

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person in Cheyenne on June 15, 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  
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne  
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); Chelsey Lindsay, Senior Budget Analyst; 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); Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Doug Jensen, State Contracts and Estimates Engineer; Debbie Lopez, Motor Vehicle Services Manager; Troy McAlpine, Port of Entry Quality Control Analyst; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Nate Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Representative Kevin O’Hearn; Senator Stephan Pappas; Senator Eric Barlow.

Other meeting attendees: Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; Matt Groth, Public Affairs; Mark Ayen, District Two Engineer; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Program Manager; Ali Ragan, Grants and Contracts Policy Program Manager; Pam Fredrick, Senior Budget Analyst; Julie Newlin, Program Performance Manager; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairwoman Holmes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Changes to Agenda: Chairwoman Holmes advised that agenda items six and seven would be discussed in reverse order to accommodate guests that wish to speak regarding the topic of Ports of Entry and Commercial Vehicles.
- 3A. May 11, 2023 Executive Session Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the May 11, 2023 Executive Session minutes.

3B. May 11, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Commissioner Lyman, and carried unanimously to approve the May 11, 2023 Business Meeting minutes.

4. Correspondence: Secretary Casner summarized the letter received from the City of Sheridan regarding the proposed approval for an Electronic Message Center sign. Interim Director Westby explained that the letter was brought to the Commission in order to obtain guidance on how to handle similar letters received in the future, as there are several similar letters received every month. Commissioner Crank stated that he doesn't believe the Commission needs to see letters regarding local entities completing zoning and planning changes, and that WYDOT should handle similar letters internally in the future. Commissioners Willox and Baker agreed and advised that the Director and District Engineer should use their discretion with any future letters.

7A. General Update. Interim Director Westby advised that he has been traveling very frequently since the last Commission meeting, and has been able to meet several WYDOT employees and see many WYDOT offices and shops. He has been able to attend many of the Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations around the state and encouraged Commissioners to attend upcoming events if they are able.

Interim Director Westby also recently attended an Aeronautics Commission meeting in District Five and visited many of the facilities there. Westby was also able to present a Lifesaving Award to WYDOT employee Brian Martin from the Lander area.

There was also recently a Fallen Law Enforcement Ceremony to honor those in law enforcement that have passed away in the line of duty that Interim Director Westby attended. The ceremony was well attended.

Interim Director Westby also recently attended the Joint Transportation, Highways, and Military Affairs Committee meeting in Douglas. There were several items on the Joint Transportation agenda that required further research by WYDOT, and John Davis and other WYDOT employees have been working on the data that can be presented to the Committee at a later time. Semi-truck blow overs were discussed, as well as driver education on closures. Differential speeds were a topic at the meeting, as were weight restrictions the amount of closures this past winter, and funding applied to I-80. Legislators are considering an increase in diesel fuel tax, although there is a focus on possibly exempting Wyoming citizens. Funding sources are also being considered to address revenue issues. Commercial Driver Licenses, license downgrades, hazmat load age requirements, and medical card validity lengths are also being considered for future bill topics. Electric vehicles and how to assess fair, equitable associated charges are being considered by both WYDOT and the Legislature. WYDOT's spending authority policies were also discussed, and several other WYDOT policies will be submitted to the Committee as time did not allow for discussion.

Several meetings have also been held with members of the Broadband industry regarding right of way, and more information will be available in the coming months.

Westby recently also attended a Board meeting for the Wyoming State Fair, as well as a Vigilant Guard exercise that helps prepare multiple several agencies statewide for disastrous events.

*Commissioner Hughes joined the meeting at 8:54 a.m.*

In the coming weeks, Interim Director Westby will be meeting with the Telecommunications Association. There will also be a public comment hearing on the Chapter 12 proposed rules for Wildlife Conservation plates.

