

2022 District 1 STIP notes – Albany County

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First meeting: Public Meeting in the conference room at WYDOT District Office

Located at 3411 S 3rd St in Laramie

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Attendees:

Non-WYDOT: Jeran Smith HDR Engineering, Kota Babcock Laramie Boomerang, Ben Collamer HDR Engineering, Joseph Shahidi City of Laramie, Lynn Montoya resident

WYDOT: District Engineer Ralph Tarango, District Construction Engineer Ryan Shields, District Maintenance Engineer Tim Morton, District Traffic Engineer Tayler McCort, Public Relations Specialist Andrea Staley, Laramie Resident Engineers Kory Cramer and Steve Cook, Area Maintenance Supervisor Eric Anderson, Josh Baker

See attendance sheet – Exhibit B

Comments received during meeting:

Concerning slide 36, the I-80 Curtis St. Interchange Bridge Replacement:

- Joseph Shahidi, City of Laramie: On the bridge itself, what are the changes in the traffic management?
 - Ryan Shields, WYDOT District Construction Engineer: The new bridge will have three lanes, which includes a left turn lane. The city is also adding bike and walking paths.
- Lynn Montoya, Laramie Citizen: Where will the detours be?

- Ryan Shields: Pierce to Snowy range, under I-80, then run over to Cedar St.
- Joseph Shahidi: Are the truck stops aware of the bridge replacement?
 - Kory Cramer, Resident Engineer WYDOT: There have been a few public meetings in the past regarding it, so they should be aware it is happening. We will also be sending out more information this fall about it.
- Lynn Montoya: How does WYDOT work re-routing truck traffic? Like the repairs to the detoured roads that may come up?
 - Ryan Shields: There is a lot of communication between WYDOT, the city, and the county when considering detours. We wouldn't make the detour if we didn't think the detours would work, the roads couldn't handle the additional traffic.
 - Kory Cramer: Also, the north section of Pearce will get an overlay before the bridge project to accommodate for traffic. Snowy Range can already handle the additional traffic volume.
 - Ryan Shields: Also part of the detour, there will be a signal at Cedar Street to help move traffic through.

Additional concerns after the presentation:

Joseph Shahidi: Will there be another on-ramp, off-ramp? (At 30th St.)

- Ryan Shields: Nothing imminent, there are no current plans, and with it being a federal highway, it would take a lot of effort to push that through.
- Joseph Shahidi: Is that something that is numbers based?
 - Ryan Shields: Requires a study and approval through federal highways- anything new is very scrutinized and has a very high cost.
- Lynn Montoya: I know the City is always looking at high growth areas. 15th through 30th has lots of growth.
 - Ryan Shields: Not aware of anything new there at the moment that would warrant it. The guiding principle for WYDOT is to maintain what we can, we don't have the funds to add something new at the moment.

Comments received outside of meeting: Boomerang article, see exhibit D. Headquarters Public Affairs office had to write them a correction.

Second meeting: Joint work session with the Albany County Commissioners and the Laramie City Council

Hosted via Zoom at the request of the Laramie City Council.

Advertising the meetings:

This meeting was included in the release from Exhibit A. Since this is a government meeting, most advertising was left to the government agency.

Who attended:

Non-WYDOT: Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk, Bryan Shuster, Jayne Pearce, Brian Harrington, City Manager, Pat Gabriel, Commissioners Chair Pete Gosar, Commissioners Sue Ibarra, and County Clerk Jackie Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk Kayla White, Kurt Britzius, Dr. Clair White, Paul Weaver, Todd Feezer, Sharon Crumble, Dale Stalder, Fred Schmechel, Jayne Pearce, Andrea Summerville, Malea Brown, Judy snoke, Kota Babcock, Christin Covello, Jennifer Curran

WYDOT: Ralph Tarango, Ryan Shields, Andrea Staley, Taylor McCort

See Exhibit B for the full sign-in sheet. Note that with this being a Zoom meeting, capturing everyone who attended is difficult (for example, if two people shared one computer), total attendees indicate 47

Comments received during meeting:

Slide 3 (EV Slide) :

- Mayor: This is important every year, There is a hard closing date. (comment period)
 - Andrea: The end of July is the end of the comment phase for the EV draft
- Mayor: Reading through the plan is very interesting and should have enough time to add their input. I'm interested in seeing what the general comments would be. I think our community will be very interested in this. The long term view will be great. Will be seeing more and more.
- Harrington: Specific question: Navigating where to go?
- Shuster: Grants, building EV stations with WYOTech, something with a training school. New automotive section, work on EV cars and trains? Only for installing?
 - Ralph, not aware of any grants for that, but can check in and get back to you on that.
- Mayor: Grants not necessarily for WYDOT, but grants for municipalities, or partnerships, would like the heads up on that.
- Pierce: Makes an interesting point regarding WYOTech, could make those stations available to the public or to themselves. Using when not in use for the public.

