TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person at the Pinedale Library in Pinedale, Wyoming, on October 20, 2022. Chairman Schmidt convened the meeting at 8:32 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Chairman Philip Schmidt, Casper Vice Chairman Greg Venable, Worland *via Zoom* Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne 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; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Walther, Wyoming Highway Patrol; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Nate Smolinski, Interim Chief Technology Officer; Monica Gourdine, Interim Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Carlos Machado, Incoming Division Administrator, FHWA; Hank Rettinger, FHWA; Representative Mark Baker; Senator John Kolb; Patrick Collins, City of Cheyenne Mayor; and Jodi Shea, Attorney, Pence and Macmillan.

Other meeting attendees: Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; Carlie Vanwinkle, Public Affairs; Kacey Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, Management Services; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates Program Manager; Mark Ayen, District Two Engineer; Scott Taylor, District Four Engineer; Chelsey Lindsay, Senior Budget Analyst; DJ Weekly, Senior Budget Analyst; Mattie Bray, Financial Services Accounting Manager; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Officer; Ali Ragan, Grants and Contracts Policy Program Manager; Melissa DeFratis, Legislative Liaison; Katie Legerski, Executive Director-Association of General Contractors-Wyoming; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary; Tim Brugger, Morrison Maierle; Keith McQueen, FHWA; Bob Bonds, FHWA; John Kopper, City of Cheyenne Fire Department; and Erica Legerski, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office.

1. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Chairman Schmidt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. <u>Changes/Additions to Agenda</u>: Secretary Casner advised that job one is being removed from consideration under the Engineering and Planning report to allow staff time to gather additional information. A special meeting will be scheduled for November 4, 2022 to consider the job and vote when appropriate.

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3. <u>September 15, 2022 Business Meeting Minutes</u>: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to approve the September 15, 2022 Business Meeting minutes as amended to remove unnecessary sentence from page 12, section 14.

6. <u>Change Orders</u>: Mr. Gillett presented to the Commission regarding the proposed updates to the Change Order policy.

Commissioner Holmes thanked the staff for their work on the policy updates and stated that she believes the changes appropriately addressed previously expressed concerns.

Commissioner Crank expressed concern that the proposed changes increase the change order approval abilities of WYDOT staff and not the Transportation Commission. Mr. Crank believes that any change order over \$500,000 should be presented to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Dolezal confirmed with Mr. Gillett that several other states do not require their Transportation Commission to approve change orders.

Director Reiner stated that he is very comfortable with the proposed changes and feels that it allows the Commission the proper authority.

Commissioner Crank moved that the Commission amend Spending Policy 24.1 to require all change orders that are \$500,000 or more on all projects be presented to the Commission prior to approval. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Mr. Gillett stated that it could be cause for concern for the licensure of the professional engineers involved if a design or engineering decision on a change order was denied by the Commission and compromised the integrity of a project.

Commissioner Holmes stated that she believes the request to bring all change orders to the Commission for approval could insert the Commission into WYDOT operations, which she feels is inappropriate.

Commissioner Crank advised that he believes his previously proposed Spending Policy amendment does not interfere with WYDOT operations, and the integrity of the licensure of any involved professional engineers would not be affected.

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried that the changes proposed by the Department be approved. Commissioner Crank requested Commissioner Hughes accept an amendment to his motion that any change order over \$2.5 million using a discretionary grant be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Hughes stated that he has confidence in the Department's proposed changes, but would amend his motion to include the requirement that the policy be re-evaluated in one year. Commissioner Venable seconded this amendment. It was carried to approve the motion as amended. *Commissioner Crank voted against this motion*.

Commission adjourned to break at 9:25 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 9:40 a.m.

7. Director Reiner presented the Director's Report.

<u>National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan</u>: WYDOT's NEVI plan was recently approved by the USDOT. Three of the eleven exception requests submitted by WYDOT were approved, two of which addressed the one mile from the interstate station requirement in Sheridan and Cheyenne. Another approved exception addressed the 50 mile requirement between the towns of Buffalo and Gillette. The eight remaining exception requests dealt with the 50 mile between charging stations requirement. Seven stations will be installed and operational, most likely in late 2023 based on contractor schedules and supply chain issues.

<u>White House Accelerating Infrastructure Event</u>: Director Reiner recently attended an event sponsored by the White House regarding the acceleration of infrastructure and IIJA implementation. The Department of Commerce has been designated by the President as the agency responsible for the Dig Once policy for the right-of-way. Director Reiner hopes that this will bring a streamlined permitting process for Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service controlled right-of-way.

<u>Employee Compensation</u>: Executive Staff continues to monitor employee compensation issues presented to the Legislature. Director Reiner believes that adjustments in pay will be very important to recruitment and retention of WYDOT employees.

