gas requirements and apply requirements only where needed,
- Amend regulations allowing private sector project participation acknowledgment, and
- Changing the pandemic relief backstop to pandemic disaster relief.

WYDOT's Contract Bidding Metrics: Mr. Gillett congratulated the Contracts & Estimates team for their keen estimating on this month's bid letting. The overall engineer's estimate came within 1.1 percent of the combined low bids received.

8. Mr. Cawley presented an update on FHWA topics.

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and FHWA Appointments: The USDOT and FHWA have filled several leadership positions in recent weeks.

On February 2, 2021, the U.S. Senate confirmed Mr. Peter Buttigieg as USDOT secretary. Secretary Buttigieg is a former South Bend, Indiana mayor and United States presidential candidate.

The USDOT recently named Ms. Polly Trottenberg as its newest deputy secretary. Before her appointment, Ms. Trottenberg served as New York City Department of Transportation commissioner, and during the Obama Administration, she served as assistant secretary for transportation policy and undersecretary for policy.

The new FHWA deputy administrator, Stephanie Pollack, has also reported to work. Her most recent work experience was secretary and chief executive officer at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Mr. Andrew Rogers is the new FHWA chief counsel. Mr. Rogers' most recent experience includes working as chief counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, where he worked on climate change, environment, energy, and transportation-related matters.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): On February 17, 2021, FHWA announced a NOFO for the FY 2021 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program. This grant solicitation will award \$889 million through a competitive process that focuses on transportation infrastructure projects supporting the following key objectives:

- 1) Supporting economic vitality at the national and regional level;
- 2) Addressing climate change and environmental justice impacts;
- 3) Advancing racial equity and reducing barriers to opportunity;
- 4) Leveraging federal funding to attract non-federal sources of infrastructure investment;
- 5) Deploying innovative technology, encouraging innovative approach to project delivery, and incentivizing the use of innovative financing; and
- 6) Holding grant recipients accountable for their performance.

Consistent with the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative, the Department will seek rural projects that address deteriorating conditions and disproportionately high fatality rates on rural transportation infrastructure. The application deadline is March 19, 2021.

Certification of WYDOT's 2020 Size and Weight Enforcement: The FHWA has approved WYDOT's annual certification for size and weight enforcement on Wyoming roads. In 2020, the WHP weighed approximately 2.7 million loads, identified 3,051 violations, required shifting or offloading of 2,813 loads, and they issued 53,914 overweight load permits. Mr. Cawley thanked WYDOT for its assistance in assuring safe freight movements across the highway network.

On-the-Job Training Allocation: Wyoming recently received an additional \$119,139 in federal funding to support on-the-job training services. The maximum federal share for this funding is 100 percent.

New National Scenic Byway Designation: Wyoming's Flaming Gorge - Green River Basin Scenic Byway has been named a National Scenic Byway because of its natural and recreational attributes, and it is now a national All-American Road. This designation is nationally prestigious and recognized internationally.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Vice Chairman Schmidt asked about electric vehicle development across the nation and the charging stations that will be necessary in the future. Commissioner Espy advised that he would like to see charging stations installed at downtown locations throughout Wyoming cities and towns to benefit small businesses, rather than at large big-box stores or convenience stores.

Director Reiner advised that WYDOT executive staff has talked about this topic and the necessary charging station development across Wyoming, and he offered to provide a Commission education session in the near future to chart the road ahead.

9. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held February 11, 2021, in Cheyenne.

Federal project STP-BR-B213030, involving grading, bituminous pavement surfacing, lane rental, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3, including Sweetwater and Uinta counties. Completion date: July 31, 2022

Engineer's Estimate	\$4,455,671.00	
Coldwater Group, Inc., Pleasant View, UT	\$4,661,246.20	+4.6%
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$4,771,163.61	
Ralph L. Wadsworth Const. Co., LLC, Draper, UT	\$5,734,379.86	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Coldwater Group, Inc., Pleasant View, Utah, 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 NHPP-N361068, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work on approximately 7.30 miles of US 16, beginning at reference marker (RM) 26.76, between Worland and Buffalo, in Washakie County. Completion date: June 30, 2022