At the request of Chairwoman Holmes, Interim Director Westby reminded the Commission of the history of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program and what had been previously approved in Wyoming. Westby explained that upon further examination of the risk profile for the State of Wyoming, WYDOT has chosen to not go forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) at this time. The funding provided by the program would pay for the construction of the charging stations as well as five years of operations and maintenance, but after the five year period the contractor would be responsible for all costs. If the contractor decided not to pay the costs, WYDOT would be responsible for the removal of the charging station and reimbursement of original costs to the Federal Government. Commissioner Baker questioned how the decision to not go forward occurred. Interim Director Westby advised that the decision was made internally after consultation with the Governor's office. Commissioner Crank stated that he believes that the Commission was not involved in making decisions previously regarding NEVI, and thanked Interim Director Westby for pausing participation in the program. Commissioner Baker suggested that there be more Commission involvement in the coming months regarding any NEVI decisions. Commissioner Lyman questioned if it is possible the program could be amended in the future and future discussions with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Interim Director Westby agreed that it is possible the program could be amended, especially since it is being noticed across the country that Wyoming is pulling back from participation in the project at this time. Commissioner Willox asked for further information regarding the RFP process as well as possible bonding of contractors for NEVI installations to avoid future issues. Commissioner Crank suggested a working group of Commissioners to provide input and assist in future decisions regarding NEVI projects.

Interim Director Westby also briefed the Commission on the upcoming Budget Subcommittee meeting as well as Executive Staff Strategic Planning efforts and ideas.

**7B. Ports of Entry and Commercial Vehicles:** Interim Director Westby advised the Commission of the history of Ports of Entry and commercial vehicles in Northeast Wyoming and some concerns that had been brought forth by members of the public, the contracting industry, the trucking association, and the Legislature. A significant amount of citations have been issued through the Ports in the Northeast area, and data was requested regarding contacts with commercial vehicles. Fairness in the application of rules was also brought up. A meeting regarding these issues was held on June 14, and Colonel Cameron was in attendance. Potential solutions were identified, and there will be a focus on education and enforcement moving forward. Commissioner Willox asked if there were recent changes that brought these issues to

the forefront. Colonel Cameron explained that there were personnel changes and interpretation of standards and enforcement.

Commissioner Lyman stated that he recently received a complaint from a company in his district that does nationwide trucking and felt that they are not treated consistently with the same equipment at each port across Wyoming. Colonel Cameron agreed, and advised that there may be disparities due to the human element and the fact that not all ports have the same equipment and technology. Colonel Cameron also encouraged the Commission to bring any complaints forward to him so that he can address them and avoid future issues.

*Commissioner Hughes left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.*

Commissioner Crank addressed intrastate truck traffic enforcement versus interstate truck traffic enforcement. Colonel Cameron advised that is something that is being addressed in several ways, including by changing signs and possibly changing bypass agreements.

Commissioner Willox asked Senator Barlow if he believes there is now a path forward to solve the current issues or if there is something that is being missed. Senator Barlow stated that he has visited with other members of the Legislature regarding this issue, and is in agreement with what Colonel Cameron has said about the June 14 meeting and the path forward. Senator Barlow explained that the first time he had heard of any issues regarding increased citations at Ports of Entry in Northeast Wyoming was from a Circuit Court Administrator who questioned the increase. Barlow also recommended discussing the purpose of a Port of Entry, and safety, educational and compliance efforts.

Commissioner Willox requested an update from Interim Director Westby and Colonel Cameron if anything occurs before the next Commission meeting.

*Commission recessed to break at 10:07 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 10:15 a.m.*

Interim Director Westby advised that the NEVI plan has to be re-submitted to the FHWA in August 2023, and it is unclear what the application will look like. Westby recommended establishing a Commission working group to assist with this submission. Chairwoman Holmes agreed, and recommended appointing two Commissioners to the working group. Commissioner Crank nominated Chairwoman Holmes and Commissioner Willox to the working group, however, Chairwoman Holmes declined. Commissioners Lyman volunteered to be the second member of the working group.

6A. Director Candidate Search Update: Chairwoman Holmes advised that the position has been posted and will run through the end of June. The position has been posted in several areas, including WASHTO and AASHTO sites. There are currently 19 applicants, and she expects interviews to take place July 13 and 14 in Cheyenne. The committee will interview up to six candidates and then recommend a minimum of three candidates to the Commission. The Human

Resources Division (HRD) is formulating the interview questions and qualitative ranking process. All interviews will be recorded and made available to the entire Commission, and should last approximately an hour to an hour and a half each.