<u>Upcoming Joint Transportation Committee Meeting</u>: Director Reiner and several Executive Staff members will be addressing the Joint Transportation Committee on November 2nd and 3rd in Cheyenne regarding several topics, including trooper retirement, on-call pay, WyoLink funding, and the collection of a fuel-tax equivalent at charging stations for electric vehicles. WYDOT has also been invited to participate in a task force that will oversee the incoming nuclear plant near Kemmerer.

Town Hall Meetings: Four of the seven scheduled employee town hall meetings have been completed.

<u>Safety</u>: Safety summits will be required to be completed in each district by the end of October.

<u>New Attorney Swearing In</u>: Director Reiner congratulated Mackenzie Sewell on recently being sworn in as a practicing attorney in front of the Wyoming Supreme Court.

8. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

<u>Monthly Budget Report</u>: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 87 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 83 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

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

<u>Dry Piney Project</u>: Mr. Gillett reminded the Commission of the original details of the Dry Piney project, and advised that 41% of the project has been completed. Construction will resume next spring with a projected end date of October 31, 2023.

<u>Right of Way Fence</u>: Mr. Gillett reported that the FHWA decided to participate in the project near Bondurant, which was let during the September 2022 Transportation Commission meeting.

<u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)</u>: A notice of proposed rulemaking regarding highway safety grants was recently released. WYDOT is currently reviewing the proposed rules.

The Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program, which uses technology to address transportation issues, was recently posted, and WYDOT is considering projects that could be funded with this grant. The first phase of funding has been designated for demonstration projects and does not have a cost share. Projects awarded during the first phase will be eligible to apply for funding from the second phase, but cost share is unknown at this time.

The Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Program was also recently released, which is an updated version of a previous program called the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technology.

A Notice of Funding Opportunity was also recently published by USDOT for the Thriving Communities program. Information has been posted on how to apply for the funding, and WYDOT will not be participating in this program.

Mr. Gillett also reported that construction and clean up should be completed on roads that were washed out or damaged during the recent flood in Yellowstone, and roads will be open to the northeast entrance of the park. While repairs were occurring, WYDOT was responsible for any plowing into Cooke City, Montana. However, due to agreeable weather conditions, a lower than expected amount of funds have been spent maintaining the road to Cooke City.

9A. Monica Gourdine introduced Carlos Machado, the incoming Wyoming Division Administrator for FHWA. Mr. Machado comes to Wyoming after being the Rhode Island Division Administrator for the last ten years.

Ms. Gourdine also reported that Gloria Shepherd was recently named FHWA Executive Director.

Commission adjourned to break at 10:28 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 10:45 a.m.

9Bi. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the October 13, 2022 letting.

Federal Project NHPPI-I904145 involving bituminous surfacing, surfacing, traffic control, grading, bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.10 mile on I-90 beginning at RM 202.03 between Sundance and the South Dakota State Line in Crook County. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

Engineer's Estimate	\$17,269,081.00
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$15,167,267.25 -12.2%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$17,689,101.80
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$18,527,384.50

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried 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.

Federal Project STP-I805171 involving structure replacement, surfacing (concrete), traffic control, grading, bituminous surfacing, surfacing, sidewalk, curb and gutter and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.60 mile on Curtis Street Interchange and I-80 in Laramie in Albany County. Completion Date: June 30, 2024.

Engineer's Estimate	\$11,520,888.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$10,608,155.27	-7.9%
Zak Dirt, Inc., Longmont, CO	\$12,322,927.20	
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$13,398,173.50	
McMillen LLC, Boise, ID	\$17,929,145.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, 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 concurred with this decision.

Federal Project NHPPI-I903101 involving bituminous surfacing (recycle), traffic control, milling, bridge rehabilitations and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.80 miles on I-90 beginning at RM 112.50 between Buffalo and Gillette in Campbell County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

Engineer's Estimate	\$8,315,740.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$8,762,056.24	5.4%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$9,285,907.30	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$10,858,600.00	

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

Federal Project NHPP-N311102 involving bituminous surfacing, traffic control, surfacing, grading, milling and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.30 miles on US 14/16/20 beginning at RM 36.41 between Yellowstone Park and Cody in Park County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

Engineer's Estimate	\$6,425,870.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$5,942,897.17	-7.5%
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$7,397,055.25	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried unanimously that Mountain Construction Company, of Lovell, 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-P232068 involving bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control, chip seal and miscellaneous work on approximately 9.90 miles on US 30 beginning at RM 327.35 between Laramie and Bosler in Albany County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

Engineer's Estimate	\$6,307,530.00	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,015,344.60	-20.5%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,663,331.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commission Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, 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 concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-P182033 involving bituminous surfacing, sidewalk, curb and gutter, bridge rehabilitation, traffic control, grading, milling, surfacing and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles on WYO 70 and WYO 789 at various locations between Baggs and the Colorado State Line in Carbon County. Completion Date: June 30, 2024.