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,948,221.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$3,184,309.40	+8.0%
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$3,285,129.45	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$3,624,049.90	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$3,723,422.70	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Venable, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried that Croell, Inc., Sundance, 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 projects STP-PM-B213015 and ARSCT-B213A01 combined, involving chip sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3, including Lincoln and Sublette counties. Completion date: August 31, 2021

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,965,300.00	
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$1,797,777.00	-8.5%
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$1,884,337.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried that H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 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-BROS-CN01064, involving grading, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, removal and replacement of a structure, and miscellaneous work on the bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad located north of Power River on County Road CN1-106, at RM 0.30, in Natrona County. Completion date: June 30, 2022

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,823,409.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,762,780.35	-3.3%
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$2,725,130.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Venable, seconded by Commissioner 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. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project HSIP-B211027, involving grading, bituminous pavement surfacing, removal and replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter, concrete slab replacement, electrical, thermoplastic pavement markings, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Cheyenne, in Laramie County. Completion date: October 31, 2021

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,242,363.00	
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$1,113,801.00	-10.3%
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$1,149,999.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Larson, 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.

Federal project STP-BR-B211011, involving bituminous pavement surfacing, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 1, including Albany and Carbon counties. Completion date: October 31, 2021

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,205,905.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,136,708.60	-5.7%
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$1,280,780.00	
Ralph L. Wadsworth Const. Co., LLC, Draper, UT	\$1,622,818.25	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Venable, 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. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project STP-PM-B215036, involving concrete slab replacement and miscellaneous work in the town of Lovell and in the city of Powell, in Big Horn and Park counties. Completion date: October 31, 2021

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 715,000.00	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$ 682,510.00	-4.5%
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$ 729,597.00	
A-Core Concrete Cutting, Inc., Murray, UT	\$1,068,095.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Venable, 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.

Federal project HSIP-B213032, involving installing epoxy pavement lines and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3, including Sweetwater and Uinta counties. Completion date: September 30, 2021

Engineer's Estimate	\$590,700.00	
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$488,960.00	-17.2%
Harvey Contractors Inc., Centennial, CO	\$530,250.00	
Kolbe Striping, Inc., Castle Rock, CO	\$672,900.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, 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.

Federal project HSIP-B211031, involving installing epoxy pavement lines and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation Districts 1 and 4, including Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Laramie, and Sheridan counties. Completion date: September 30, 2021

Engineer's Estimate	\$585,800.00	
Harvey Contractors Inc., Centennial, CO	\$533,990.00	-8.8%
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$552,080.00	
Kolbe Striping, Inc., Castle Rock, CO	\$687,100.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Venable, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried that Harvey Contractors Inc., Centennial, Colorado, 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.

10. Mr. Fulton presented the February 2021 addendum to the FY 2021 STIP.

Two Commission Road Improvement Program (CRIP) projects were included in the February STIP addendum. Mr. Fulton introduced Mr. Pete Hallsten, the district engineer in Basin, to explain the CRIP projects.

The Big Horn County CRIP project consists of about 6.8 miles of 16½ Mile Road in Big Horn County, at a cost of about \$4 million to WYDOT. In exchange for WYDOT reconstructing the road, Big Horn County would assume responsibility for maintaining a 1.8-mile section of Wyoming Highway 35 near Lovell, a 1.39-mile section of Wyoming Highway 33 south of Powell, and a 2.76-mile section of Wyoming Highway 36 (Basin Golf Course Road) between Basin and Greybull.

The Hot Springs County CRIP project consists of up to 8.6 miles of County Road 6 (Black Mountain Road). In exchange for WYDOT reconstructing the road, Hot Springs County would assume responsibility for maintaining approximately 8.63 miles of Highway 171 (Grass Creek Road) between Thermopolis and Cody. The project scope will be determined later, based on Hot Springs County's available funding.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the February 2021 STIP addendum, including the two proposed CRIP projects.

11. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations report.

COVID-19 Update: COVID-19 cases among WYDOT's Operations employees are dwindling. Overall, employees are doing their part to avoid contracting the disease.

Maintenance Update: Winter operations are ongoing statewide. WYDOT closed I-80 at various times in late-January through mid-February because of winter conditions that caused poor visibility and multiple crashes. The Wyoming Travel Authorization (WAT) program issued travel and rolling closure authorizations to assist with traffic flow during the closures.