6B. Commissioner Report-Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee Meeting, May 25-26: Commissioner Willox recently attended the Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee Meeting held in Douglas and updated the Commission regarding discussion around Adopt-A-Highway signs, interstate versus intrastate Commercial Driver Licenses, a WYDOT efficiency study, and Legislative oversight of Executive Staff.

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

8A. Monthly Budget Report: Ms. Lindsay presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 66 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 62 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

8B. Award of Procurement Services Bids.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Lyman, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to award Bid 23-145RE to furnish Port of Entry roof replacement to the department located in Evanston to the low bidder, WS Construction, LLC, of Paradise, UT. The bid was awarded for the sum of \$289,000.00.

Mr. Byrne explained that the bid received for bid 23-145EW was above the originally budgeted amount, but savings from another project as well as re-prioritization of other projects would offset the overage.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to award Bid 23-150AC to furnish propane and delivery services to departments statewide, to low bidders for sites 1-29 as listed in the bid documents. Mr. Byrne recommended that for sites 30-35 the bid be awarded to the second low bidder as listed in the bid documents as a bid bond was not submitted by the low bidder. The bids were awarded for the sum of \$376,398.60.

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

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): WYDOT continues to evaluate projects that might fit the criteria for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program. This grant applies to resiliency projects, and is open to state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, Native American tribes, and other transportation entities and is very competitive.

WYDOT is also investigating possible participation in a grant program focused towards asphalt enhancement and improvement projects, specifically the extraction of asphalt from coal. This

would most likely be accomplished by working with the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Research Institute, and would total \$5 million paid out over several years. There would be a small matching requirement, and WYDOT would work with the Governor's office to cover that amount needed. Commissioner Lyman clarified that the extraction would be the binder for the asphalt from the coal.

WYDOT has also shared information recently with local governmental entities regarding the Safe Streets and Roads For All grant program as well as the PROTECT grant program.

Governor Gordon, in conjunction with Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis, has set up a federal funding summit for local governments where participants will learn to apply for discretionary grants and federal requirements.

WASHTO Conference: The Western Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (WASHTO) recently held their annual meeting, and primarily focused on equity, resiliency, carbon reduction, electric vehicles, climate change, and data management. Mr. Gillett attended the Board of Directors meeting, and agreed with the main focus topics that were discussed at that meeting, which were safety and alternate funding sources.

Change Orders and Emergency Contract: Mr. Gillett presented change orders that he has recently approved to the Commission. The first change order, change order nine, for \$308,000 was on an I-80 build project and reduced the super elevation on road curve where an approach was needed into a truck parking area. The second change order, for \$249,000, was on I-90 south of Sheridan where two slides appeared in a previously repaired area.

Mr. Gillett also presented a project, which will need to be performed under an emergency contract. This project is a bridge project on WYO 450, where the concrete pedestals that hold up the abutments, rockers, and girders are cracking. Mr. Gillett hopes that this emergency contract can occur in July.

Project STP CR CN0965: Big Horn County Road 16 ½, also called the Georgia Pacific Road, is a Commission Road Improvement Program (CRIP) project. Big Horn County has recently requested to extend the project limits as well as funding by a change order. Mr. Gillett explained the history of the project, and explained that if approved, the total cost to WYDOT would be \$4.25 million.

It was moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to accept Big Horn County's request as presented. *Commissioner Lyman voted against this motion.*

9Ai. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the June 8, 2023 letting.

Federal Project PRT-ND42202 involving structure, traffic control, drainage and miscellaneous work on US 14 at RM 69.80 just west of Ranchester in Sheridan County. Completion Date: November 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,753,027.00	
Coggins & Sons, Inc., Littleton, CO	\$3,491,746.36	-7.0%
Condon-Johnson & Associates, Inc., Oakland, CA	\$3,857,313.00	
Donald B. Murphy Contractors, Inc., Federal Way, WA	\$4,058,213.21	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$4,604,194.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Willox, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and carried unanimously that Coggins & Sons, Inc., of Littleton, Colorado, 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.

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

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

9B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Maintenance: All three passes closed for the winter were open before Memorial Day.

Operations: Normal summer operations are occurring, including asphalt patching, chip sealing, mowing, cleaning up ditches, repairing delineation guardrail, and fencing.