Slide 36 (Curtis St. Bridge):

- Summerville: Personally live in this area, long overdue. Pathway and ped safety which is great. Any thoughts on how people on electric scooters will be getting home?
 - Ryan: The sidewalk we are putting on is a larger shared use path. I would think it would be an option for those. At the westbound off ramp, the crosswalk will cross that. We will put signage, making it as safe as possible.
- Mayor: These scooters are an issue. We don't allow scooters on sidewalk
- Summerville: Bike lanes are becoming more popular from west Laramie. How to get people across there safely. How do you want bikes to cross the bridge?

- Mayor: Don't want them in the roadway at all, in this instance maybe put them on a separate location
- Summerville: Gateway aesthetics? Public art additions, landscaping?
 - Ryan: Decorative pedestrian railing very similar to snow range. Landscaping and other things, not a lot of that. Some bridges looked at landscaping agreements, but it is case by case basis.
- Summerville: Let's put that on the discussion list, could be a primer opportunity. Impact to the businesses that are there. How do we communicate with them? Will we be doing additional things for the detour?
 - Ryan: Detour will be Pierce St. to Snowy Range to Cedar St., will be putting in a temp. traffic signals at Cedar and Curtis, bringing vehicles there, don't want the delay to be excessive. Putting an overlay on Pierce to handle the traffic. Have held public meetings in the past. Can have better communications to help. Kory Cramer, RE on the job is definitely open to coordination. We understand the impact to the businesses.
 - Summerville: Happy to help the communication in that. There is a very large daycare out there. Anything we can do with community goodwill.
 - Mayor: Doesn't matter how much we do, always reaction that impact projects we always hear feedback that no one knew
- Pearce: Options out there to help beautify in town
- Shuster: People will still be able to get off the Curtis street exit? Just no trucks will be able to cross the bridge.
 - Ryan: Yes the ramps open, the bridge will be severed
- Gabriel: In Sheridan area, an attractive bridge north of town, very decorative, very nice plants, wondering how that is chosen to be in that area. And why some are not.
 - Ryan: Decorative enhancements were funded by the city. There was a lot of money spent, that was not WYDOT funding, that was done by initiative. We reach out to cities to do that deal. We are only allowed 3%, anything on top of that the municipality will have to take care of
 - Gabriel: Would you reach out?
 - Ryan: Yes, that is part of the process. This bridge has been in the works for a long time, I don't know the original discussions
- Jordan: City of Laramie sought with previous DE to incorporate WYDOT entrances to annex into the city. Interchanges and on-ramps are annexed in and Laramies are not, our beautification requirements would apply. WYDOT was told to rescind, so it is not subject to beautification codes. It could have been a tool the city would have used. Unfortunately not because of the state direction.
 - Jordan: (Separate comment): In regards to one of the grants, it could be useful in the future, safe streets and roads action plans, if you guys could tell us about that when it is applicable.
 - Mayor: I will speak to that.
 - Ralph: Tap grants? Competitive grants, increase in available money. WYDOT decided to increase money. Max of \$500,000 80/20 match, now

\$2,250,000 with a 90/10 match. Goes in front of a committee. Safety is considered. City has received the TAP grants before.

Slide 45:

- Shuster: Question was answered

Slide 62:

- Schmechel: Curious ideas of what improvements to 287 south in CO?
 - Ryan: Talked to their engineer, their plans were to build passing lanes and that is it. No large divided highway
- Schmechel: Finding more autonomous vehicles, considering where to put rumble strips and the likes?
 - Ryan: Changes will start trickling in here. We are preparing for that, we want to do it at the right pace, it is a greater cost to maintain. We paint a road and last once a year, if we up the material by 50% we can't do it. We have put thought into it and will start to see that pushed
- Pete Gosar : Overlay having a finite ability to do that. Once it can't be we have to make construction decisions? Is there a limit to put pavement preservation strategy
 - Ryan: We are very interested in that. We run into a point of diminishing returns and where is that? We have people in our HQ looking into that. But we haven't come to the end of it yet. We are still keeping things afloat.
- Gosar: Infrastructure bill will streets, bike lanes, thought of at WYDOT to consider helping municipalities?
 - Ryan: Not yet, we are concerned about keeping our stuff up and running. Struggling to think of where we have bike lanes on the state system. But if we do in the future, I think it will always be about safety. Once we start mixing bikes with vehicles, we just want to do that as safely as possible.
- Mayor: Piggyback on that. For our streets in the city, we have someone come in to do a pavement condition index to see before its total pavement time. Do you have someone there that helps determine that?
 - Ralph: We have a pavement management system that analyzes that. I can tell you on I80, If we don't get there every 10 years we are in trouble. On your point about reconstruction, if we don't get to it in time, it will cost more money. We core sections of road to see how much structure we have left.
 - Mayor: I can see now how you prioritize sections
- Pearce: Not necessarily a question, just big thank you to WYDOT. Having taken a few road trips over the years, generally speaking our roads are very amazing. Always happy to come home to our roads.
- Gabriel: Transition from state to city, 3rd and Iverson, going from 3rd to stop light to Iverson, there is a considerable drop off. Whose responsibility is that? Both?
 - Ryan: Hope that is something we can catch on that 3rd St. project in 25. I know that is a long term option

- Ralph: We try to fix as many of those as we can on our projects to fix those transitions
- Mayor: Any more comments or questions?
 - Nancy Sindlairr: Awesome it is to hear about all that is going, 3rd St paving, connector to 287 south past the fairgrounds, under interstate to Spring Creek bridge there is gravel. Put about a 3 inch lift of asphalt; this might be a city question.
 - Mayor: Working together on these projects we can come to that conclusion.

Comments received outside of meeting: N/A

Exhibit A



1 July 2022

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2022 District 1 STIP notes – Carbon County

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Located at 301 Airport Road in Rawlins

Advertising the meeting:

A news release was distributed prior to the meeting, see Exhibit A.

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Attendees:

Non-WYDOT: Rep. Don Burkhart (HD-15), Jon Winters Saratoga

WYDOT: District Construction Engineer Ryan Shields, Public Relations Specialist Andrea Staley, Resident Engineers Jake Lonn and Aaron Spenny, Maintenance Area Supervisor Marty Mayfield, and Maintenance Foremen Rick Ackerman, Trevor Ballinger, and Billy Zeiger

See attendance sheet – Exhibit B

Comments received during meeting:

Questions before projects? None

Slides:

- 29: Burkhart: Forts Steele why take out concrete?
 - Spenny: Wasn't up to standard. There was shrinkage/cracking, so we had to replace
 - Bringing plants back? There is a new plant
 - Majority of parking is where it was
- 44 (High friction surface treatment): Jon Winters: What does that do to your plows?
 - Ryan: low profile, Alaska uses it, Cali in mountainous regions use it. All good things to say about it. Similar to epoxy on bridges, it seemed to work very well from the Maint. standpoint
- 43 (Ped underpass): Burk: Go under the road then over it
 - Jake: Been on committees and there is no great answer. To build high enough to accommodate over height loads, also do ADA, getting into design. Makes more sense to have it under.
 - Ryan: lit well at night, tons of these in Cheyenne, learn from them. Great project for the city.
- 49 (Off-system bridge replacements): Burk: If they are county roads, why is WYDOT doing it?

- Ryan: It is the fed IJA money used, a portion needed to be used towards county/city bridges
- 58: Burk: Don't show any work being done on pass creek? (question about why bridge isn't being worked on in the same year)
 - Ryan: It is on a separate rehab project happening this year. Our model has changed to doing roads and bridges at separate times.
- 65 (Rock Creek bridge decks): Burk: I thought they were already up there doing it now.
 - Ryan: Doing it all around this. For this one there will need to be crossovers.
 - Burk: Thought you were doing all of them
 - Ryan: These two were left off, tried to get them part of current projects, couldn't make it happen
- 67(Rawlins median): Burk: Give it enough winters and enough semis and those lights will be gone.
 - Rick: You can't pave that section anymore.
 - Ryan: Hopefully we can move it up, get the price low enough.
 - Marty: There are also some manhole issues on the section
- 73: Ryan: Any further questions?
 - Burk: You guys are the experts, you're doing a great job
 - EV Comment: Talking to a guy and wanting to get into that business. Where are you going to get power? He was just going to use diesel generators.
 - Anything else I would bring up would be in another district. D2 from horse creek up needs to be torn up.
 - Ryan: They have a lot of big projects going on right now
 - If you want to know anything about the transportation committee, just ask. You need that ability for alternatives available. Alternative contracting method, and let the department decide. Not up to the legislator to decide.
 - ROW, everyone wants to use it, power lines, water lines, hiking, fiber, etc. That would be up to the dept. Require anyone that uses it to pay the DOT. Make sure the DOT does not pay. Don't want the road use tax to pay for someone's biking trail.
 - Don't maintain the paths even if they are in the ROW
 - Looking at relocation expenses.
 - Looking into trooper stand-by pay. Minimum wage, 1/3 of what you currently make. (on-call pay)
 - \$1 is an insult to you guys. From A&I looks like the dept. can change that right now.

