

## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person at 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY on February 17, 2022. Vice Chairman Venable convened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Vice Chairman Greg Venable, Worland  
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne  
Commissioner Jon Dolezal, Evanston *via Zoom*  
Commissioner Jim Espy, Savery *via Zoom*  
Commissioner Susan Holmes, Sheridan *via Zoom*  
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance *via Zoom*  
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; Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Walther, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) Operations Commander; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Troy Babbitt, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Cori Schrinar, Procurement Services Manager; and Monica Gourdine, Interim Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Other meeting attendees: Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; John Davis, Management Services Program Manager; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates Program Manager; Rhonda Holt, Financial Services Program Manager; Misty Dobson, Driver Services Program Manager; Gary Schneider, Land Ferry; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary; Scott Taylor, District 4 Engineer; Tyler Gross, GeoComm; and Mark Foster, Knife River. *Chairman Philip Schmidt was able to join the meeting periodically but did not vote on any motions.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Venable led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda: Secretary Casner advised that the January 20, 2022 Executive Session minutes will be removed from the agenda and presented at the March 17, 2022 Commission meeting.
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 February 17, 2022, business meeting.
4. Correspondence: Secretary Casner advised that two pieces of correspondence were received. The first piece was from Katie Legerski and the Association of General Contractors (AGC)-Wyoming advising of the change in their annual meeting from December to January. The

WYDOT Transportation Commission will now meet the third week in December. The second piece of correspondence received was from Gary Schneider with Land Ferry, Inc. requesting a time to present to the Commission. Director Reiner recommended that Land Ferry, Inc. be given time to present at the March 2022 Commission meeting. Secretary Casner will contact Mr. Schneider to schedule the presentation.

6. Director Reiner presented the Director's Report.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Cases have stabilized within WYDOT, however Director Reiner advised that precautions such as hand-washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask if preferred are still encouraged.

Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Regulations surrounding funding allocations have begun to be released. Communications are still occurring between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S. Senate and state Departments of Transportation regarding the regulations. There are many programs listed in the BIL, and Rob Creager with the Governor's office has been tasked with syncing Wyoming BIL expenditures. Director Reiner will be meeting with Mr. Creager in the coming weeks.

Director Reiner advised that he does not believe WYDOT will be applying for many discretionary grants that are made available in the BIL due to the fact that funding is not available for match requirements. However, the Legislature and Governor may choose to allocate state funding for match requirements that could be applied to projects such as wildlife crossings. There are many discretionary grants that would be applicable to cities and counties, and at this time it is the position of the FHWA that all BIL monies need to be facilitated through state Departments of Transportation. Due to this, WYDOT is considering the need for more manpower to process the grants as well as updating internal communication methods to focus more on local issues.

There is a significant amount of funding available for federal transit and WYDOT is working with transit coordinators to accurately capture needs and leverage assets.

Several State agencies have reached out to Director Reiner regarding partnering in projects to receive BIL funding. The funding would apply to several areas including Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training at community colleges.

Mr. Crank advised that Governor Gordon was setting aside \$10 million in his budget to address wildlife crossings. Director Reiner confirmed that there is approximately \$350 million for five years allocated in the BIL, but WYDOT will need to speak with Governor Gordon's office to discuss the possibility of using some of the \$10 million in his budget for grant matching.

Wyoming Legislative Session: The 2022 Legislative Budget Session began Monday, February 14. Director Reiner summarized the fuel tax increase bill, the re-allocation of the severance tax bill, and oversize/overweight fees. Director Reiner also advised that House Bill 0007 is considered a "must pass", as this could be seen as non-compliance with Federal Motor Carrier

Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations and result in the decertification of the Wyoming CDL program as well as a reduction in funding.

House Bills 13 and 18 both deal with off-road vehicles and Director Reiner will be testifying on behalf of WYDOT regarding these bills.

Director Reiner advised that due to the cost of living, several WYDOT employees in the Jackson area actually live outside of the area. There is a significant WYDOT staffing shortage in the Jackson area, and WYDOT is working with the Legislature to offer affordable housing options in addition to the stipend already available.

Electric Vehicle Plan: The final draft of the plan is almost complete and will be discussed with Governor Gordon in March. Public meetings regarding the plan will be held around the state after the Legislative session, and electric vehicle ready travel corridors will be among the topics discussed. At this time, the requirement that electric vehicle charging stations be no more than 50 miles apart stands.

Director Reiner requested that an education session be scheduled for March 2022 to provide talking points and further information regarding electric vehicles.