Engineer's Estimate	\$5,667,190.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$5,584,624.70	-1.5%
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$8,301,627.10	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Venable, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., 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 the decision.

Federal Projects NHPP-N202073 and STP-N202076 combined involving bituminous surfacing (recycle), traffic control, milling, bridge rehabilitation, chip seal, sidewalk, curb and gutter and miscellaneous work on approximately 5.80 miles on US 26, US 287 and WYO 789 at various locations between Muddy Gap and Lander and Lyons Valley in Fremont County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

Engineer's Estimate	\$4,726,284.00	
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$4,951,663.00	4.8%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, 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 the decision.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously to consider the bids for jobs nine and ten at the November 4, 2022 special meeting.

Federal Project HSIP-N132114 involving electrical, guardrail, traffic control, grading and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.10 mile on US 191 beginning at RM 110.46 between Daniel Junction and Hoback Junction in Sublette County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

Engineer's Estimate	\$143,695.00	
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$186,719.62	29.9%
Modern Electric, Casper, WY	\$241,500.00	
Casper Electric, Casper, WY	\$300,084.48	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried unanimously that Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., of Sheridan, 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 the decision.

9Bii. October 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Fulton presented the October 2022 STIP Addendum.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the October 2022 STIP addendum.

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<u>Rumble Strips</u>: Mr. Fulton presented to the Commission on the process that occurs when a rumble strip is installed, the cost, and the rationale behind adding rumble strips to projects.

9Biii. <u>City of Cheyenne Land Purchase</u>: Mr. Fulton presented information regarding proposed transfer of land to the City of Cheyenne for a new firehouse. An appraisal of the market value of the land has been completed and reviewed by WYDOT. Mr. Fulton also advised that the FHWA concurs with the sale of the land to the City of Cheyenne, and is concerned that adding a reverter clause to the new sale contract would not meet the intent of the law.

Commissioner Crank referenced 23 CFR 710.409, and requested that the Commission add a reverter clause to the new contract, which would not charge the City of Cheyenne for the market value of the property in question.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank to enter in to Executive Session for legal advice in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(ix). The motion died due to lack of a second.

It was moved for a second time by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to enter in to Executive Session for legal advice in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(ix).

Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to return to public session.

Commission returned to public session at 11:40 a.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Commissioner Venable left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Commissioner Dolezal confirmed with Mr. Fulton location details of the property in question, and that the City of Cheyenne has agreed to pay WYDOT \$570,000 for the land.

City of Cheyenne Mayor Patrick Collins addressed the Commission regarding the need for a new fire station due to an increase in population and the need to decrease response times.

Commissioner Crank asked the FHWA representatives present to address why they believe the reverter clause may not meet the intent of the law. Ms. Gourdine explained that land sales and purchases involving FHWA are required to follow the Uniform Act, which is why the clause cannot be placed on the new contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes to authorize the transfer of the property in question to the City of Cheyenne, and reserve the decision on the amount paid for the property until the December 2022 Transportation Commission meeting pending further legal research and advice. Commissioner Crank then modified his motion to

authorize the transfer of the property to the City of Cheyenne for \$10.00 and other valuable considerations. The motion failed by a vote of one to three.

FHWA representative Hank Rettinger addressed the Commission regarding the original purpose of the land that was purchased using federal funds, which was for transportation purposes. Mr. Rettinger stated that the transfer of the reverter clause is not supported by the FHWA national program office, and so it is the position of the FHWA that the land must be sold for fair market value. Director Reiner concurred, and stated that he is comfortable that the proper steps have been taken during this transfer process by WYDOT and FHWA employees.

It was moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried to approve the transfer of the land to the City of Cheyenne for fair market value as recommended by WYDOT staff. *Commissioner Crank voted against this motion*.

9C. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

October 19, 2022 Project Tour: Mr. DeHoff thanked the District Three employees involved in the October 19, 2022 Commission project tour.

<u>Construction</u>: Crews are working to complete projects before snow, but there may be some projects that are unable to be completed before severe weather occurs. Temporary measures will be taken to ensure those pending projects are secure.

Bridge work continues to progress throughout the state, as contractors are allowed to utilize traffic control until December 1.

There are currently 64 active construction projects across the state.

<u>Maintenance</u>: Crews continue to complete small projects such as mowing, and crew members are being re-distributed across the state to allow projects to be finished faster.

