

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on December 10, 2009. The meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Dziardziel. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Susan Dziardziel, Chair, Douglas
Charlie Monk, Vice Chairman, Lovell
Sandi McCormick, Commissioner, Rock Springs
Jim Latta, Commissioner, Pinedale
Ted Ertman, Commissioner, Newcastle
Jim Hladky, Commissioner, Gillette
John F. Cox, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were: Delbert McOmie, Chief Engineer; Pat Collins, Assistant Chief Engineer of Engineering and Planning; Tim Hibbard, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Tom Loftin, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Sam Powell, Highway Patrol Administrator; Doug Moench, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Kevin Hibbard, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; and Phil Miller, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Commissioner Cactus Covello of Torrington and Dennis Byrne, Aeronautics Administrator, were absent.

Others present: Jay Gould, Jack Bell, John Eddins, Mark Gillett, and Shelby Carlson, District Engineers; Lowell Fleenor, District Construction Engineer; Keith Compton, District Construction Engineer; Ron Huff, District Maintenance Engineer; Jeff Mellor, District Traffic Engineer; and Cody Beers, District 5 Public Involvement Specialist.

1. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Latta, and seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2009, regular business meeting, executive session, education session, and one-on-one meeting with Pat Collins.

2. Old Business

Gas Theft from the Lyman Shop: It was recommended by Mr. McGee, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried to remove from the table the motion made at the November 19, 2009, Commission meeting to authorize a \$500 reward to the individual who reported the attempted gas theft from a WYDOT fuel site (reference Item 26 of the November 19, 2009, Commission minutes).

Mr. McGee provided additional information about the crime and the proposed reward. It was recommended by McGee, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to award \$500 to the individual who reported the crime. Commissioner Latta voted no. The reward will be issued through a local crime stopper organization to maintain the anonymity of the minor who reported the crime.

3. Director Cox presented the Director's report.

Phil Miller Retirement: Director Cox offered congratulations to Mr. Phil Miller, FHWA Division Administrator, on his pending retirement. A farewell reception will be held in honor of Mr. Miller on December 15, 2009, at the FHWA office in Cheyenne where Director Cox will present him with a gift on behalf of the Commission and WYDOT. Director Cox thanked Mr. Miller for his dedicated service to the Commission during his tenure as division administrator.

Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) Meeting: The Department will testify before the JAC on January 4, 2010, and defend its budget. Governor Freudenthal has recommended an additional \$50 million be allocated from the General Fund for surface transportation, but it is uncertain at this time whether or not the additional funding will be approved.

4. Mr. Kevin Hibbard presented the Budget report.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Report: The Department has spent and received reimbursement from the FHWA for over 50 percent of its ARRA funds through November 2009.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Hibbard reported that the Department's cash balance is stable. Federal mineral royalty under-the-cap distributions are expected to be more than \$30 million in January.

5. Mr. McGee presented two requests to use the official state highway map.

Strong Families - Strong Wyoming Map Use Request: The Commission recently received a request to use the official state highway map for the 2010 Wyoming First Lady's Family Night to be held in September.

It was recommended by Mr. McGee, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve the request from the Wyoming Healthy Marriage Initiative (WHMI) for the 2010 Strong Families - Strong Wyoming event.

Toxey/McMillan Design Associates Map Use Request: Another map use request was received from Toxey/McMillan Design Associates, a consultant that is developing the exhibits on behalf of the Wyoming Travel and Tourism Visitor Center near Sundance. The consultant's design calls for an enlarged state highway map to be laminated and mounted on the wall of the visitor center for public use.

It was recommended by Mr. McGee, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried to approve the request from Toxey/McMillan Design Associates for the sole use at the new Northeast Wyoming Visitor Center.

6. Mr. Collins presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held December 9, 2009, in Cody.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2
Sandi McCormick – Commissioner

Federal project NH-0804234, involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, concrete pavement, removal and replacement of structure, removal and replacement of guardrail, and miscellaneous work at reference marker 215.57 over the Cedar Street Interchange (Rawlins Marginal) in Carbon County. Completion date – July 31, 2011