The state hot plant is currently in Guernsey and is producing mix for District Two crews. The hot plant will move to District One when District Two projects are complete.

Flooding: Minor flooding has occurred as well as a mudslide. The Saratoga and Baggs crews repaired a shoulder erosion next to the road after an irrigation drainage failure at the end of May. A mudslide also occurred at Mile Post Two on US 14 west of Cody near the east entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The road was fully blocked, and crews immediately responded. The road was fully open by the next afternoon. WYO 77 north of Medicine Bow experienced a flash flood but no damage occurred.

Vigilant Guard: Maintenance staff worked closely with those involved in the recent Vigilant Guard exercises.

Construction: The construction season is currently in full swing. There are currently 67 active construction projects across the state. Districts have submitted their STIPs, and scheduling their public presentations.

Project Updates: King Construction has received materials and work has begun on the wildlife fencing project between Kaycee and Buffalo.

Two public meetings have been held regarding the WYO 22 project near Jackson and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Association of General Contractors-Wyoming (AGC-WYO): Mr. DeHoff informed the Commission that Katie Legerski is no longer the Executive Director of the AGC-WYO, and thanked her for her dedication and collaboration with WYDOT. Dan Benford will be replacing Ms. Legerski.

Traffic: Normal operations are occurring.

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

LaRue Snow Rotaries: Mr. DeHoff hopes to have one rotary delivered in July and one delivered in October/November. The rotary delivered in July will be stationed in District Three, and the rotary delivered in October/November will be stationed in District Five.

FY 2022 Eight Yard Trucks: WYDOT currently has eight of the 26 eight yard snow plow trucks delivered. Four are almost completely rigged at this time.

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

FY 2022 Light Duty Sole Source Purchases: At the request of Commissioner Crank, Mr. DeHoff included a spreadsheet tracking sole source purchases of light duty vehicles for Fiscal Year 2022. Mr. DeHoff also reminded the Commission of the process for sourcing vehicles for Fiscal Year 2023.

10. Colonel Cameron presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through May 31, 2023, includes 42 fatal crashes involving 56 deaths. The fatalities include 11 rollover crashes, 34 multi-car crashes, 1 fixed-object crash, 2 motorcycle crashes, 0 all-terrain vehicle crashes, 2 snowmobile crashes, and 6 pedestrian crashes. Of the 31 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2023, 17 involved commercial vehicles.

There were 4 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 8 deaths through May 2023.

Of the 56 deaths this year, 23 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 7 involving rollover crashes, 15 involving multi-car collisions, and 1 involving fixed objects. Thirteen of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Seven perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 42 fatal crashes so far this year, 69 of those drivers had no distractions. In 24 of the reported crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 42 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 19 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 15 occurred on interstate highways, and 8 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the 42 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 11 had multiple fatalities.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 14 vehicle crashes in 2023, which resulted in 16 deaths.

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

Sunday	6 crashes
Monday	4 crashes
Tuesday	9 crashes
Wednesday	10 crashes
Thursday	1 crash
Friday	5 crashes
Saturday	8 crashes

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	7 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	6 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	20 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	10 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 64 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 44 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 100 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 63 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were drivers.
- 29 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were passengers.
- 29 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 21 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 30 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

There were 2,688 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2023.

15A. Legislator Comments: Representative O’Hearn thanked Commissioner Willox for attending the Joint Transportation, Highways, and Military Affairs Committee Meeting in Douglas. Representative O’Hearn also addressed CDL issues that are being considered. Senator Pappas discussed partnerships replacing fuel tax and alternate funding sources as well as road usage charges. Senator Pappas has also met with Colorado Senators to discuss possible partnerships between Wyoming and Colorado on road projects. Commissioner Crank reminded both legislators of a letter that was previously submitted to WYDOT that requested an alternative road

be built between Green River and Rock Springs, and the WYDOT response that declined to pursue this possibility. Commissioner Crank asked if there is still a desire to pursue construction of an alternative road. Senator Pappas and Representative O'Hearn advised that there may still be a desire but the Management Council has not chosen to pursue it at this time for the next legislative session. Commissioner Crank stated that if there was a strong desire from the Legislature, it is a possibility that the Transportation Commission could put the alternative road on a future STIP.