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 31 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 33 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

7B. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to move Bid Numbers 22-033NG, 22-035NG, 22-052RE, 22-054NG, 22-057NG, 22-070RE, 22-076SH, 22-087NG, and 22-088NG to a consent list. Commissioner Hughes questioned the difference between how many bids are solicited and how many bids are actually received. Mr. Byrne explained that WYDOT uses a service called Public Purchase, which allows companies to receive bid information even though they may not be able to perform the requested service or provide the requested item.

Commissioner Holmes requested that in future project bid tabs, the estimated cost be included for each bid.

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

- Bid 22-033NG to furnish 12,000 tons ½" and 1,500 tons 3/8", PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material, for use in the Casper area. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction of Casper, Wyoming for the sum of \$859,005.00.

- Bid 22-035NG to furnish 10,500 tons of aggregate gravel ½” type A maintenance gravel for use in Guernsey. The bid was awarded to Knife River of Casper, Wyoming for the sum of \$201,075.00.
- Bid 22-052RE to furnish 10,525 each Shur-Flex delineator 54” kits and 2,900 each posts, mounts, joints, and snow poles for use statewide. The bid was awarded to Geotec Industrial Supply of Mills, Wyoming for the sum of \$471,960.20.
- Bid 22-0054NG to furnish 14,000 tons of PG 64-22 hot mix bituminous pavement material, ½”, and 45 tons of tack oil (CSSP-1H 50/50 dilute) for use in District 1. The bid was awarded to Knife River of Cheyenne, Wyoming for the sum of \$957,375.00.
- Bid 22-057NG to furnish 7,500 tons of PG asphalt binder warm plant mix bituminous pavement material, 3/8”, and 26 tons of tack oil (CSS-1H 50/50 dilute) for use in District 5. The bid for 4,650 tons of PG asphalt binder warm plant mix bituminous pavement material, 3/8”, and 20 tons of tack oil (CSS-1H 50/50 dilute) for use in Cody in District 5 was awarded to Mountain Construction Company of Lovell, Wyoming for the sum of \$431,500.00. The bid for 2,850 tons of PG asphalt binder warm plant mix bituminous pavement material, 3/8”, and 6 tons of tack oil (CSS-1H 50/50 dilute) for use in Riverton in District 5 was awarded to 71 Construction of Riverton, Wyoming for the sum of \$227,100.00.
- Bid 22-070RE to furnish 12 each 12 foot power reserve parallel lift snow plows for use in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Floyd’s Truck Center of Gillette, Wyoming for the sum of \$227,832.00.
- Bid 22-076SH to furnish 26 each traffic control cabinets and 26 each aluminum risers for use in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Econolite Control Products of Colorado Springs, Colorado for the sum of \$265,108.00.
- Bid 22-087NG to furnish 4,000 tons of PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material ½” for use in the Rock Springs area. The bid was awarded to Lewis & Lewis of Rock Springs, Wyoming for the sum of \$314,160.00.
- Bid 22-088NG to furnish 27,335 tons of PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material ½” for use in District 4. The bid was awarded to Simon Contractors of Gillette, Wyoming for the sum of \$1,842,181.94.

Mr. Byrne explained that for bid 22-056NG, multiple sites were included across the state. Bids were not received for the Sheridan location and there was an irregular bid at the Gillette location, and so Mr. Byrne is recommending that those portions of the bid be rejected and re-bid.

However, Mr. Byrne recommended that the Sundance location be awarded to Sacrison Paving, Inc., of Whitewood, SD for the sum of \$382,406.50. It was moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried unanimously to award the Sundance portion of bid 22-056NG to furnish 6,427 tons of PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material, 1/2", to Sacrison Paving, Inc. of Whitewood, South Dakota, for the sum of \$382,406.50.

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

Change Order: Mr. Gillett recently approved a change order in the amount of \$1,441,253.00 for the Dry Piney Creek Wildlife Underpass Project on US 191 near Big Piney. This project was funded mostly by a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant and came in under budget, which allowed another wildlife crossing project to proceed. The change order does not affect WYDOT's ability to complete other projects.

Wyoming Game and Fish Collaboration: Mr. Gillett and Director Reiner recently met with the Assistant Director and Director of the Wyoming Game and Fish to discuss future strategies for wildlife crossing projects. Potential future projects were discussed, and the next project will be determined after funding is established through the BIL.

8A. Monica Gourdine summarized the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, which was announced on February 10, 2022. Wyoming will receive approximately \$3.9 million in funding through the NEVI Formula Program for 2022.

The FHWA is currently preparing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that offers \$16 million in grants to states and tribes for national scenic byway programs. Funding for design, planning, and development is available through this NOFO.

