

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom on February 16, 2023. Vice Chairman Venable convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Vice Chairman Greg Venable, Worland  
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne  
Commissioner Jon Dolezal, Evanston  
Commissioner Susan Holmes, Sheridan  
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance  
Director K. Luke Reiner  
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Colonel Timothy Cameron, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP); Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Nate Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); and Dustin Woods, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Other meeting attendees: Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; Carlie Vanwinkle, Public Affairs; Kacey Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, Management Services; Mark Ayen, District Two Engineer; Scott Taylor, District Four Engineer; Chelsey Lindsay, Senior Budget Analyst; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Program Manager; Ali Ragan, Grants and Contracts Policy Program Manager; Pam Fredrick, Senior Budget Analyst; Kent Ketterling, State Construction Engineer; Kevin Lebeda, Right of Way Sandra Sanderson, Strategic Planning Analyst; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary; and Katie Legerski, Association of General Contractors-Wyoming.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Venable led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3A. January 19, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously to approve the January 19, 2023 Business Meeting minutes as presented.

4. Correspondence: Secretary Casner presented the Jackson Hole real estate report received February 3, 2023.

5A. Wildlife Conservation Account Rules: Director Reiner advised that version F has been sent to the Attorney General's office to begin the official rulemaking process.

6. Internal Review Audit Report and Work Plan: Maria LaBorde presented the FY 2023 Internal Review Audit Report and Work Plan. Ms. LaBorde also summarized the FY 2022 Internal Review audits.

7. Director Reiner presented the Director's Report.

USDOT and FHWA Accounting Issue: Director Reiner reported that there is a delta in the accounting systems of USDOT and FHWA in the amount of \$3.5 billion, dating back to 2005. This may cause minimal impact to WYDOT operations and funding, including apportionments, obligation limitations, and re-distribution funds.

Commissioner Crank requested regular updates regarding this issue at future Commission meetings.

Congresswoman Hageman: WYDOT staff recently meet with Congresswoman Hageman's Wyoming staff to discuss transportation issues, including maintaining full funding levels and timely FAA reauthorization.

Governor Gordon's Meeting with Secretary Buttigieg: Governor Gordon recently met with Secretary Buttigieg in Washington, D.C. Topics discussed included electric vehicles and rail operations in Wyoming.

Snow Removal Operations: Director Reiner thanked Mr. DeHoff and all those involved throughout WYDOT for their efforts during the recent snowstorms.

State Legislature: Director Reiner advised that several bills affecting WYDOT are progressing, including moving expenses, and Executive Staff will continue to track bills through the end of the session. Weekly updates will continue to be provided to staff and Commissioners.

Director Reiner also advised that several bills related to the Highway Patrol, including survivor benefits, have passed both the House and Senate.

A separate bill is currently pending that would grant WYDOT funds from the General Fund to improve crosswalks statewide using the Transportation Alternatives Program. Commissioner Crank asked that if a committee is created to address crosswalk issues, a Transportation Commissioner be allowed to participate.

Off road vehicles and their usage in the right of way as well as required safety equipment are also being discussed in pending bills.

Interim legislative topics will be due soon, and WYDOT plans on submitting requests regarding electric fuel tax collection and review of the fuel tax collection statutes.

Safety: Director Reiner advised that WYDOT leadership has focused on employee safety consistently over the last three years, and presented WYDOT safety statistics including OSHA recordable versus OSHA reportable events.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program: The official NEVI rules were released February 15<sup>th</sup>, and there does not appear to be any relief on the 50 mile distance requirement or the four chargers per site requirement.

However, Tesla recently announced that select Tesla owned charging stations will become public facing, which will assist in meeting NEVI requirements.

WYDOT will finalize the Request for Proposal (RFP) for seven stations that were approved and begin the installation process.

Retention and Recruiting: Director Reiner discussed the three retention and recruitment initiatives recently made available, including increased wages for those working in departments that are experiencing at least 25% vacancy rates. Director Reiner also discussed a \$250.00 referral bonus, hiring pay acceleration, which will address payroll timing difficulties, and hiring process acceleration.

Agile Chariot/C-130 Landings: WYDOT is working with the Air Force to land two C-130s on Wyoming roads, similar to the event that occurred in 2021. This event will occur in late April or early May in two locations, one near Rawlins and one in Fremont County between Riverton and Lander.

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

8A. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 34 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 36 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

8B. Award of Procurement Services Bids. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to move Bid Numbers 23-071NG, 23-072NG, 23-073NG, 23-074NG, 23-076NG, 23-077NG, 23-078NG, 23-079NG, and Requisition Number 0000066638 to a consent list.

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

- Bid 23-071NG to furnish 14,200 tons of PG 64-22 oil hot mix bituminous pavement material 1/2" to departments located in District One. The bid was awarded to Simon Contractors of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$567,000.00.

