

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person in Cheyenne on April 20, 2023. Chairwoman Holmes convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Chairwoman Susan Holmes, Sheridan
Vice Chair Jon Dolezal, Evanston
Commissioner Micheal Baker, Thermopolis *via Zoom*
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne *via Zoom*
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance *via Zoom*
Commissioner Brandt Lyman, Rock Springs
Commissioner Jim Willox, Douglas
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner
Interim Director Darin Westby

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; Colonel Timothy Cameron, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP); Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Bryan Wenger, Equipment Program Manager; Doug Jensen, MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Nate Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Hank Rettinger and Carlos Machado, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Brian Harnisch and Mike Dorssom, Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WYSAC); Representative Kevin O’Hearn; Senator Stephan Pappas; and Ashley Baker and April Hegge, MAHegge, LLC.

Other meeting attendees: Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; Carlie Van Winkle, Public Affairs; Matthew Groth, Public Affairs; Mark Ayen, District Two Engineer; John Eddins, District Three Engineer; Scott Taylor, District Four Engineer; John Davis, Management Services Manager; Chelsey Lindsay, Senior Budget Analyst; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Program Manager; Mattie Bray, Controller; Ali Ragan, Grants and Contracts Policy Program Manager; Pam Fredrick, Senior Budget Analyst; Rob Rodriguez, Program Performance; Julie Newlin, Program Performance Manager; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates Program Manager; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary; Katie Legerski, Association of General Contractors-Wyoming; Dustin Woods, FHWA.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairwoman Holmes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3A. April 20, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the April 20, 2023 Business Meeting minutes.

4A. Chair Appointee-Budget Subcommittee: It was moved by Commissioner Lyman, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Baker to the Budget Subcommittee.

5A. Remainder of 2023 Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Crank stated that he feels it would be appropriate to travel around Wyoming for future meetings. Chairwoman Holmes reminded the Commission of the meetings already scheduled for locations other than Cheyenne and that Service Award Luncheons have been scheduled based on when the Commission meets in Cheyenne.

Commissioner Willox stated it might be easier to change the July Zoom meeting to an in person, out of Cheyenne meeting.

Commissioner Crank suggested locations statewide for future Transportation Commission meetings in order to maximize contact with Wyoming citizens. Commissioner Hughes agreed, and requested that Interim Director Westby choose possible locations based on ongoing projects and present to the Commission in May.

5B. Setting and Approval of Agenda Items: Chairwoman Holmes reminded Commissioners of the deadlines to add items to the monthly agenda and submit documents for consideration. At this time, all Commissioners will need to contact Chairwoman Holmes before an item is added to the agenda.

5C. Director Candidate Search Update: Chairwoman Holmes advised that it had been discussed previously that a search committee would need to be formed to move forward with the Director Candidate search. The Governor's office will be providing guidance in the coming days regarding the search process and the Director's official job description and posting.

5D. Signature Authorization: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Vice Chair Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Willox, and carried to add Darin Westby as an authorized signatory, effective April 20, 2023.

7. Director's Report. Interim Director Westby introduced himself, including educational background, employment background, community involvement, and personal accomplishments. Westby also discussed his leadership style and emphasized integrity and honesty in everything. Interim Director Westby thanked the staff for their assistance during this transition time and is working to travel across the state to continue meeting staff.

Westby also discussed the WYDOT mission, vision, and values that are displayed prominently across WYDOT offices. Interim Director Westby also addressed the vacancy rate within WYDOT, recruitment efforts, and mentorship and leadership training.

6. Customer Satisfaction Survey Report: Brian Harnisch with WYSAC presented the results of the 2023 WYDOT Customer Satisfaction Survey. Mr. Harnisch discussed the history of the survey as well as the development and administration of the questionnaire and response rates.

Commission recessed to break at 9:51 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 10:00 a.m.

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

8B. Second Quarter Budget Revisions: Mr. Freier presented the Fiscal Year 2023 second quarter budget revisions.

It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Vice Chair Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 second quarter budget revisions.