- If you feel different, want a different amount. Where would the money come from? Highway funding
 - 17 pending bills on a number of things, going to drop those. Many cannot run 17 in a session
 - Wildlife crossings, waiting for wildlife groups to kick in some real money
 - Next meeting is at Rock Springs in August Commission meeting
- Rebalance questions
 - Winters: Heard there was a project program through Saratoga?
 - Inflation, current projects, lots got cut. Moved it, lets get projects in this year
 - Unknown: Through town Rawlins, extensive ADAs, ped safety, pretty bad shape.
 - Ryan: Urban jobs, look at curb gutter sidewalk – that is for the town to maintain

Comments received outside of meeting:

N/A: As of yet

Second meeting: Carbon County Council of Governments meeting in Sinclair

Hosted at the Sinclair Town Hall

Advertising the meetings:

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Who attended:

Non-WYDOT: Carbon County Commissioner Travis Moore, Saratoga Sun reporter Mike Armstrong, Rawlins mayor Terry Weickum, Saratoga Town Council member Jon Nelson, Hanna Mayor Lois Buchanan, Medicine Bow Mayor Sharon Biamon, Rawlins Mira Miller, Sinclair Vicki Gabelson, Sinclair Phyllis McWhorter, Riverside Mark Helwick, Sinclair Mayor Michelle Serres, Dixon Melodie Seilaff, Sinclair Brennan Dunlap, CCEDC Yvonne Johnson, Encampment Shannon Fagan

WYDOT: DCE Ryan Shields, Andrea Staley, Maintenance Area Supervisor Marty Mayfield

See Exhibit C for full sign-in sheet

Comments received during meeting:

Side 19 (Grant slide):

- Rep. Moore: What do you mean by a 'mega project'?
 - Ryan: Something like the I80-I25 interchange project in Cheyenne that costs over \$300 million

- Jon Nelson: I see that the TAP grant isn't on this slide
 - Ryan: We wanted to show all the newly added grants, the TAP grant items are due in July, possibly why that wasn't added.

Slide 26: Ryan opens the floor for comments before jumping into the presentation

- Vicki Gabelson: Question about the Fort Steele rest area. There are only two restrooms for when the road closes. Why was this location chosen? Where to go for food service too?
 - Ryan: It wasn't our first choice. Tried Elk Mountain area first and that wasn't working out. Then the area outside Sinclair but there were issues with the land owner. Because Federal money was being used, there was a time frame. Fort Steele was selected because we owned the land. It was a frustrating process.
- Vicki Gabelson: So you are adding more spaces, will you be adding to the facilities?
 - Marty Mayfield: There are no plans to expand the facilities, just the capacity in the parking area.

End of presentation: Ryan opens for further comments

- Rep. Travis Moore: Not a comments, just want to thank you for respecting our request to shorten the presentation. It is no reflection on the respect of the amount of work you all do in our communities, we just have short term memories about these kinds of things. It is very important to hold this presentation every year and I want to thank you for all the work everyone does.
- Jon Nelson: I had the pleasure of meeting with Director Reiner a few months ago, and in comparison to other DOT's, I really appreciate how WYDOT conducts business.
- Terry Weickum: Also want to thank you for all the care WYDOT is doing for the Rawlins pedestrian underpass. Greatly appreciated.

Comments received outside of meeting:

See Exhibit D for attached comments

Exhibits:

Exhibit A



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Exhibit D

Comment Form

WYDOT State Transportation Improvement Program



Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us in order to help us more thoroughly understand what is important to the community so that we can better address these points as we move forward.