8Bi. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the February 10, 2022, letting in Cheyenne.

Federal Project NHPPI-I255120 involving bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), plant mix wearing course, grading, traffic control, milling plant mix, fencing and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.50 miles on I-25 on both northbound and southbound lanes beginning at RM 289.52 between Kaycee and Buffalo in Johnson County. Completion Date: June 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$5,484,735.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,386,722.25	-1.8%
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$5,896,870.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried unanimously that Simon Contractors 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.

State Project SCP-TC-N311106 involving bituminous pavement surfacing, traffic control, milling plant mix and miscellaneous work on approximately 10.20 miles on US 14/16/20 beginning at RM 10.249 between Yellowstone National Park and Cody in Park County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$4,865,375.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$5,379,693.51	10.6%

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

Federal Project NHPP-N855050 involving bituminous pavement surfacing, guardrail, grading, traffic control, fencing, milling plant mix and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.40 miles on US 85 beginning at RM 248.19 between Newcastle and Four Corners in Weston County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$4,099,234.00	
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$3,638,977.81	-11.2%
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$3,682,343.50	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,857,015.36	

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.

State Project SCP-TC-N342051 involving bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), fencing, traffic control, milling plant mix and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.40 miles on WYO 789 beginning at RM 100.47 between Shoshoni and Thermopolis in Fremont County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$4,001,644.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$4,742,440.43	18.5%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$4,458,390.00	

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

Federal Project NHF-BR-B222001 involving bridge rehabilitation, traffic control, bituminous pavement surfacing, grading, guardrail and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2 in Converse, Johnson, Natrona and Platte Counties. Completion Date: July 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,445,723.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$3,649,711.05	5.9%
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$4,109,949.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Espy, 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.

State Project SCP-TC-N271037 involving bituminous pavement surfacing, traffic control, bridge rehabilitation, grading, fencing, milling, signing and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.60 miles on US 26 beginning at RM 15.50 between Guernsey and Fort Laramie in Goshen and Platte Counties. Completion Date: June 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,030,117.00	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,733,917.00	23.2%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$4,541,728.00	

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

Federal Project STP-PM-B223026 involving bituminous pavement surfacing, chp seal (overshoot) and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3 in Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta Counties. Completion Date: August 15, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$1,968,650.00	
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$2,345,469.00	19.1%
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	\$2,415,025.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that H-K Contractors, Inc., of 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. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project HSIP-B223030 involving striping and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3 in Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, and Uinta Counties. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$603,572.00	
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$507,610.00	-15.9%
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$745,273.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that S&L Industrial, of Cowley, 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. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*

State Project DR43858 involving structure repair, traffic control, grading and miscellaneous work at RM 58.65 eastbound lanes on the Bridge Over US 16 Interchange in Johnson County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$544,845.00	
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$792,729.13	45.5%
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$917,202.50	

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

Federal Project HSIP-B229011 involving striping and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation Districts 1 and 4 in Albany, Carbon, Crook, Laramie, Sheridan, and Weston Counties. Completion Date: September 30, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$508,960.00	
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$431,800.00	-15.2%
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$917,202.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that S&L Industrial of Cowley, 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. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*

Federal Project HSIP-B224031 involving striping, traffic control and miscellaneous work at



various locations in Transportation District 4 in Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, and Weston Counties. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$230,484.00	
Traffic Safety Services, Inc., Bismarck, ND	\$207,955.00	-9.8%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$213,481.00	
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$394,384.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that Traffic Safety Services, Inc., of Bismarck, 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. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*

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

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

8Biii. Resolution for Abandonment: It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried unanimously that the following Resolution for Abandonment be approved.

### **RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming may abandon or relinquish any portion of state highways upon reconstruction or relocation of an existing state highway; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of Wyoming Department of Transportation's right-of-way for US Hwy 26 / Guernsey Airport Access, Platte County, Wyoming, established under Project Number F-027-1(3), is no longer needed for state highway or public use purposes. Said portion being described as follows on attached Exhibit "A":