8A. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 53 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 51 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

8C. Award of Procurement Services Bids. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Vice Chair Dolezal, and carried unanimously to move Bid Numbers 23-096AC, 23-103AC, 23-110RE, 23-112RE, 23-114RE, 23-123AC, 23-133NG, 23-142RE, and 23-143RE to a consent list.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Vice Chair Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve, by consent, the following:

- Bid 23-096AC to furnish a district complex roof replacement to the department located in Rock Springs. The bid was awarded to 3rd Generation Construction, LLC, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the sum of \$378,985.00.
- Bid 23-103AC to furnish air handler unit removal and replacement at the Driver Services building to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to 1939 Sheet Metal Products, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$269,400.00.
- Bid 23-110RE to furnish 27 new eight (8) cubic yard stainless steel dump body for class eight (8) tandem axle trucks to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Ameritec Equipment, of Evansville, Wyoming, for the sum of \$482,679.00.
- Bid 23-112RE to furnish 27 new 13 foot self-unloading stainless steel abrasive material spreader to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to CMI-TECO, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$609,417.00.
- Bid 23-114RE to furnish 18 new 12 foot power reverse parallel lift snow plow to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to CMI-TECO, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$289,800.00.

- Bid 23-123AC to furnish guardrail repair and associated work to departments located in District Three. The bid was awarded to Generation X, Inc., of Sheridan, Wyoming, for the sum of \$301,489.40.
- Bid 23-133NG to furnish 8,600 tons of aggregate gravel to the departments located in Baggs and Walcott. The bid was awarded to E.T. Technologies, Inc., of Salt Lake City, Utah, for the sum of \$390,075.00.
- Bid 23-142RE to furnish two (2) new and most current model diesel wheel tractor with backhoe and loader to departments located statewide. The bid was awarded to Wyoming Machinery Company, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$319,400.00.
- Bid 23-143RE to furnish two (2) new and most current model four (4) wheel mechanical street sweeper to departments located statewide. The bid was awarded to Ameritech Equipment Company, of Evansville, Wyoming, for the sum of \$609,600.00.

Mr. Byrne reminded the Commission of previous difficulties obtaining fleet vehicles based on short ordering banks from various manufacturers. Procurement Services presented a process to obtain vehicles based on low mark-up rather than low bid at previous meeting, and the process has been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Commissioner Willox requested that future proposals include the amount of vehicles being procured.

Commissioner Crank expressed concern regarding the status of prior bids. Mr. Byrne advised that prior awarded bids are still progressing but delivery delays are still being seen. All bids previously awarded have been integrated with bids received under the new procurement system to avoid ordering more vehicles than needed. Mr. Byrne clarified that the new procurement system addresses the ordering of Model Year 2024 vehicles, and previously awarded bids were for Model Year 2023 vehicles.

Mr. Wenger clarified for the Commission that his department is constantly in contact with dealer manufacturers so that orders can be placed promptly during those times ordering banks are open.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Commissioner Lyman, and carried to award Bid 23-122RE to vendors identified as having the lowest mark-up on needed vehicles and based on the first ordering bank that opens, by manufacturer. *Commissioner Crank voted against this motion.*

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Vice Chair Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Lyman, and carried unanimously to award Bid 23-124NG to furnish lagoon liner replacement to the department located in Fort Steele to the low bidder, E.T. Technologies, Inc., of Salt Lake City, Utah. The bid was awarded for the sum of \$390,075.00.

Mr. Byrne explained that the lowest bid received for bid 23-124NG was above the originally budgeted amount, but savings from another project would offset the overage.

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

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): The FHWA recently extended the comment period for the waiver of Build America, Buy America (BABA) program requirements by 30 days. This ensures all affected parties have adequate time to submit their comments. WYDOT previously submitted comments along with a five state coalition.

Mr. Gillett advised that WYDOT recently submitted a low or no emission vehicle program and bus/bus facility program grant application on behalf of Teton County.

The Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant Program through the USDOT recently published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023, which is due July 10th. The WYDOT Local Government office has sent information out regarding this program to all contacts, as this grant is not open to local entities.

The NOFO for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program is now available for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$111.85 million. This is open nationwide, and grant applications are due August 1st and come with a requirement of a minimum 20% match. WYDOT has met with the Wyoming Game and Fish and selected the US 189 Kemmerer-Evanston project to submit for this funding opportunity. WYDOT plans to request \$25 million in overall project costs. The Kemmerer-Evanston project currently encompasses one overpass and four to six underpasses.

Mr. Gillett also advised the Commission that WYDOT recently received a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program grant. This grant will pay for the reconstruction of two bridges over I-80 west of Cheyenne that go over the main Union Pacific Railroad line. Mr. Gillett thanked John Davis and all involved staff for all their efforts to obtain this grant.