Name: Charon Biamon
Address: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments:

It would be nice if the highway department would
repair hwy 487. they have resurfaced part of it
but did not repair the problems
It would also be nice to ~~high~~ Interstate 80
route closer to highway 30 so that the road
closures would be minimized.

Thank you for your input. Please leave your form at the comment table or mail to: Andrea Staley, WYDOT, 3411 South 3rd Street, Laramie, WY 82070; or email at andrea.staley@wyo.gov; or call 307-745-2142.

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Look at Lincoln through Sinclair

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Name: Miss Buchanan
Address: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Intersection of ^(Hwy 72) Hanks & Hwy 30 (milepost 254) is
an absolute nightmare! There are blind spots w/ upcoming
traffic. We have had several accidents @ that location
I personally was in very close call w/ school vehicle w/ students
on board. I would like to see some type of warning
lights, etc. - before we have a fatality.

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Located at Wyoming Game and Fish, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY

Advertising the meeting:

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Who attended:

Non-WYDOT: Andy Worshek Chief of Staff City of Cheyenne, Ben Collamer HDR, Jess Brisbois HDR, Jen Corso MPO, Todd Mattson HDR, Christopher Yancy MPO, Eve Hamilton Cap City News, Matthew Cortez FHWA

WYDOT: Ralph Tarango, Andrea Staley, Ryan Shields, Brian Erickson, Kevin Erickson, Wayne Shenfeld, Keith Fulton

See Exhibit C for full attendance sheet

Comments received during meeting:

Slide 16 (EV Slide):

- Ralph: Questions? No questions

Slide 27(End of overview):

- Matt Cortez: How much do each district get?
 - Ralph: Approx. \$50 million but it depends each year on the project. It is needs based, and project dependent. It's all a balancing act

Slide (overheight system):

- Fulton: How many times have they hit the I-80 BNSF and Parsley bridge?
 - Ryan: numerous

Slide 73: Open up for questions?:

- Andy Worshek: Air Force looking at leasing, how does that fit into your planning (EUL Development)? If that moves, from the city planning perspective
 - Ryan: Been on our radar for sometime, depends on the information that comes out. We have tracked the traffic impact studies on that section, have had it on our radar, we have that overlay project, We can always adjust our striping plan. We try to work with the developer to mitigate impacts.
 - Fulton: Where are you talking about?
 - Ryan: By the park and ride, by gate 2. It would be a great place for development. Please keep us in the loop, we will help however we can.

Slide: I/25- I80 Interchange:

- Worshek: Said it was delayed, what kind of timeline would that be?
 - Ralph: We have it at 30% design right now, and we have acquired the ROW, but we have put it into 100% design.
 - Fulton: We still have to acquire some ROW
 - Ralph: This is a multi year project that will need a significant grant. Still waiting on the grant process.

Slide Final:

- Ralph: Thank you for coming, we have great partners. Anything else?: N/A

Comments received outside of meeting:

None Cap City News attended meeting, see Exhibit B

Second meeting: work session with Laramie County Commissioners

Located at 310 W 19th Street in downtown Cheyenne

Advertising the meeting:

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Attendees:

Non-WYDOT: Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Tom Mason, Laramie County Public Works Director Molly Bennett, Laramie County Chief Deputy Clerk Dale Davis, County Commissioners Linda Heath, Buck Holmes, Troy Thompson, Gunnar Malm, Senior Transportation Planner for MPO Ginni Stevens, Assistant Director at LCPW John Poelma, Senior Transportation Engineer at Stantec Ben Weaver, see Exhibit C for full attendance sheet

WYDOT: District Engineer Ralph Tarango, District Public Involvement Specialist Andrea Staley District Construction Engineer Ryan Shields

Comments received during meeting:

Slide 8 (goals):

- Troy Thompson: Is that all throughout the state what are you doing about it (recruitment and retention)?
 - Ralph: Legislation session, the director put through pay raises and it went through
 - Thompson: Went through July 1, have you noticed a difference in applications?
 - Ralph: No
 - John Poelma: What about retention?
 - Ralph: We don't know yet about that. We have a revolving door a lot of the time. CDL issue is causing some problems. Don't really have a program to keep them yet.

Slide 11(WYDOT Overview):

- Buck Holmes: Thank you about the aeronautic, appreciate getting flights in and out. Helped a ton. Wanted to say thank you.