- Bid 23-072NG to furnish 5,000 tons of PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material to the department located in Rock Springs. The bid was awarded to Lewis and Lewis, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, for the sum of \$481,900.00.
- Bid 23-073NG to furnish 13,500 tons of PG 64-22 hot plant mix bituminous pavement material to the department located in Casper. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$1,183,815.00.
- Bid 23-074NG to furnish 10,000 tons of aggregate gravel to the department located in Guernsey. The bid was awarded to Knife River, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$207,000.00.
- Bid 23-076NG to furnish 7,500 tons of warm plant mix 3/8” and 26 tons of tack oil to departments located in District Five. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$286,560.00.
- Bid 23-077NG to furnish 26,507 tons of PG asphalt binder hot plant mix bituminous pavement material 1/2”, to departments located in District Four. The bid was awarded to Sacrison Paving, Inc., of Whitewood, South Dakota, for the sum of \$323,928.00.
- Bid 23-078NG to furnish 1,320 tons of performance graded asphalt binder, unmodified, to departments located in Districts One and Two. The bid was awarded to Peak Asphalt, LLC, of Rawlins, Wyoming, for the sum of \$973,680.00.
- Bid 23-079NG to furnish 172 tons of emulsified asphalt, dilute, 342 tons unmodified, and 2,305 tons, modified, to departments statewide. The bid was awarded to Peak Asphalt, LLC, of Rawlins, Wyoming, for the sum of \$290,313.00.
- Requisition 0000066638 to furnish Agile Assets upgrade to software as a service, mirror environment and July 2023 through September 2023 extension to new fiscal year, for departments statewide. The requisition was awarded to Agile Assets, of Austin, Texas, for the sum of \$574,883.42.

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

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): Mr. Gillett advised that the NEVI rules were just released with the information that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) would be released soon.

Mr. Gillett confirmed that at this time, there has been no information regarding funding opportunities for wildlife crossings under IIA. Mr. Woods advised that the proposed rules have been written and are pending legal review.

FHWA: The 2023 supplementary tables were recently released by the FHWA, which tells WYDOT how much money is in each IIA program.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant: Applications for this grant are due at the end of February, and WYDOT plans to submit projects addressing truck parking in Evanston, Coffeen Avenue in Sheridan, and a partial design for the I-25/I-80 interchange in Cheyenne.

Management Services recently met with Teton County and Rock Springs representatives interested in applying for RAISE grants.

Federal Transit Authority (FTA): Grant opportunities were recently posted by the FTA. The first grant involves lowering emissions, and the second involves buses and bus facilities. This information has been passed on to all Wyoming transit agencies and contacts.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant: WYDOT is currently evaluating projects to submit for a CRISI grant. WYDOT is considering submitting two bridges west of Cheyenne as well as a project on south College Drive, east of I-25. A letter of support from the BNSF railroad has been received for the south College Drive project.

Office of Management and Budgets (OMB): WYDOT is reviewing proposed rule changes from OMB related to grants and agreements related to Buy America requirements. The proposed rule changes add additional construction materials to the Buy America required list.

Wyoming Engineer's Society Convention: Mr. Fulton and Mr. Gillett recently attended the Wyoming Engineer's Society Convention. At this convention, WYDOT District One won the President's Project of the Year Award for surveying.

Snow Removal and Winter Safety: Mr. Gillett thanked all WYDOT employees involved in snow removal for their hard work and commitment to providing a safe and reliable transportation system.

*Commission adjourned to break at 9:51 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 10:01 a.m.*

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

Federal Projects NHPPI-SIB-I254161, ARSCT-I254A02, HIP-I254169 and STP-E-I254170 combined involving bridge replacements, surfacing (concrete), grading, traffic control, surfacing,

electrical, drainage and miscellaneous work on approximately 1.00 mile on I-25 beginning at RM 188.934 on both northbound and southbound lanes between Glenrock and Casper in Natrona County. Completion Date: November 30, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$63,947,397.00	
Ames Construction, Inc., Burnsville, MN	\$57,669,440.00	-9.8%
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$65,866,466.65	
Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co., LLC, Draper, UT	\$70,996,133.70	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Ames Construction, Inc., of Burnsville, Minnesota, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project NHPP-N855052 involving bituminous surfacing (recycle), fencing, traffic control, grading, guardrail, milling and miscellaneous work on approximately 9.40 miles on US 85 beginning at RM 238.36 between Newcastle and Four Corners in Weston County. Completion Date: November 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$5,928,414.00	
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$4,972,485.65	-16.1%
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$5,079,033.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,127,743.30	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$5,737,017.55	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried unanimously that Northern Improvement Company, of Fargo, North Dakota, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

State Project SCP-TC-0109026 involving bituminous surfacing, traffic control, milling, chip seal and miscellaneous work on approximately 9.70 miles on WYO 34 beginning at RM 0.00 between Bosler and Wheatland in Albany County. Completion Date: June 30, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$5,196,411.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$4,748,941.10	-8.6%
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$5,410,891.06	
JTL Group Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,638,697.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried that Simon Contractors, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required.

