

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person on November 16, 2023. Chair Holmes convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Chair 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

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Walther, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP); Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer, Operations; Nathan Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Program Manager; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates; Vince Garcia, GIS/ITS; Suzie Roseberry, Program Analyst; Doug McGee, Public Affairs; Jordan Young, Public Affairs; Captain Timothy Romig, WHP; Brian Rentner, Design Team Leader; Carlos Machado, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator for Wyoming; Hank Rettinger, FHWA; Senator Stephan Pappas; Representative Kevin O’Hearn; Brittany Wilson, McGee, Hearne, and Paiz; Sara DiRienzo, Transportation, Wildlife, and Gaming Policy Advisor to Governor Gordon; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary.

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

3A. October 19, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to approve the October 19, 2023 Business Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3B. October 19, 2023 Executive Session Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to approve the October 19, 2023 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Policy 24-1(c) Spending Authority and Monetary Limits Discussion: Chair Holmes advised that the discussion regarding Policy 24-1(c) has been rescheduled to the December meeting as Director Westby and Chief Engineer Gillett are not present at the November meeting.

8. Director's Report: Director Westby did not provide an oral report at this meeting due to conference attendance and travel. Chair Holmes provided all Commissioners with a written update on several matters and advised Commissioners to contact Director Westby with any questions.

8A. Internal Review Work Plan: Maria LaBorde with Internal Review presented to the Commission the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Internal Review Work Plan.

*Commissioner Baker joined the meeting at 8:47 a.m.*

7. Administrative Matters: Mr. Machado presented to the Commission regarding his recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he presented regarding the status and progress of Wyoming projects. Mr. Machado also advised that safety was a major topic, and he has been in contact with Director Westby to discuss how Wyoming can improve.

Mr. Machado also discussed Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) that were recently released, including Safe Streets for All, as well as the amounts that will be received from the August re-distribution.

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

9A. McGee, Hearne, and Paiz Pre-Audit Presentation: Ms. Wilson presented to the Commission regarding the upcoming external audit, including scope, timeline, and updates to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards and statements.

It was recommended by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to approve the McGee, Hearne, and Paiz engagement letter for the audit discussed at today's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

*Commission recessed to break at 9:22 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 9:30 a.m.*

9B. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 11 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 56 percent expended in Fiscal Year 2024.

9C. Award of Procurement Services Bids. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne to move Request for Proposal (RFP) number 23-229HF and Requisition Numbers 0000068900, 0000068995, 0000069040, and 0000069190 to a consent list. It was moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Crank to move Request for Proposal (RFP) number 23-229HF and Requisition Numbers 0000068900, 0000069040, and 0000069190 to a consent list.

Commissioner Crank advised that he has questions regarding Requisition Number 0000068995, which is why he would like it removed from the Consent List.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to approve, by consent, the following RFP and bids. The motion carried unanimously.

- RFP 23-229HF to furnish Wyoming Highway Patrol vehicle lighting to departments statewide. The RFP was awarded to BearCom, of Evans, Colorado, for the sum of \$390,000.00.
- Requisition Number 0000068900 to furnish IFTA/IRP annual maintenance for use by the Department. The requisition was awarded to Celtic Systems, of Scottsdale, Arizona, for the sum of \$308,227.50.
- Requisition Number 0000069040 to furnish smart roadside inspection system installation for use by the Department. The requisition was awarded to DriveWyze, Ltd., of Plano, Texas, for the sum of \$402,750.00.
- Requisition Number 0000069190 to furnish intelligent transportation system design and development services for use by the Department. The requisition was awarded to Natalpa, LTD., of Brighton, Colorado, for the sum of \$346,628.45.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Willox to award Requisition Number 0000068995 to furnish equipment rigging and stripping of Wyoming Highway Patrol vehicles for use by the Department.

Commissioner Crank asked for clarification on what actions would be performed under Requisition Number 0000068995. Mr. Byrne advised that this is to outfit incoming WHP vehicles and strip outgoing WHP vehicles of equipment. Captain Romig explained the specific equipment that goes in to new vehicles as well as the fact that equipment stripped from outgoing vehicles is reused if possible. Commissioner Crank requested information regarding previous years cost for outfitting and stripping of vehicles. Mr. Byrne provided a per unit cost, which includes just installation. Commissioner Baker explained that in his experience, the cost for this requisition is not unreasonable. Mr. Byrne explained that the requisition amount also provides for future needs in case of a damaged patrol vehicle. Commissioner Hughes asked if bringing the installation and outfitting of WHP vehicles in-house has been discussed. Captain Romig explained that this has been discussed, but manpower and consistency are roadblocks to this. Mr. Byrne agreed, and advised that this would have to be analyzed further for cost effectiveness. Commissioner Crank advised that he is not concerned necessarily with the amount per vehicle, but with unnecessarily encumbering funds that could be used elsewhere.