Wyoming snowpack is significantly below average. WYDOT spent \$11.3 million in snow control so far in FY 2021 compared to the \$23.5 million five-year average.

Mr. DeHoff reported that 12 WYDOT snowplows have been in crashes over the past month, and 9 of those crashes occurring in one weekend. Most of the snowplows were hit from behind, resulting in minor damage. One crash involved a tractor-trailer striking the back of the plow truck. Both vehicles were totaled. The snowplow driver was injured and hospitalized because of the incident, but he is now recovering at home.

Director Reiner offered kudos to WYDOT's snowplow drivers for their extraordinary and tireless work to keep Wyoming roads passable during winter storms.

WYDOT has experienced 17 snowplow crashes so far this season, with five in District 1, five in District 2, two in District 3, three in District 4, and two in District 5.

Construction Update: Various smaller projects involving crack sealing, crushing aggregates, signal upgrades, and other minor winter work are progressing. WYDOT district staff are preparing for the upcoming construction season by holding virtual public meetings for future projects.

Equipment: WYDOT mechanics have been busy repairing plow trucks and other snow removal equipment. The WYDOT Rigging Shop continues its work to outfit new snowplow trucks with the necessary equipment and incidentals for winter operations. Mr. DeHoff reported that rigging is complete on 17 of the 26 new plow trucks and those trucks have been delivered to the districts. WYDOT recently opened bids for snowplows, spreaders, and dump boxes for the fleet.

Facilities: All active rest areas remain open, with no major work currently.

12. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through January 31, 2021, includes 11¹ fatal crashes involving 13¹ deaths. The fatalities include six rollover crashes, one multi-car crash, three fixed objects, and three pedestrians. Of the 11 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2021, two² involved commercial vehicles.

There were four³ fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in six³ deaths, of which five³ were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Two of those deaths were rollover crashes, one was a multi-car crash, and three involved fixed objects. None of the alcohol-related fatalities involved commercial vehicles.

Of the 13 deaths this year, 6 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 3 involving rollover crashes and 3 involving fixed objects. Five of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Two of those who perished were under 21 years old, and one of those fatalities was attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 11 fatal crashes so far this year, one of those drivers was distracted. In one fatal crash, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 11 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 4 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 4 occurred on interstate highways, and 3 occurred on city/county roads.

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.

Of the multiple-fatality crashes in 2021, one was a rollover, one involved a fixed object, and two were drug and/or alcohol related.

In locations where rumble strips/stripes were present, there were five⁴ crashes. There were three crashes where rumble strips/stripes were not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to two vehicle crashes in 2021, resulting in two deaths. Speed was considered a factor in two of the vehicle crashes, causing three deaths.

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

Sunday	1 crash
Monday	0 crashes
Tuesday	1 crash
Wednesday	1 crash
Thursday	3 crashes
Friday	5 crashes
Saturday	0 crashes

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	3 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	3 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	2 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	3 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 50 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- No one who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 100 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 46 percent of the fatalities in 2021 were drivers.
- 31 percent of the fatalities in 2021 have been passengers.
- 71 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 33 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 46 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 495⁵ crashes statewide, of which 151^{5 and 6} involved commercial vehicles.

⁴ Numbers at the time of reporting from submitted crash reports.

⁵ Does not contain all crashes worked to date; some reports are still pending.

⁶ Total number of commercial vehicles involved; some crashes may contain multiple commercial vehicles.

Routing Supersize Loads: WYDOT and the WHP continue to work with manufacturers of supersize mining dump beds about concerns of transporting them on Wyoming highways. The WHP has been rerouting loads larger than 26 feet onto interstate routes. This methodology appears to be working well to avoid crashes.

WHP Staffing and Recruitment: The WHP currently has a 21 percent retirement eligibility rate for troopers and dispatchers. Five retirements have occurred in the last three months, which has spurred a few promotions within the agency. The WHP is working diligently to fill positions as quickly as possible to remain fully staffed.

13. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics report beginning with the January 2021 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Funding for Aeronautics: Mr. Olsen briefed the Commission about the pending COVID-19 relief funding for Wyoming airports. Wyoming airports will receive about \$10 million for operations, based on the normal Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) apportionment formulas for states. The funds do not require a state or local match. The Aeronautics Division is working with the FAA to distribute those funds as soon as possible.

The pending COVID-19 Relief Bill may include additional airport funding. The U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently passed a funding package that includes about \$8 billion for airports nationwide, including \$608 million for local matching funds for FY 2021 federal airport grants.

Wyoming 2020 Airport Economic Impact Study (EIS) Press Conference: On February 10, 2021, the Aeronautics Division hosted a YouTube press conference about the Wyoming 2020 Airport EIS results. Mr. Olsen thanked Governor Gordon, Director Reiner, and Aeronautics Chairman Bill DeVore for their opening remarks at the press conference, and the Aeronautics staff, WYDOT Public Affairs, and Wyoming Airports Coalition for their participation in this successful event.

The last EIS was in 2013. Since that time, the economic impact of Wyoming airports has increased by 50 percent.

Airport Projects Update: The Aeronautics Division is planning to open bids for airport projects by early April 2021 to capitalize on federal airport funding allocation deadlines.

Wyoming Air Service Update: The Jackson Hole airport is experiencing strong enplanement numbers since the fall of 2020, and in recent weeks, it has had increased bookings through the spring of 2021. The Jackson Hole airport has six new routes planned, with potentially more in the future.

Forward bookings for March through June 2021 also look positive for other Wyoming airports. Mr. Olsen is optimistic that most Wyoming airports will return to two flights per day by late spring or early summer if bookings continue to increase.

14. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

WYDOT 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS): Mr. Rossetti highlighted a few Driver Services-related items from the CSS.

Driver Services is a primary conduit through which Wyoming citizens can register for organ donation.

In accordance with statute, WYDOT receives donations from each wildlife conservation license plate sale. Unbeknownst to many, the public can also donate to the wildlife conservation fund when applying for their driver license. Since the program was established, 2095 individuals donated to the wildlife cause at Driver Services locations for a total of \$28,035. The funds are to develop wildlife crossings statewide.

Vice Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Rossetti to share his appreciation with Driver Services employees for their service and perseverance throughout the pandemic, and he congratulated Driver Services on its high ratings in the 2020 CSS.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,920 personnel as of January 31, 2021, compared to 1,931 a month ago and 1,946 one year ago.

15. Mr. Smolinski presented the Chief Technology Officer's report in Mr. Babbitt's absence.

Revenue Information System (RIS) Replacement Update: This week, Mr. Babbitt is meeting with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and county governments about the RIS replacement.

HB0024, Transportation Computer System Funding, is moving through the legislative session. If passed, the bill will determine the next development steps and timing for the RIS rollout.

The new RIS will require meetings with every WYDOT program to determine business flow and software development, and to determine how ETS can support each program.

Geographical Interface System/Intelligent Transportation Systems (GIS/ITS) Program Update: GIS/ITS reports a significant increase in the new Wyoming Authorized Travel (WAT) program. To date, WYDOT has received 2,415 requests for travel authorization, compared to about 1,300 applications last month.

Emergency Communications Update: The Emergency Communications Program continues to work to establish a WYDOT emergency alert system. The new RAVE system alerts employees via text message or by email in an emergency. Notifications can be targeted to a specific region, district, program, or building.

WyoLink Update: The 16-tower buildout is progressing with five sites online, including Greybull and Teton Pass, which became operational in mid-January. The Lusk and Alcova sites

will go live in March, depending on the weather. The Alva tower site in northern Crook County is receiving fiber optic placement.

A new tower installation is planned in Rock Springs in the near future. Mr. Smolinski hopes WYDOT can break ground at that site in March.

WYDOT is negotiating with landowners for necessary right-of-way for the proposed new northern Goshen County, Newcastle, and Evanston sites.

Construction on the Rock Springs 14-Mile site has encountered an obstacle during excavation. WYDOT is working through the matter to continue building at the site.

The Lovell site is waiting for Bureau of Land Management approval. The Meadowlark site is in its final approval stage. The new northern Sublette County site will break ground in the spring.

16. It was moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m., on Thursday, February 18, 2021.