Federal Project STP-PM-B233021 involving bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District Three in Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Uinta Counties. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$4,879,400.00	
Kilgore Companies, LLC DBA Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$5,622,824.01	1.5%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried that Kilgore Companies, LLC DBA Lewis & Lewis Inc., of Rock Springs, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. *Commissioner Crank declared a conflict and did not vote.*

State Projects SCP-TC-PM-B234022 and ARSCT-B234A01 combined involving bituminous surfacing, chip seal, traffic control and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District Three in Campbell, Johnson, Sheridan and Weston Counties. Completion Date: August 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,057,600.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,812,650.00	-8.0%
Hardrives Construction, Inc., Billings, MT	\$2,772,348.15	
<i>Plus 5% for Comparison</i>	\$2,910,965.56	
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$3,001,850.00	
<i>Plus 5% for Comparison</i>	\$3,151,942.50	
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., Watsonville, CA	\$3,394,500.00	
<i>Plus 5% for Comparison</i>	\$3,564,225.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commission Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that Simon Contractors, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurrence was not required.

Federal Project STP-P292005 involving bituminous surfacing (recycle), traffic control, chip seal, milling and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.20 miles on US 14A beginning at RM 33.76 between Garland and Byron in Big Horn County. Completion Date: August 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,524,385.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$2,340,952.24	-7.3%
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,643,775.41	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, and carried unanimously that Mountain Construction Company, of Lovell, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA

concurrred with the decision.

Federal Projects HSIP-B231027 and ARSCT-B231A01 combined involving striping, traffic control and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation Districts One and Four in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Johnson, Laramie and Sheridan Counties. Completion Date: September 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$807,480.00	
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$714,660.00	-11.5%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$905,260.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Streamline Markings, Inc., of Billings, Montana, 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. *Commissioner Crank did not declare a conflict as in past bids involving S&L Industrial since they were not the low bidder for these projects.*

Federal Project HSIP-B233028 involving striping, traffic control and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District Three in Sublette, Sweetwater and Teton Counties. Completion Date: September 30, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$805,320.00	
Streamline Markings, Inc., Billings, MT	\$664,060.00	-17.5%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$877,640.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously that Streamline Markings, Inc., of Billings, Montana, 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. *Commissioner Crank did not declare a conflict as in past bids involving S&L Industrial since they were not the low bidder for these projects.*

Federal Project STP-BR-B231013 involving bridge rehabilitation, traffic control, grading and miscellaneous work on the pedestrian overpass at RM 13.23 on I-25 in the City of Cheyenne in Laramie County. Completion Date: August 18, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$793,425.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$887,009.00	11.8%
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$1,210,383.75	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that Reiman Corp., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with the



decision.

Federal Project HSIP-I180028 involving bituminous surfacing, grading, traffic control, surfacing, milling and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.24 mile on US 85 just south of Cheyenne beginning at RM 3.35 in Laramie County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$564,125.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$400,154.00	-29.1%
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$764,950.95	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that Simon Contractors, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with the decision.

9B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Maintenance: Crews continue to complete winter operations. Several road closures have occurred due to wind causing no visibility and drifting, storms, crashes, and winter conditions. Wyoming is experiencing above average snowfall this season. Mr. DeHoff presented several pictures from around the state that show road conditions staff is facing. Mr. DeHoff thanked all maintenance employees for their hard work during this winter season, as well as their flexibility in traveling to locations as needed.

There are currently 61 vacancies in Maintenance, which is approximately a 14% vacancy rate.

Avalanche Mitigation: Avalanche crews have performed four avalanche missions so far this winter, two in the Hoback Canyon and two on Teton Pass.

Snow Plow Hits: There has been five snow plow hits since the January 2023 Transportation Commission meeting. The majority of the trucks damaged have been repaired and are back in service. The total snow plow hits for the winter is fifteen.

Emergency Closure: The I-25 pedestrian walkway/bridge in Cheyenne was closed on February 6<sup>th</sup> due to critical damage. There is no danger to traffic under I-25, and Engineering and Planning will work on a plan to shore up the pedestrian walkway/bridge so that it can be re-opened and safely used as soon as possible during the school year. Permanent repairs will be done in the summer.

Construction: There are currently ten active construction projects across the state. Crews are working on bridge projects and crack sealing as weather permits, as well as preparing engineer recommendations for upcoming projects.