*Commission recessed to lunch at 12:10 p.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 2:00 p.m.*

*Commissioner Crank was absent for the afternoon session.*

11. Interim Director Westby presented the Aeronautics Report on behalf of Mr. Olsen, beginning with the May 2023 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Update: The House and Senate released their respective versions of the FAA Reauthorization bill this week. The Committees are moving quickly in hopes of completing a bill by the September 30 deadline. Markup of the bills in Committee is taking place this week. Overall, the proposals by the House and Senate are positive for Wyoming airports.

Congress continues to work on the FAA authorization, however, very little information has been released. Updates should be released in the coming weeks.

Division and Airport Updates: There are currently 15 active construction projects at airports around the state. The division is nearing the kickoff of their annual capital improvement plan update process.

Air Service News: Load factors in May finished strong for Wyoming airports. Month to date load factors for June are strong and July and August look good as well at Wyoming airports. Across the industry ticket sales are strong despite lagging corporate demand. Much like a number of other industries, U.S. airlines continue to face inflationary pressures across many cost categories including labor, fuel, maintenance and rents.

Nearly half of all states are experiencing more TSA throughput than in 2019. Wyoming saw an 11% increase from May 2019 to May 2023. U.S. airports are seeing 10 to 11% fewer scheduled flights compared to 2019, but carriers are offering more seats with 12 to 14% larger aircraft. While U.S. airlines are operating 371 more mainline aircraft since the end of 2019, they are operating 468 fewer regional aircraft.

12. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,766 personnel as of June 7, 2023, compared to 1,770 a month ago and 1,792 one year ago.

Mr. Rossetti also presented a report on each classification, salaries, market changes, and vacancies within WYDOT.

Wildlife Conservation Plates: Mr. Rossetti explained the current procedure for issuing wildlife conservation plates throughout the state. Motor Vehicle Services is currently working to streamline the procedure to make it easier for citizens and state and county employees when plates renew in 2025.

Exempt Plates: Debbie Lopez, Motor Vehicle Services Manager, presented to the Commission regarding exempt plates. All exempt plates are issued through WYDOT, and there are approximately 26,000 plates on Wyoming roads. In order to increase efficiency, Ms. Lopez is requesting consolidation of the types of exempt plates issued, and is asking for the Commission's consideration of this before the next plate renewal in 2025.

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

WyoLink Local Towers and Locations: Mr. Smolinski presented the WyoLink Local Towers and Locations Site Map as requested by Commissioner Hughes.

WyoLink Update: Mr. Smolinski reported that several projects are currently underway. Several projects will be finished as well as beginning this summer, using ARPA funds, which have to be expended by December 31, 2026.

Virtual Lobby: Mr. Smolinski explained the build process for the recently released Driver's Services app that allows patrons to check in before coming to the physical building. WYDOT employees built the app completely in-house, and Mr. Smolinski congratulated all involved for their innovation and creativity.

Vigilant Guard: Members of Mr. Smolinski's team recently also participated in Vigilant Guard exercises and focused on cybersecurity.

Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan (SCIP): Mr. Smolinski explained the development process of the SCIP, which is created every several years in conjunction with multiple other agencies and stakeholders.

14. July 2023 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the July 2023 meeting will be held via Zoom only.

15B. Commissioner Comments: Vice Chair Dolezal thanked all involved for the tour of the Transportation Management Center (TMC) and Highway Patrol Dispatch Center. Dolezal also

commended all involved for professionally handling the Port of Entry issues. Commissioner Lyman advised that he believes facilities will become an issue in the near future, and deserve as much attention as all other WYDOT assets. Commissioner Lyman also advised that he has been visiting communities within his district to introduce himself and forge relationships between agencies that promote an understanding of WYDOT. Commissioner Baker thanked all staff for the dedication and hard work for WYDOT. Commissioner Willox suggested a review and update of current operating policies and procedures, and that this be an ongoing process. Commissioner Hughes thanked Interim Director Westby for involving Senator Barlow and Colonel Cameron in seeking solutions for the Port of Entry issue in Northeast Wyoming. Chairwoman Holmes also thanked all those involved for the TMC and WHP Dispatch tour.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Lyman, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023.