Annual WASHTO Committee on Construction and Materials: Mr. Gillett recently attended the annual WASHTO Committee on Construction and Materials, which took place March 28th-30th. Topics covered at this meeting included workforce issues, project scheduling flexibility, materials availability, DOT inspectors, and the need for accurate, comprehensive plans that would reduce costs.

During this meeting, it was also presented that contractors prefer design/build over any alternative contracting methods. Contractors were complimentary to WYDOT evaluations and

inspectors. However, contractors are also having a hard time meeting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals.

Mr. Gillett advised the Commission that in 2020, the work industry with the most amount of suicides was construction, which includes DOT inspectors.

Agile Chariot: WYDOT and various military partners continue to plan for the Agile Chariot exercise, which will see aircraft landing on two different highways at two different times. Mr. Gillett has signed the agreement to execute this exercise.

9Ai. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the April 13, 2023 letting.

Federal Project STP-CR-CN09065 involving bituminous surfacing, grading, drainage, traffic control, milling and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.10 miles on CR 16 ½ US 310 in Big Horn County. Completion Date: September 30, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,964,372.75	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$3,527,321.79	-11.0%
Century Companies, Inc., Lewistown, MT	\$3,812,312.80	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$4,332,007.83	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Willox, 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 this decision.

Federal Project NHPPI-WL12305 involving fencing, traffic control, grading and miscellaneous work on approximately 6.60 miles along I-80 beginning at RM 245.94 between Rawlins and Laramie in Carbon County. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,281,000.00	
MAHegge, LLC, Mills, WY	\$2,260,790.00	-0.9%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$2,460,010.00	
U.S. Fence Solutions Company, LLC, Erie, CO	\$3,077,905.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Lyman, seconded by Vice Chair Dolezal, and carried unanimously that MAHegge, LLC, of Mills, 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 PRT-1507046 involving traffic control, grading, surfacing, bituminous surfacing, guardrail, drainage, seeding/erosion control and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.10 mile

on (Chief Joseph Highway) WYO 296 beginning at RM 18.7 in Park County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$1,964,485.00	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$2,057,196.00	4.7%
Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY	\$2,357,683.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried that Oftedal Construction, Inc., of Casper, 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 HSIP-B239029 involving signing, traffic control and miscellaneous work at various locations in Johnson and Natrona Counties. Completion Date: September 30, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$809,790.00	
Superior Sign & Supply, LLC, Casper, WY	\$498,374.00	-38.5%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$788,436.50	
Keyhole Technologies, LLC, Casper, WY	\$1,064,305.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Vice Chair Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried that Superior Sign & Supply of Casper, 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 HSIP-P261035 involving electrical, traffic control and miscellaneous work on the intersection of WYO 130 and 230 just west of Laramie in Albany County. Completion Date: May 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$166,823.00	
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$140,015.00	-16.1%
DELTA WYE, Inc., Gillette, WY	\$159,068.50	
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$201,629.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Vice Chair Dolezal, 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.

9Aii. April 2023 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Fulton presented the April 2023 STIP Addendum.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Vice Chair Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the April 2023 STIP addendum.

9Aiii. Right of Way Relinquishment Resolution: It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lyman, and carried unanimously that the following Resolution for Relinquishment be approved.

RESOLUTION FOR RELINQUISHMENT

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

WHEREAS, a portion of Wyoming Department of Transportation's right-of-way for 17 Mile Road Extension, Fremont County, Wyoming, established under Wyoming State Highway Federal Aid Project No. 0703011 is no longer needed for state highway or public use purposes. Said portion being described as follows:

PARCEL 20-000346:

Parcel 1

All that portion of Allotment No. 1814-A, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T.1S., R.1E., W.R.M., Fremont County, Wyoming, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the west 1/16 corner between Sections 4 and 9, monumented by a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch G.L.O. brass cap 1913, as shown on Record of Survey prepared by Randall S. Stelzner, PLS 5134, recorded on August 11, 2010 as Document No. 2010-1336357, Pages 184-184E from which the south quarter corner of said Section 4 bears N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 1,297.09 feet, monumented by a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aluminum cap;

thence along the westerly boundary of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. 00°43'42.9" E. a distance of 73.05 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of 17 Mile Road, on a non-tangent circular curve concave southerly, the radius of which is 575.00 feet and a line tangent to said curve bears N. 82°02'09.9" E;