I-80 Interchange Road: The I-80 Interchange Road interchange near Rock Springs was recently opened to the public.

WYO 22/Snake River: A project collaboration meeting was held between WYDOT and Aims Construction recently regarding the Snake River project along WYO 22, and gravel extraction from the river has begun.

US 30: The Kemmerer mine has decided to proceed with mining north of US 30. The project to realign US 30 has been initiated, and agreements are being drafted.

Traffic: Standard operations continue throughout the State and employees are assisting maintenance staff as needed.

Equipment: Standard operations continue. Interviews for proposals for the new paver in District Five are being reviewed, and will hopefully be presented to the Commission in March 2023.

Bids for light duty vehicles are also out, and approximately \$14 million of the equipment budget has been awarded.

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

Southeast Welcome Center: There was recently a loss of life at the Southeast Welcome Center in Cheyenne. A traveling man and woman were on their way to the welcome center when the woman suffered cardiac arrest. Mr. DeHoff thanked Justin Huntley, Facilities Manager, for his direction over the situation including traffic control.

Engineering and Operations Conference: Construction and maintenance staff are preparing an agenda for the April 4-6, 2023 conference to be held in Cheyenne at Little America. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

10. Colonel Cameron presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through January 31, 2023, includes 10 fatal crashes involving 15 deaths. The fatalities include 3 rollover crashes, 11 multi-car crashes, 0 fixed-object crashes, 0 motorcycle crashes, 0 all-terrain vehicle crashes, and 1 pedestrian crash. Of the 10 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2023, 10 involved commercial vehicles.

There was 1 fatal crash deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 5 deaths in January 2023.

Of the 15 deaths this year, 3 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 1 involving rollover crashes, 2 involving multi-car collisions, and 0 involving fixed objects. One of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints was a Wyoming residents. Three perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 10 fatal crashes so far this year, 8 of those drivers had no distractions. In 2 of the reported crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 10 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 6 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 4 occurred on interstate highways, and 0 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the 10 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 5 had multiple fatalities.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 7 vehicle crashes in 2023, which resulted in 7 deaths.

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

Sunday	3 crashes
Monday	1 crash
Tuesday	2 crashes
Wednesday	3 crashes
Thursday	0 crashes
Friday	0 crashes
Saturday	1 crash

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	1 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	4 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	3 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 33 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 18 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 0 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 53 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were drivers.
- 40 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were passengers.
- 75 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 18 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 33 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

There were 760 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2023.

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

FAA Re-Authorization: Congress continues to work on the FAA authorization, and Mr. Olsen is hopeful it will be completed in September. Mr. Olsen expects hearings to occur through the spring and summer regarding aviation.

WY Legislature: Mr. Olsen and staff continue to monitor proposed legislation, including House Bill 40 and Senate File 34.

Capital Improvement Plan: The Capital Improvement Plan update has been completed for this cycle and the Plan has been distributed for public comment. The Aeronautics will consider the comments, make adjustments if needed, and issue final approval in the spring.

12. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,759 personnel as of January 11, 2023, compared to 1,771 a month ago and 1,845 one year ago.

Supervisor Training: Mr. Rossetti advised that new supervisor training is occurring at the same time as the February Commission meeting, and is part of the Director's efforts to increase leadership and management development.

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

WyoLink Update: Mr. Smolinski reported that there are ten WyoLink sites operational at this time. The construction schedule for the remaining sites depend on weather.

RIS Replacement Update: WYDOT staff is working to move the procurement process forward.

Statistics: In 2021, there were 1.6 billion hits on the www.wyroad.info website. In 2022, there were 2.2 billion hits.

Portable Radio: Portable radios have been arriving in large numbers for Highway Patrol and maintenance crews. Installations are being completed as quickly as possible.

14. March 2023 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the March 2023 meeting is currently scheduled to be held in person in Cheyenne. There will be a catered luncheon held at WYDOT University, and the incoming Commissioners will be introduced.

15B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Hughes thanked all that attended the February 15<sup>th</sup> Commission Dinner. Commissioner Holmes requested that new Commissioner contact information be shared with the entire Commission when available. Commissioner Holmes also commended Director Reiner for his efforts to increase safety across WYDOT. Commissioner Dolezal thanked outgoing Commissioners Espy, Schmidt, and Venable for their service.

Commissioner Dolezal also thanked all those involved in snow removal and safety efforts across the state. Vice Chairman Venable shared a parting statement thanking the Commission for their service from Chairman Schmidt, and echoed Chairman Schmidt's comments.

15C. Nominating Committee Recommendations: Commissioner Hughes advised that the Nominating Committee recently met, and is recommending Commissioner Holmes be elected as the next Chairperson and Commissioner Dolezal be elected as the next Vice Chairperson.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Venable adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023.