#### **Guernsey, WY US 26 RW @ Airport Abandonment Parcel Legal Description:**

A parcel of land located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 27 N., R. 66 W. of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Platte County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 36, being monumented by a 5/8" diameter rebar from which the south quarter corner of said Section 36, being monumented by an aluminum cap stamped "L.S. 545" bears North 89° 41' 54" East a distance of 2648.80 feet;

thence North 67° 36' 32" East a distance of 1171.69 feet to a point on the existing southwesterly right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway 26, being monumented by a 5/8" diameter x 24" long rebar with a 1½" diameter aluminum cap stamped "SSS P.L.S. 5910", the **POINT OF BEGINNING**;

thence South 32° 47' 41" West a distance of 100.00 feet along said southwesterly right-of-way boundary to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave northeasterly, having a radius of 1395.92 feet and the chord bears South 72° 21' 54" East a distance of 723.02 feet, said beginning of non-tangent curve is monumented by a 5/8" diameter x 24" long rebar with a 1½" diameter aluminum cap stamped "SSS P.L.S. 5910";

thence along said non-tangent curve and said southwesterly right-of-way boundary through a central angle of 30° 01' 07" a distance of 731.35 feet to the end of said non-tangent curve, being monumented by a Wyoming State Highway Department ROW Marker;

thence North 74° 17' 55" West a distance of 277.52 feet;

thence North 62° 04' 38" West a distance of 179.43 feet;

thence North 55° 27' 37" West a distance of 253.94 feet to the point of beginning.

The basis of bearing for this parcel is North 89° 41' 54" East between the southwest corner and south quarter corner of said Section 36.

The above described parcel of land contains 0.89 acres, more or less.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming hereby abandons the above-described land as provided for under provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126, W.S. 1978, this portion of the existing highway right-of-way is hereby abandoned and all title and interest, except as provided under this law, to the highway right-of-way, shall pass to the adjacent landowners of record.

8C. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations Report.

COVID-19 Cases: Cases are declining throughout the field. Employees are being encouraged to social distance, sanitize all equipment before and after use, and remain home if ill.

Retention and Recruitment: Retention and Recruitment continues to be an area of difficulty for Operations, especially due to wages. There are 59 vacant snowplow positions, which are extremely difficult to recruit for and fill.

Maintenance: Snow removal continues to be the top priority at this time of year, and training involving the rotaries has occurred. However, four snow plows have been hit since the January

2022 Commission meeting, bringing the total hit for the current season to 11. No injuries have occurred when plows have been hit.

Construction: At present, there are nine active projects across the state.

Traffic: Several striper trucks have been upgraded with new software and hardware, and employees are being trained on the new equipment.

Mechanic Shop: Shops are continuing to experience difficulties obtaining parts for equipment due to shipping delays and supply availability.

Facilities: All facilities and rest areas are open at this time. The Independence Rock facility experienced a septic system failure and is open with port-a-johns temporarily until repairs are complete.

WYDOT and AGC-Wyo: WYDOT and the AGC-Wyo held a co-op meeting January 25-27, 2022 in Cheyenne. Several educational sessions were available, and Mr. Gillett thanked all those involved in organizing the meeting. WYDOT and AGC-Wyo are also working together to create working groups for partnership in structures and drilled shafts as well as surveying.

*Commission adjourned to break at 10:04 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 10:20 a.m.*

9. Lieutenant Colonel Walther presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through January 31, 2022, includes 3 fatal crashes involving 3 deaths. The fatalities include 2 rollover crashes, 1 multi-car crashes, 0 fixed-object crashes, 0 motorcycle crashes, 0 all-terrain vehicle crashes, and 0 pedestrian crashes. Of the 3 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2022, 0 involved commercial vehicles.

There was 1 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 1 death in January 2022.

Of the 3 deaths this year, 2 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 2 involving rollover crashes, 1 involving multi-car collisions, and 0 involving fixed objects. Forty of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Zero perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 3 fatal crashes so far this year, 1 of those drivers had no distractions. In 2 of those crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 3 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 1 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 2 occurred on interstate highways, and 0 occurred on city/county roads.

There were no multiple-fatality crashes in January 2022.

In locations where rumble strips/stripes were present, there were 3 crashes. There were 0 crashes where rumble strips/stripes were not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 1 vehicle crashes in January 2022, which resulted in 1 death.

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

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

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	0 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	1 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	0 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 100 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 100 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 0 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 100 percent of the fatalities in 2022 were drivers.
- 0 percent of the fatalities in 2022 were passengers.
- 100 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 100 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 33 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 511 crashes statewide, of which 204 involved commercial vehicles.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP): Recently, Trooper Phillip Pendergrass was nominated for Law Enforcement Officer of the year award for the mountain region. Trooper Pendergrass will travel to Washington, D.C. for the finalist presentation, after which he will also be considered for the overall IACP Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.

10. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report beginning with the January 2022 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Legislation: The FAA continues to work on guidance regarding funding allocated in the BIL. Details are being released regarding implementation guidelines, and Mr. Olsen's staff is working closely with airports to revise Capital Improvement plans for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan: The Aeronautics Commission recently approved the proposed FY 2023 Capital Improvement plan for Wyoming's public use airports and it is out for public comment. Final approval of the plan will occur after consideration of the public comments by the Aeronautics Commission.