thence easterly along said right-of-way line and curve through a central angle of 06°47'50.0", arc distance of 68.21 feet, chord bearing of N. 85°26'04.9" E. and a chord distance of 68.17 feet;

thence continuing along said right-of-way line N. 88°49'59.8" E. a distance of 1,108.22 feet to the existing westerly right-of-way boundary of Wyoming State Highway No. 132, on a non-tangent circular curve concave westerly, the radius of which is 2,789.79 feet and a line tangent to said curve bears S.12°33'08.0" E.;

thence southerly along said existing right-of-way boundary and curve through a central angle of 01°32'03.6", arc distance of 74.71 feet, chord bearing of S. 11°47'06.2" E. and chord distance of 74.71 feet to a point on the southerly boundary of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

thence along said southerly boundary S. 88°39'33.2" W. a distance of 1,192.47 feet to the point of beginning,

The above described parcel of land contains 89,036 square feet (2.044 acres), more or less.

Parcel 2

All that portion of Allotment No.'s T3002, T1861-C & T044, located in the N½NW¼ of Section 9 and SW¼SW¼ of Section 4, T.1S., R.1E., W.R.M., Fremont County, Wyoming, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the west 1/16 corner between said Sections 4 and 9, monumented by a 2½ inch G.L.O. brass cap 1913, as shown on Record of Survey prepared by Randall S. Stelzner, PLS 5134, recorded on August 11, 2010 as Document No. 2010-1336357, Pages 184-184E from which the north quarter corner of said Section 9 bears N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 1,297.09 feet, monumented by a 1½ inch aluminum cap;

thence along the northerly boundary of said Allotment No. T3002 and the NE¼NW¼ of said Section 9 N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 648.54 feet to the northeast corner of said allotment;

thence along the easterly boundary of said allotment S. 00°26'17.8" E. a distance of 74.93 feet to a point on the southerly right-of-way line of 17 Mile Road;

thence along said right-of-way line S. 88°49'59.8" W. a distance of 577.12 feet to the point of beginning of a circular curve concave southerly, the radius of which is 425.00 feet;

thence westerly along said right-of-way line and curve through a central angle of 26°06'27.1", arc distance of 193.66 feet, chord bearing of S. 75°46'46.3" W. and a chord distance of 191.99 feet;

thence continuing along said right-of-way line S. 62°43'32.9" W. a distance of 0.11 of a foot to a point on the northeasterly right-of-way line of Wyoming State Highway No. 132;

thence along said right-of-way line N. 27°16'27.1" W. a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of said 17 Mile Road;

thence along said right-of-way line of 17 Mile Road N. 62°43'32.9" E. a distance of 0.11 of a foot to the point of beginning of a circular curve concave southerly, the radius of which is 575.00 feet;

thence continuing easterly along said right-of-way line and curve through a central angle of 19°18'37.1", arc distance of 193.79 feet, chord bearing of N. 72°22'51.3" E. and a chord distance of 192.88 feet to a point on the easterly boundary of said Allotment No. T044 and SW¼SW¼ of Section 4;

thence along said easterly boundary S. 00°43'42.9" W. a distance of 73.05 feet to the point of beginning.

Tribal Tract No. 1861-C contains 14,154 square feet (0.324 acres), more or less.

Tribal Tract No. T044 contains 9,461 square feet (0.217 acres), more or less.

Tribal Tract No. T3002 contains 48,110 square feet (1.104 acres), more or less.

The total above described parcel of land contains 71,725 square feet (1.647 acres), more or less.

Parcel 3

All that portion of Allotment No. 1861-D, located in the NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of Section 9, T.1S., R.1E., W.R.M., Fremont County, Wyoming, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the west 1/16 corner between Sections 4 and 9, monumented by a 2½ inch G.L.O. brass cap 1913, as shown on Record of Survey prepared by Randall S. Stelzner, PLS 5134, recorded on August 11, 2010 as Document No. 2010-1336357, Pages 184-184E from which the north quarter corner of said Section 9 bears N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 1,297.09 feet, monumented by a 1½ inch aluminum cap;

thence along the northerly boundary of said NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 648.54 feet to the northwest corner of said allotment, **THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;**

thence along the northerly boundary of said allotment and NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ N. 88°39'33.2" E. a distance of 324.27 feet to a point on the easterly boundary of said allotment;

thence along said easterly boundary S. 00°35'51.3" E. a distance of 75.91 feet to a point on the southerly right-of-way line of 17 Mile Road;

thence along said right-of-way line S. 88°49'59.8" W. a distance of 324.47 feet to a point on the westerly boundary of said allotment;

thence along said westerly boundary N. 00°26'17.8" W. a distance of 74.93 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 24,461 square feet (0.562 of an acre), more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming hereby relinquishes the above-described land to The Wind River Inter-Tribal Council Department of Transportation (WRITC DOT) for under provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126.