The motion carried, with Commissioner Crank voting no. The bid was awarded to BearCom, of Evans, Colorado, for the sum of \$520,000.00.

10. Chief Engineer's Report: Mr. Gillette did not provide an oral report at this meeting due to conference attendance and travel.

10Ai. Mr. DeHoff presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the November 9, 2023 letting.

Federal Projects NHPPI-I804263 to mill, overlay, and High Performance Wearing Course with some concrete slab repairs in the driving lane, on approximately 8.42 miles on I-80 eastbound lane beginning at RM 258.75 between Rawlins and Laramie. (This bid utilizes innovative contracting-lane rental.) Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$9,954,606.00</i>
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$9,768,117.25
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$9,916,487.00

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Willox 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 the responsive low bidder.

Mr. DeHoff summarized the innovative contracting-lane rental process and explained the amounts that would be added to the contract once the bid is awarded.

The motion carried, with Commissioner Crank voting no. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects HIP-B233008 and STP-E-P511020 involving bridge rehabilitation (deck replacement, concrete repair, bridge railing, safety fence, pedestrian fence, expansion joints, approach slabs, barrier and slope paving (B233008) and Bridge Lighting System Installation (P511020) on the Union Pacific Railroad overpass structure at RM 5.31 on I-80/US 189 Business in the City of Evanston. Completion Date: October 31, 2024. (This bid utilizes innovative contracting-A+B Bidding.)

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$8,359,165.00</i>
Coldwater Group, Inc., Pleasant View, UT	\$8,083,873.50
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$8,635,850.70

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Lyman that Coldwater Group, Inc., of Pleasant View, Utah, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

The motion carried, with Commissioner Crank voting no. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project NHP-N343047 involving leveling, overlay, chip seal, fence replacement, and one bridge rehabilitation (deck overlay, paint repair, concrete repair) on approximately 6.40 miles on US 20/WYO 789 beginning at RM 133.40 between Thermopolis and Kirby. Completion Date: June 30, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$7,202,697.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$6,965,138.96	-3.3%
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$7,276,920.30	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction, Co., Worland, WY	\$7,333,143.40	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Hughes 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. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-1610006 involving mill, overlay, chip seal, fence replacement, and three bridge rehabs (bridge rail and expansion joints) on approximately 12.30 miles on WYO 320 beginning at RM 0.00 between Wheatland and Dwyer. Completion Date: June 30, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$6,482,112.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$5,756,913.20	-11.2%
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$5,945,442.52	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$6,025,668.20	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$6,486,301.90	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$6,881,348.90	
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$7,399,881.00	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that Croell, Inc., of Sundance, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects HSIP-B241035 and HSIP-B211046 involving removing 94 high mast light towers and installing 71 high mast light towers and new roadway lighting at various locations in Transportation District One. Completion Date: October 31, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$5,179,338.00	
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$6,323,590.00	22.1%
Delta Wye, Inc., Gillette, WY	\$6,366,769.25	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal that Modern Electric Co., 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. The motion carried, with Commissioner Crank voting no. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects NHPP-N151029 and STP-E-N151031 involving mill, overlay, chip seal, and pathway construction on approximately 8.10 miles on US 287 beginning at RM 14.70 between Lander and Fort Washakie. Completion Date: August 31, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$4,801,435.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction, Co., Worland, WY	\$4,865,189.63	1.3%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$5,540,530.00	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, 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. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project NHPP-N303058 involving mill, overlay, and chip seal on approximately 4.50 miles on US 26/287 beginning at RM 92.40 between Dubois and Diversion Dam. Completion Date: June 30, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,490,108.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,261,483.55	-9.2%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$2,937,867.00	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Lyman 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. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-BROS-CN03043 involving replacement of a bridge over Tongue River with detour installation and associated roadway reconstruction at each end of the bridge on RM 0.20 on County Road 110 in Sheridan County. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,404,112.00	
S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$2,470,247.00	2.8%
Sletten Construction Company, Great Falls, MT	\$3,870,856.15	
McMillen, Inc., Boise, ID	\$3,875,000.00	

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal that S&S Builders, LLC, of Gillette, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-PM-B231011 involving contract patching (mill, overlay, and high performance wearing course) at various locations in Transportation District One. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,105,245.00
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,862,689.00 -11.5%

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Hughes 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. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

10Aii. November FY 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. DeHoff presented the November FY 2024 STIP Addendum.