<u>Vacancies</u>: There are several vacancies across WYDOT in Operations, including in maintenance, mechanic shops, traffic, and construction. Districts have moved personnel around to different locations to meet project needs. Mr. DeHoff advised that planning for staffing needs for the upcoming winter season has begun, and there are currently 79 snow plow driver vacancies, compared to 60 at this time last year.

<u>Snow Plow Priority Plan:</u> The Snow Plow Priority Plan will be released to the public in the coming weeks, and sets a level of service for the winter months. The public will also be reminded to utilize the road condition cameras and alert made available on the WYDOT website.

<u>Mountain Passes</u>: All three mountain passes that are typically closed during the winter continue to be open at this time.

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<u>Quad State Meeting</u>: WYDOT personnel recently held a quad state meeting with attendees from the Nebraska DOT, Colorado DOT, and the Kansas DOT. This meeting was very successful and strengthened relationships that will be beneficial in the future.

<u>Traffic</u>: Crews continue to implement the striping plan as weather permits.

<u>Equipment</u>: Standard operations continue. Mr. DeHoff hopes that more information regarding police pursuit vehicles will be available and presented during the November 2022 Transportation Commission Meeting.

<u>Facilities</u>: The Summit rest area is closed due to a water line break. All other facilities and rest areas are open at this time.

Commission adjourned to break at 12:18 p.m.

Commission returned to public session at 12:30 p.m.

10. Lieutenant Colonel Walther presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through September 30, 2022, includes 81 fatal crashes involving 94 deaths. The fatalities include 35 rollover crashes, 27 multi-car crashes, 4 fixed-object crashes, 18 motorcycle crashes, 3 all-terrain vehicle crashes, and 7 pedestrian crashes. Of the 81 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2022, 19 involved commercial vehicles.

There were 3 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 3 deaths in September 2022.

Of the 94 deaths this year, 45 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 29 involving rollover crashes, 12 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. Twenty-one perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 81 fatal crashes so far this year, 54 of those drivers had no distractions. In 66 of reported crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 81 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 42 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 19 occurred on interstate highways, and 20 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the 81 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, ten had multiple fatalities.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to seven vehicle crashes in 2022, which resulted in nine deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2022 are as follows:

Sunday	22 crashes
Monday	8 crashes
Tuesday	8 crashes
Wednesday	10 crashes
Thursday	6 crashes
Friday	14 crashes
Saturday	13 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2022 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	13 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	19 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	24 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	25 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 83 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- · 44 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 100 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 70 percent of the fatalities in 2022 were drivers.
- 19 percent of the fatalities in 2022 were passengers.
- 89 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 40 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- · 35 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

There have been 4,168 patrol investigated crashes in 2022.

10A. Director Reiner and Lt. Col. Walther presented the proposed updates to Chapter One, Motor Carrier Rules.

It was recommended by Lt. Col. Walther, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed updates to Chapter One, Motor Carrier Rules.

Commissioner Crank left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

11. Mr. Rossetti presented the Aeronautics Report, beginning with the September 2022 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

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12. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,730 personnel as of October 4, 2022, compared to 1,747 a month ago and 1,829 one year ago.

13. Mr. Smolinski presented the Chief Technology Officer's Report.

<u>WyoLink Update:</u> Mr. Smolinski reported that there are ten WyoLink sites operational at this time. The construction schedule for the remaining sites depend on weather and supply availability.

<u>Highway Patrol Radio Purchases</u>: Mr. Smolinski will be bringing information to the Commission in either November or December for the approval of highway patrol radio purchases.

<u>RIS Replacement Update</u>: The replacement process for the Revenue Information System (RIS) continues. RFPs have been reviewed, and oral presentations will begin the second week of November.

14. <u>November 2022 Commission Meeting</u>: Secretary Casner advised that the November 2022 meeting is currently scheduled to be held in person in Cheyenne. There will not be an education session at the November meeting due to WYDOT staff attendance at the Governor's Business Forum in Laramie.

15A. <u>Legislator Comments</u>: Representative Mark Baker and Senator John Kolb shared remarks regarding interim Legislative topics, upcoming legislative committee meetings, the recent changes to the change order policy, and the updates to Chapter One, Motor Carrier Rules.

15B. <u>Commissioner Comments</u>: Commissioners Holmes and Dolezal thanked District 3 employees for the project tour, and complimented their level of knowledge and dedication to WYDOT. Commissioner Hughes congratulated incoming Division Administrator Carlos Machado and thanked outgoing Interim Division Administrator Monica Gourdine for her work.

15C. <u>Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule</u>: Secretary Casner presented the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2023 Transportation Commission meeting schedule.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m., on Thursday, October 20, 2022.