Commission recessed to break at 11:12 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 11:16 a.m.

9B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Engineering and Operations Conference: Construction and maintenance staff recently held the Engineering and Operations Conference April 4th-6th in Cheyenne at Little America. There were over 400 attendees, including WYDOT employees and partners. Several breakout sessions were held during this event, and Mr. DeHoff thanked Kent Ketterling, Marcus Anderson, and their teams for their hard work in organizing the conference.

Maintenance: Crews continue to complete winter operations. Equipment is being prepared to open several of the seasonally closed roads throughout the state. Currently, US 14/16/20 to the east gate of Yellowstone National Park is open, and WYO 77 north of Medicine Bow will be open soon. Crews are beginning to transition to summer operations, which include fence work and surface repair activities. However, they remain at the ready for any additional snowfall that may occur.

Natural Avalanches: The above average snowpack and warming temperatures have caused recent natural avalanches in the Snake and Hoback Canyons. Mitigation missions have been successfully performed based on forecasts.

Snow Plow Damage: Three snow plows have been hit since the March Commission report. The total for the year is 25.

Snow Water Equivalent: The snow water equivalent is a common snowpack measurement used to gauge the amount of liquid amount of water within snowpack, and is equal to the amount of water contained when it melts. The vast majority of Wyoming is above normal, with the northwest corner having 100-125%, the southwest corner is at 120-160%, the northeast corner is at 120-160%, and the southeast corner is at 75-120% of normal. There are flooding concerns, and WYDOT continues to monitor any issues that arise.

There was recently minor flooding in Elk Mountain, and several WYDOT owned homes were at risk. WYDOT is working with local partners to remove snow and mitigate damage in Elk Mountain.

US 20 and 789: A junior slide recently dumped materials into both lanes, near the south end of Wind River Canyon and Boysen Dam. The slide location is 14 miles north of Shoshoni and two miles south of the tunnels in Wind River Canyon. Both lanes were cleared with a plow truck and loader, and an additional 40 yards of material were moved from the shoulder. WYDOT engineers and geologists have surveyed the area and recommended rock scaling. Bids are being secured from vendors and will be executing an emergency contract according to policy soon.

Maintenance: Maintenance staff recently held a Maintenance Leadership Academy in Cheyenne. This is training for up and coming leaders in the maintenance program, and is put on by maintenance staff engineers.

Construction: There are currently 26 active construction projects across the state. Projects will begin to ramp up in the next few weeks, as weather permits.

Districts are preparing next year's STIP, and Mr. DeHoff will have more information in the upcoming months.

Association of General Contractors-Wyoming (AGC-WYO): The AGC-WYO and WYDOT recently had a structure subcommittee meeting to collaborate on bridge rehabilitation techniques to modernize bridge deck repair and removal.

Traffic: Crews are finishing winter maintenance on striping equipment and in some locations, programs have begun. Mr. DeHoff advised that paint suppliers have adequate amounts of paint available, so an emergency striping plan should not be needed.

Shops: Mechanics are transitioning from repairing winter equipment to summer equipment.

Two of the eight new snow rotaries have been delivered to Sundance and Rawlins. Training has been held for WYDOT staff, and Mr. DeHoff thanked the Commission for approving the purchase of the rotaries.

The rigging shop has received five of 26 Mack tandem axle trucks from Fiscal Year 2022.

Mr. DeHoff advised that WYDOT will receive the previously approved 27 Freightliner tandem axle trucks tentatively in November or December 2023.

Facilities: All facilities and rest areas are open at this time.

HDR Engineering will be giving a presentation to Executive Staff regarding potential locations for the Transportation Management Center (TMC) and Highway Patrol Dispatch Center. In the near future, a design consultant will be hired to start the design process.

The Town of Jackson and Teton County School District have renewed their agreement for wastewater fees, which will allow WYDOT to negotiate with the Teton County School District for fees for WYDOT owned employee housing.