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to approve the November FY 2024 STIP addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

*Commission recessed to break at 10:39 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 10:45 a.m.*

10B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Construction: The construction season is currently wrapping up. There are currently 19 active construction projects across the state. Temporary measures will be taken on those projects that are unable to be completed by the beginning of winter. The Casper Marginal project will continue through the winter.

Operations: The state hot plant has been returned to District Two.

Snow removal efforts have also begun, and as the year progresses into winter, crews are ready to continue efforts to ensure road safety. Mr. DeHoff advised that at this time there have been zero snow plow hits.

All three seasonal passes remain open at this time. US 14A is tentatively scheduled to close on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, but this date is flexible based on weather conditions.

There are currently 53 maintenance vacancies, and several of the current employees have never plowed snow. Mr. DeHoff is optimistic that recently approved recruitment measures will increase staffing levels. Temporary snow plow drivers are also being recruited, with a focus on recent retirees and seasonally laid off workers.

Striping is continuing as weather allows.

Equipment: Another snow rotary has been delivered to the Lander area, bringing the total received to four. The fifth will be delivered to Casper in mid-November. The sixth rotary will be delivered to Laramie at the end of November or beginning of December, with the seventh rotary being delivered to Jackson in December.

Rigging: Mr. DeHoff advised that it takes \$20,000 worth of labor hours to rig one plow truck. In the rigging shop, there is no longer an employee that is responsible for wiring.

Facilities: All facilities and rest areas are open at this time, with the exception of the Fort Steele location. The Fort Steele location is tentatively scheduled to open at the end of December, pending gate valve replacement and caretaker hiring. Mr. DeHoff will update the Commission at the December meeting.

Commissioner Crank questioned when it is decided to re-stripe a road. Mr. DeHoff explained that district staff is counted on to bring forward any issues, however, there is a rotation for striping all roads based on road utilization.

Commissioner Lyman asked if using tracking pads where dirt roads meet paved roads have been considered to cut down on mud and gravel brought on to the roadway. Mr. DeHoff advised that he would investigate further to see if this might be something WYDOT would want to implement in the future.

Mr. DeHoff advised that staff will follow up with the Commission at the December meeting regarding STIP projects that staff has chosen for the Commission to follow.

11. Lieutenant Colonel Walther presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through October 31, 2023, includes 99 fatal crashes involving 119 deaths. The fatalities include 36 rollover crashes, 51 multi-car crashes, 3 fixed-object crashes, 14 motorcycle crashes, 3 all-terrain vehicle crashes, 2 snowmobile crashes, 9 pedestrian crashes, and 1 bicyclist crash. Of the 99 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2023, 30 involved commercial vehicles.

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

Of the 119 deaths this year, 51 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 27 involving rollover crashes, 22 involving multi-car collisions, and 2 involving fixed objects. Twenty-nine of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Eleven perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 99 fatal crashes so far this year, 107 of those drivers had no distractions. In 54 of the reported crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.



Of the 99 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 43 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 35 occurred on interstate highways, and 21 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the 99 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 15 had multiple fatalities.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 15 vehicle crashes in 2023, which resulted in 17 deaths.

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

Sunday	10 crashes
Monday	18 crashes
Tuesday	10 crashes
Wednesday	15 crashes
Thursday	6 crashes
Friday	18 crashes
Saturday	22 crashes

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	16 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	18 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	38 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	27 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 75 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 43 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.
- 67 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 71 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were drivers.
- 22 percent of the fatalities in 2023 were passengers.
- 26 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 17 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 27 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

There were 4,974 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2023.

Lieutenant Colonel Walther presented the organizational chart for the Highway Patrol, and advised that representatives from each section will present at future Commission meetings.

12. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report, beginning with the October 2023 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Update: Mr. Olsen and staff continue to monitor the progress of the House and Senate regarding the FAA Reauthorization. There is some disagreement regarding pilot training rules. However, the FAA's authority to operate has been extended through the end of January 2024 as part of the most recent Continuing Resolution.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the House and Senate passed a funding package that included Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the FAA, and is similar to what has been seen in previous years.