Slide 16 (EV):

- Thompson: If they don't allow it/ Is it an all or none?
 - Ralph: IDK, if they reject our plan, and if we don't have anyone wanting a station in Elk Mountain, we might be in trouble.
 - Thompson: It's a fascinating conversation, he's (director) done a good job talking about it
 - Ralph: We want to support tourism and allow the ability for them to come here and spend money. Have to see where that goes
- Thompson: Why the 50 miles?
 - Ralph: I don't know why they have the stipulation in that bill
 - Heath: Does that have something to do with the amount of power, towing?
 - Ralph: Possibly
- Molly Bennett: So there are 4 chargers per station?
 - Ralph: yep
 - Heath: How fast to charge?
 - Ralph: They are fast charging, requiring 150 kilowatts per port, 600 kilowatts per station.
 - Buck Holmes: Might want to do a licensing system, to charge them
 - Ralph: There is already an additional charge for the licensing. Remember if we don't use this money it just goes away. Anything else?

Slide 17(Bridge Formula Program):

- Buck Holmes: When you do that, are you going to reroute traffic on 224, or a temporary fill on Lodgepole. You have had a pretty heavy increase of people out there the last 3-4 years.
 - Ralph: We have done both in the past, right now, we are putting out an RFP for these designs, won't be ready until 2025, and hope the REs will be able to give the input at that.

- Buck: Don't need a big bridge out there at that point, just put 4 big culverts,
- Ralph: WYDOT always likes those over bridges
- John Poelma: From a water perspective culverts would work better
- Buck: Don't have to exactly replace what you got
- Ralph: Right, if a box makes sense then we will use a box

Slide 29(Parsley Bridge):

- Thompson: Talked to MPO, alert system for RR bridge?
 - Ryan: Yep! That should be in 2024

Slide 30(I-180/Warren Ave):

- Buck: Ask not just you, but the city, we have all these corner bulb-outs, ADA. We end up losing parking space when it comes out.
 - Ryan: It is a pedestrian safety treatment, that's usually why those are done. More downtown, but it does impact parking, so we coordinate that with the City.
 - Buck: Would it be more cost effective to do it the old way?
 - Ryan: Sometimes we can, but I hear what you're saying, it does come with a cost to parking, it is a balancing act.

Slide 33 (yellowstone signal):

- Molly: They get all the parts in?
 - Ryan: As of right now, all is still on schedule.

Slide 39 (US30/Dell Range):

- Malm: On that, the cost had already doubled for us, can't see why the cost inflation for the county and city. That was pre inflation, I don't know how we can afford to see it go higher.
 - Ryan: We share that initial fear, inflation upfront was not accounted for initially. We can sit down and discuss, there was scope growth and inflation that was not accounted for. We can sit down to discuss.
 - Thompson: If you come back saying it will be \$12 mil and we don't have the money, what is the point then? Will you abandon it?
 - Ryan: I don't think we can do that, it is a good project, we might have to discuss what parts are essential, possibly phasing?
 - Malm: Could be a question for the City or Tom, are we putting sidewalks in? Putting things in that are not necessarily county things?
 - Ryan: That might be more a Tom question, we are not putting sidewalks or bike paths
 - Molly: There could be some opportunity to do that value engineering
 - Malm: Just a fear, just seeing how rapidly that project has changed. The Sweetgrass underpass came up what we expected
 - Molly: This project is a perfect storm, went through a lot of different hands

- Ralph: Molly made a good point, went through a lot of hands, don't know what was promised along the way in those early discussions about the scope of work. We can go back and see what we absolutely have to get done.
- Malm: Doesn't need to be the Taj Mahal, just needs to accomplish the goal
- Tom Mason: Lots of important safety options with the growth out there. Doesn't need to be fancy, but all these improvements are important and safe. What is adding up to the cost are the changes that took place in the design and the designer, just taking too long to build it
- Molly: When did this conversation first start?
- Malm: Possibly around the US30 deaths, 2018? Make it a priority moving along.
- Linda Heath: Have reservations coming in on Dell Range.
 - Ryan: Yeah, we are looking at the grades and such
- Ben Weaver: Christensen connected to the interstate being a problem. Between where Dell Range will connect to US30....
 - Ryan: US 30 will be a 5 lane through there. It will still connect to the frontage road
 - Mason: There will be a traffic signal there now
 - Molly: Do you live out there? Do you see that?
 - Mason: New intersection at Dell Range, the slope is slight, shouldn't be an issue.
 - Heath: That will be fun to watch people get used to it.