10. Colonel Cameron presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through March 31, 2023, includes 25 fatal crashes involving 32 deaths. The fatalities include 6 rollover crashes, 22 multi-car crashes, 0 fixed-object crashes, 0 motorcycle crashes, 0 all-terrain vehicle crashes, 2 snowmobile crashes, and 2 pedestrian crashes. Of the 25 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2023, 14 involved commercial vehicles.

There was 1 fatal crash deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 1 death through March 2023.

Of the 32 deaths this year, 10 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 2 involving rollover crashes, 8 involving multi-car collisions, and 0 involving fixed objects. Five of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Five perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 25 fatal crashes so far this year, 28 of those drivers had no distractions. In 14 of the reported crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 25 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 13 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 9 occurred on interstate highways, and 3 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the 25 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 7 had multiple fatalities.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 12 vehicle crashes in 2023, which resulted in 13 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2023 are as follows:

Sunday	5 crashes
Monday	2 crashes
Tuesday	5 crashes
Wednesday	4 crashes
Thursday	1 crashes
Friday	4 crashes
Saturday	4 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2023 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	2 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	3 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	15 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	5 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 33 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 36 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 0 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 63 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were drivers.
- 31 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were passengers.
- 25 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 15 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.

- 19 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

There were 1,931 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2023.

11. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report, beginning with the March 2023 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

FAA Re-Authorization: Congress continues to work on the FAA authorization, and numerous hearings have been held on relevant topics including the pilot shortage and challenges small communities face regarding air service.

FAA Administrator: Confirmation hearings were held on March 1, 2023 for Phillip Washington, current Denver International Airport CEO and President Biden-nominated candidate for FAA Administrator. Mr. Washington did withdraw his candidacy, and President Biden will be nominating another candidate.

Division Updates: Design and plan reviews are being wrapped up, and Aeronautics is moving in to the bidding process.

Air Service: Load factors in March were very strong. April numbers look promising, and numbers should increase throughout the summer. Hiring continues at a strong pace at the national level, but regional airlines continue to struggle in this area.

Mr. Olsen also advised that SkyWest recently added two flights a week to Riverton and Rock Springs.

12. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,782 personnel as of April 11, 2023, compared to 1,781 a month ago and 1,780 one year ago.

Recruitment: Mr. Rossetti will present more information regarding recruitment efforts and statistics at the May 2023 Commission meeting.

Exempt Plates: WYDOT staff is currently examining the possibility of consolidating exempt license plates, as there are 15 different types across the state.

Legislative Matters: The permanent trailer plates authorized by House Bill 41 have been designed and computer programming to issue these registrations is being developed.

The breast cancer license plate decals and women veteran decals also authorized in the last Legislative session have been designed and will be available July 1st.

The organ donation license plate is also currently pending design finalization, and the plates will be available beginning July 1, 2025.

Senate File 20 was also passed, which allows WYDOT to use black and white or color photos on driver's license, and goes in to effect on July 1, 2023.

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

WyoLink Update: Mr. Smolinski reported that the construction schedule for the remaining sites depends on weather and WYDOT employees continue to monitor the sites for possible access.

RIS Replacement Update: WYDOT staff is working to move the contract process forward. WYDOT will meet with vendors and the Attorney General's office in the near future.

Portable Radio: Portable radios are being deployed for Highway Patrol and maintenance crews. WYDOT technicians are upgrading the maintenance crew radios, and a specialized vendor is installing the new Highway Patrol radios. Mr. Smolinski thanked all involved staff for their willingness to assist in this project and take on additional work.

Survey: Mr. Smolinski stated that the communication items listed on the Customer Satisfaction Survey are at expected levels. However, due to changes in Twitter's requirements, WYDOT accounts will be terminated due to high fees.

14. May 2023 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the May 2023 meeting is currently scheduled to be held in person in Sheridan, in conjunction with the Wyoming Trucking Association annual meeting.

15B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Crank welcomed the new Commissioners and stated he is pleased with the current direction WYDOT is headed in. Commissioner Hughes also welcomed the new Commissioners and Interim Director Westby. Commissioner Baker thanked all for the welcome to the Commission. Vice Chair Dolezal also welcomed Interim Director Westby, as did Commissioner Willox. Commissioner Willox also requested that adjustments be made to the meeting schedule to allow for discussion and business to be properly discussed. Commissioner Lyman stated he is looking forward to his term as Commissioner and helping move WYDOT forward.

19. Chairwoman Holmes adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 2023.