Michael Whitaker was recently confirmed by the Senate as the newest FAA Administrator. The FAA has not had an Administrator for a long period, and Mr. Olsen is hopeful that this will help the FAA progress.

Division and Airport Updates: Mr. Olsen advised that Casper is being considered as a host city for air races, and is one of six communities being considered. The event brings approximately \$180 million in economic impact to host cities. A decision is expected in early 2024.

Pilot recruitment efforts continue, with one pilot being hired recently by WYDOT. Training for the new pilot will begin in 2024.

Air Service News: Slightly higher load factors were seen in October in Wyoming. November and December appear to be very strong for bookings, especially with holiday travel demand, which is expected to reach record levels.

Fuel costs are down approximately 20%, year over year, from last year. Seating capacity has also increased, and passenger levels are expected to continue at levels seen pre-Covid.

13. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,778 personnel as of October 26, 2023, compared to 1,763 a month ago and 1,763 one year ago.

Mr. Rossetti advised that increases in staffing levels have been seen in response to hiring incentives approved by the Commission. However, the full effect of incentives may not be seen for 90 to 120 days. Other opportunities such as lateral transfers within the department are being developed. Mr. Rossetti also summarized the current hiring incentives, and advised that these incentives are constantly being reviewed and refined according to hiring needs.

Commissioner Hughes questioned the amount of authorized employees for Public Affairs versus the amount that are actually employed. Mr. Rossetti explained that seven positions are authorized, but only six are filled. The unfilled position is for a photographer, which has been vacant since last fall. However, current Public Affairs staff have been fulfilling photography needs, and the position is being analyzed to see if it can be modified to be of greater service to Public Affairs, WHP, and WYDOT. Ms. Young explained to the Commission what Public Affairs is responsible for, including public safety messaging, media requests, video production, graphic design, newsletter

production, and is a contact point for the traveling public to inquire about road conditions. Mr. McGee added that Public Affairs is also responsible for WYDOT's internal and external websites, as well as WYDOT social media, the authorized travel program, as well as assisting with special events.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hughes, Mr. DeHoff advised that a space study is being conducted by a consulting firm, which will be submitted to Director Westby once completed. Commissioners will be provided with status updates when available.

Mr. Rossetti introduced Brian Rentner, who was a member of the most recent WY Lead cohort. Mr. Rentner addressed the Commission regarding his experiences in the WY Lead program and leadership at all levels within WYDOT as well as his mentoring by Mr. Rossetti.

*Commission recessed to break at 11:50 a.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 12:03 p.m.*

14. Chief Technology Officer's Report: Mr. Smolinski presented the Chief Technology Officer's Report.

WyoLink: Mr. Smolinski summarized the WyoLink map provided to the Commission and briefly described current projects. Mr. Smolinski also summarized the Top 20 talk groups, and advised that this information is constantly analyzed and can be dependent on the time of year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Lyman from October, Mr. Smolinski advised that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for .03% of WyoLink usage. Mr. Smolinski also summarized the usage of WyoLink by Law Enforcement across Wyoming as well as user access.

Vehicle Blowover Presentation: Vince Garcia presented to the Commission regarding the background of the recent vehicle blowover project, including why high wind blowovers are increasing, recent University of Wyoming research and the characterization of blow over risk in the Wyoming highway system, and proposed changes to pre-trip, roadside and in-vehicle information systems.

Association of Public Communications Officers (APCO) Meeting: Mr. Smolinski recently attended the Wyoming APCO meeting, which included leadership of dispatch centers, and discussed topics such as mental health.

15. November 2023 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the December 2023 meeting will be held via Zoom only.

16A. Legislator Comments: Representative O'Hearn shared his thoughts on the recent blowover changes.

16B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Baker thanked all for the discussion during the Commission meeting and is pleased with the direction WYDOT is headed and the clean audit results. Commissioner Hughes thanked all the meeting presenters and wished all a happy holiday season. Commissioner Willox echoed these comments. Commissioner Crank thanked all involved for the information provided. Commissioner Lyman thanked Brian Olsen and Bruce McCormack for their participation in the most recent education session. Commissioner Dolezal agreed, as did Chair Holmes, who also thanked staff for their work.

17. Executive Session: It was moved by Commissioner Crank and seconded by Commissioner Willox to enter in to Executive Session pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii), to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

*Commission recessed to Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.*

*Commission returned to public session at 1:22 p.m.*

18. It was moved by Commissioner Crank and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.