Engineering and Construction Program: Projects are currently being submitted for review and let out for bid. No bids have been received at this time, but it is expected that submitted bids will be substantially higher than years before and reserve amounts have been adjusted to reflect this.

Staffing Shortage: Now that air traffic is returning to a normal schedule, several flights have been affected by the airline staffing shortage. Airlines are restructuring flight schedules and offering incentive pay to staff for picking up extra flights. Disruptions will most likely be seen in Wyoming and across the country.

11. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,846 personnel as of February 2, 2022, compared to 1,821 a month ago and 1,920 one year ago.

Teton County Housing Stipend: Mr. Rossetti confirmed that the Teton County housing stipend is \$1630.00 per month, and 24 WYDOT employees are currently collecting that stipend. The current requirement to collect the stipend is that employees must live and work in Teton County.

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

RIS Replacement Update: Authorization to move forward with the RIS replacement is currently pending through the Legislature. Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Rossetti continue to work with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) through the replacement process. The RFP for the RIS replacement will be open to all possible solutions and potential vendors will be notified of the updates made to the RFP.

WyoLink Update: Mr. Babbitt reported that there is proposed ARPA funding in the amount of \$35 million for WyoLink updates. Priority of distribution is currently being discussed at the Legislative level as well.

911: Senate file 0041, which would place 911 governance under the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) and add additional members to the PSCC, has been received and is pending introduction by the Legislature.

Broadband: Broadband and the right of way is currently being discussed by several internet service providers and Wyoming entities, including WYDOT and the Wyoming Business Council. Recent broadband co-location efforts in the Orin Junction have been successful.

ITS/GIS: The ability to report and harvest roadkill has been integrated into the 511 application. The application is very popular and has been very successful during the two weeks it has been available.

13. March 17, 2022 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the March 17, 2022 is currently scheduled to be virtual. Commissioner Crank will attend the meetings at WYDOT Headquarters and all other Commissioners agreed to meet virtually.

14. 2022 Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Espy advised that several other agencies complete a yearly review of their Director, and he believes that it is an effective tool to facilitate communication between the Director and the Transportation Commission. Mr. Espy proposed that a review of the WYDOT Director by only the Transportation Commissioners occur prior to the August 2022 in-person Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dolezal stated that he is in favor of more in-person meetings, but he understands the need for virtual meetings for several reasons. Commissioner Crank agreed and advised that he believes that in-person meetings allow for the Commissioners to form relationships. Secretary Casner advised that the proposed schedule was built so that Commissioners could attend events held by WYDOT partners, such as the Wyoming Trucking Association and AGC-Wyo.

Commissioner Holmes advised that it is beneficial for Commissioners if the schedule is built in advance. Commissioner Hughes agreed and stated he would like to consider traveling around the state for different meeting locations.

Mr. Gillett reiterated the importance of maintaining partnerships with entities such as the Wyoming Trucking Association and AGC-WYO. Vice Chair Venable stated that it is important to keep the option of Zoom while conducting in person meetings.

Mr. Crank requested that WYDOT staff consider alternate meeting locations in 2022, possibly in each Commissioner's district. Commissioner Dolezal concurred, and have in-person meetings primarily with virtual meetings as a backup option.

Commissioner Espy advised that the travel meetings can be scheduled across multiple years, so that not every meeting during the year is in a different location. Commissioner Espy also suggested scheduling travel meetings during time when clear road conditions are assured.

Commissioner Holmes questioned what the expectation is for Executive Staff to travel with the Commission to alternate locations. Vice Chair Venable advised that Executive Staff would have the option to travel to the location or participate via Zoom. Commissioner Crank agreed and stated he did not believe it would be a hindrance to business if Executive Staff appeared via Zoom.

Secretary Casner reminded the Commission that Service Award Luncheons will now be held quarterly, and logistically, it is easier to hold the luncheons in Cheyenne as usual.

Commissioner Crank requested that Secretary Casner and Executive Staff create a proposed schedule that includes traveling to alternate locations. Vice Chair Venable agreed and directed Secretary Casner to add the topic to the March 2022 meeting agenda.

14A. Legislator Comments: No Legislators were in attendance due to the current Legislative Session.

14B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Crank advised that he met with Chris McBarnes, the Executive Director of The Wildlife Fund to discuss possible funding solutions for wildlife crossings on WYO 189.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Venable adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2022.