Slide 46 (US 30):

- Thompson: Shoulders for bicyclists?
 - Ryan: 6 ft shoulders

Slide 48 (2024 Misc. Projects):

- Thompson: Longline tape?
 - Ryan: Yeah, they last 3+ years as opposed to 1.5 years

Slide 54:

- Buck: What's the difference between the high performance wear course and the regular wear course?
 - Ryan: It is a thicker, more durable application
 - Ralph: It takes a special paver too. They have to spray the oil before the pavement, to help it adhere better.

Slide 74 (I80/I25 interchange):

- Thompson: You did get a grant for design?
 - Ryan: To get us to this point.
 - Thompson: What type did you put in for? One to get it to completion?
 - Ryan: We haven't heard anything back yet.

Slide 78(grant):

- Mason: We put in for a few grants.
 - Ralph: Thank you for keeping the money down here and applying for it.
- Heath: Between Central and Dell Range. Any plans for slab replacements for that cobblestone selection?
 - Ralph: Not as of yet, but the city does have a project in that section that may address that
- Heath: Wanted to compliment Kevin Erickson, about the detour out there on I-180 and the slab replacement. Did such a great job, so easy to work with.
- Ralph: Further questions?
- John Poelma: County piggyback on your yearly salt/sand order?
 - Ralph: You can talk to me about that. You can request an ARS through me. If you need aggregate or whatever. Only thing I would remind is to include ICAP
- Molly: What about painting?
 - Ralph: We can do that too, just get an ARS with that.
 - Jon: Do you contract that out?
 - Ralph: We do our own
 - Molly: We were able to get on that bid and get that paint, looking to transition out our parking lot painter (Heath then asked Molly a direct question about their painting ops)
 - Ryan: I know there are a lot of contractors that would like to paint on our roads, and give you a bid.

Comments received outside of meeting:

N/A

Exhibits:

Exhibit A



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WYDOT to hold STIP meetings In July and August in Laramie, Albany & Carbon Counties

LARAMIE, Wyo. — The Wyoming Department of Transportation is scheduling its annual State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meetings this summer. District 1, which encompasses parts of Laramie, Albany and Carbon Counties, has meetings scheduled later this month.

The STIP outlines WYDOT's construction project schedule over the next six years. A dynamic plan, the STIP is updated every year to make sure it addresses both current and future needs.

District 1's STIP meeting schedule is as follows:

- Laramie County
 - o 1 p.m. August 2: A presentation to the Laramie County Commissioners in their Commission room located at 310 W 19th St. in Cheyenne
 - o 9 a.m. August 2: A public meeting held at the Wyoming Game and Fish's Elk room located at 5400 Bishop Ave. in Cheyenne
- Albany County
 - o 12 p.m. July 12: A public meeting at the WYDOT District Office conference room, located at 3411 S Third Street in Laramie
 - o 6 p.m. July 12: A presentation during a virtual work session with the Albany County Commissioners and Laramie City Council. Visit <https://cityoflaramie.org/68/City-Council> for the Zoom link information
- Carbon County
 - o 12 p.m. July 20: A public meeting at the WYDOT office conference room located at 301 Airport Road in Rawlins
 - o 4:30 p.m. July 20: A presentation during the Carbon County Council of Governments meeting at the Sinclair Rec. Hall, located at 502 Lincoln Ave. in Sinclair.

Please reach out to andrea.staley@wyo.gov for information on how to attend or for a calendar invite. Public comments about current or future construction projects, including project suggestions not included in the STIP, are accepted at each meeting or via email prior to a meeting.

For information about this news release, contact WYDOT District 1 public information specialist Andrea Staley at 307-745-2142 or andrea.staley@wyo.gov

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Laramie County has vast amount of road projects coming up, according to WYDOT District 1

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The projects are as follows:

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2022:

- **I-80, Parsley Bridge:** mile markers 0.79–1.08; structure replacement; estimated cost of \$4.4 million
- **Cheyenne Streets, I-80/Warren Avenue:** between Lincolnway and 24th Street; mill, overlay, plant mix wearing course, ADA upgrades, traffic signal replacement; estimated cost of \$3.6 million
- **U.S. 85/South Greeley Highway:** near Country West Road (mile markers 6.73–7.07); drainage repairs; estimated cost of \$600,000
- **Cheyenne Streets, WYO 219/Yellowstone Road:** intersection with Four Mile Road (mile marker 2); traffic signal installation; estimated cost of \$425,000

2023:

- **U.S. 30, Pine Bluffs East:** I-80 interchange to Nebraska state line (mile markers 401–403); mill, overlay, chip seal, railroad crossing, new RR crossing at Butler Avenue; estimated cost of \$3.1 million
- **I-80, Pine Bluffs West:** mile markers 393–400.5; level, mill, overlay, plant mix wearing course; estimated cost of \$9 million
- **I-80, Roundtop Interchange to Central Avenue:** mile markers 357–362; slab repairs, high-performance wear course, structure rehab; estimated cost of \$7.3 million
- **WYO 223/Terry Ranch Road:** between I-25 and U.S. 85 (mile markers 0–5.6); mill, overlay, chip seal, structure replacement; estimated cost of \$4.4 million
- **Cheyenne Streets, U.S. 30 and Dell Range:** City of Cheyenne and Laramie County Project; reconstruction, realign Dell Range, new intersection and signal with U.S. 30; estimated cost of \$7.1 million
- **I-25, U.S. 85 Interchange Acceleration Lane:** mile markers 16.64–17.24; extend acceleration lane, guardrail work; estimated cost of \$700,000 (HSIP funds)
- **Cheyenne Streets, Chalk Bluff Road:** mile markers 3.12–3.34; add left turn lane for southbound U.S. 85 to Chalk Bluff Road; estimated cost of \$400,000 (HSIP funds)
- **I-80 Cheyenne/BNSF, Over-height Warning System:** mile markers 360.5–363; ITS Installing over-height warning system; estimated cost of \$300,000

2024:

- **WYO 215, Pine Bluffs to Albin:** mile markers 0–10; mill, overlay, chip seal; estimated cost of \$5.1 million
- **Cheyenne Streets, WYO 212/College Drive:** I-25 to U.S. 85/South Greeley Highway (mile markers 0.14–2.71); mill, overlay, chip seal; estimated cost of \$4.1 million
- **Miscellaneous Safety Projects:** U.S. 85 longline tape (mile markers 7.3–8.4) — \$250,000; I-25 Central Avenue southbound on-ramp acceleration lane (mile markers 12.3–12.6) — \$700,000; I-25 closure gates (mile markers 18.98–21.35) — \$465,000; all projects paid with HSIP funds





- **Cheyenne Streets, Warren Avenue Phase II:** 24th Street to Pershing Boulevard (mile markers 10.27–10.76); mill, overlay, seal coat; estimated cost of \$1.8 million
- **I-80, Burns Section:** mile markers 382.15–393.40; slab repair, high-performance wear course, structure replacements; estimated cost of \$21.6 million
- **Laramie County Project, Pershing UPRR Bridge:** mile marker 8.21; structure removal; BROS project with County

2026:

- **Cheyenne Streets, Central Avenue:** between Pershing and 22nd Street (mile markers 10.10–10.70); mill, overlay, ADA upgrades, the traffic signal at 24th; estimated cost of \$2.8 million
- **Cheyenne Streets, College Drive:** between Fox Farm and Campstool Way (mile markers 5.36–6); remove and replace concrete pavement sections, bridge repair; estimated cost of \$10.1 million
- **Horse Creek Road:** I-25 Interchange to mile marker 8.32; mill and overlay; estimated cost of \$5.4 million
- **Bridge Replacements, Horse Creek Road:** bridge replacements; estimated cost of \$5.3 million

2027:

- **I-80 Service Road:** Archer to Hillsdale (mile markers 0–6.96); overlay, chip seal; estimated cost of \$6.7 million
- **WYO 214, Carpenter Road:** I-80 Interchange to Carpenter (mile markers .08–8.39); mill, overlay, chip seal; estimated cost of \$3.6 million
- **I-80, Otto Road Section EBL:** mile markers 348.5–357.7 (eastbound only); mill, overlay, wear course; estimated cost of \$8 million
- **I-80 Bridge Replacements, Pine Bluffs Service Road:** bridge replacements; estimated cost of \$6.6 million

2028:

- **I-80, Otto Road Section WBL:** mile markers 348.5–357.7 (westbound only); mill, overlay, wear course; estimated cost of \$8.1 million
- **WYO 210, Happy Jack West:** from I-25 west (mile markers 0–10.29); mill, overlay, chip seal; estimated cost of \$13.4 million
- **U.S. 85, Lodgepole Section:** mile markers 17–27; mill, overlay, chip seal plus overshoot; estimated cost of \$6.3 million
- **I-80 Pine Bluffs Marginal WBL:** mile markers 400.5–402.78 (westbound only); mill and overlay; estimated cost of \$2.9 million

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