Engineer's Estimate	\$3,650,765.75	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$3,504,459.05	-4.0%
American Civil Constructors, Inc. and Subsidiary, and American Civil Canada, ULC and ACC North Equipment, ULC, Littleton, CO	\$3,789,765.00	
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S & S Builders, LLC., Gillette, WY	\$3,851,002.26	
Sema Construction, Inc. and Subsidiaries and Capital Engine Partners, Centennial, CO	\$4,170,870.73	
COP Wyoming, LLC., Rock Springs, WY	\$4,567,258.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **Reiman Corp., 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 Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project STP-P231024, involving grading, milling, bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on 8.750 miles along US 30, between reference markers 235.060 and 244.000, in Carbon County. Completion date – September 30, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,457,309.50	
McMurry Ready-Mix Co., Casper, WY	\$2,233,419.85	-9.1%
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$2,279,229.68	
Simon Contractors and Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,404,696.83	
Western Wyoming Construction Co., Lander, WY	\$2,448,463.00	
Connell Resources, Inc., Fort Collins, CO	\$2,517,512.75	
Century Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Lewistown, MT	\$2,606,774.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried that **McMurry Ready-Mix Co., 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 Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project HSIP-P551018, involving removal and replacement of curb, gutter and sidewalk, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, traffic signal system, and miscellaneous work at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Vista Drive in the city of Laramie, in Albany County. Completion date – August 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$166,331.00	
W. L. Contractors, Inc., Arvada, CO	\$154,123.60	-7.3%
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$159,480.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **W. L. Contractors, Inc., Arvada, Colorado**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 5 and 7
Charlie Monk – Vice Chairman
Susan Dziardziel – Chair

Federal project STP-PM-B105016, involving chip sealing and miscellaneous work on 97.34 miles of various roads in Transportation District 5, in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties. Completion date – August 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,698,110.00	
Hardrives Construction, Inc., Billings, MT	\$2,535,798.22	-6.0%
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., Watsonville, CA	\$2,599,731.00	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$2,764,753.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$2,767,573.00	
Simon Contractors and Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,152,580.00	
Frost Rock Products Company, Lovell, WY	\$3,253,033.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried that **Hardrives Construction, Inc., Billings, Montana**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 6
Ted Ertman – Commissioner

Federal project NH-N855046, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base, and bituminous pavement surfacing and miscellaneous work on 9.15 miles along US 85, beginning at reference marker 238.34 between Newcastle and the South Dakota state line (Four Corners Section), in Weston County. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$3,148,378.85	
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$2,632,834.89	-16.4%
Century Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Lewistown, MT	\$2,677,053.90	
Simon Contractors and Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,839,976.84	
McMurry Ready-Mix Co., Casper, WY	\$2,853,638.65	
Border States Paving, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$2,882,282.80	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$2,891,310.41	
Intermountain Construction and Materials, Inc., Gillette, WY	\$3,021,962.77	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Northern Improvement Company, 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. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project NH-N442071, involving milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, removal and replacement of guardrail, bridge deck repair, and miscellaneous work on 7.28 miles along US 16, beginning at reference marker 233.31 between Upton and Newcastle, in Weston County. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,639,524.25	
Century Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Lewistown, MT	\$1,671,300.80	+1.9%
Northern Improvement Company, Fargo, ND	\$1,679,182.70	
Simon Contractors and Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,780,333.55	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$1,824,703.62	
Intermountain Construction and Materials, Inc., Gillette, WY	\$1,911,966.55	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Century Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Lewistown, MT**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project HSIP-SEP-B104012, involving guardrail replacement and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4, in Weston County. Completion date – July 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$427,215.00	
J.H. Hilt Engineering, Inc., Rapid City, SD	\$309,879.28	-27.5%
Hout Fencing of Wyoming, Inc., Worland, WY	\$333,139.50	
K's Construction, Inc., Otto, WY	\$432,708.00	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$605,432.68	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried that **J.H. Hilt Engineering, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 7
Susan Dziardziel – Chair

Federal project NH-N342041, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, leveling, chip seal, removal and replacement of guardrail, and miscellaneous work on 3.55 miles along US 20, beginning at reference marker 112.90 between Shoshoni and Thermopolis (Boysen Section), in Fremont County. Completion date – September 30, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,639,171.80	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$1,662,812.93	+1.4%
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,672,634.30	
Western Wyoming Construction Co., Lander, WY	\$1,700,000.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$1,703,083.59	
McMurry Ready-Mix Co., Casper, WY	\$1,804,131.18	
Century Companies, Inc. and Affiliate, Lewistown, MT	\$2,237,247.28	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Mountain Construction Company, 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 Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project STP-SR-0504019, involving bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work on WYO 95 at reference marker 3.06 between Glenrock and Ross Road in Converse County. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 783,245.75	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$ 695,094.55	-11.3%
Heavy Constructors, Inc., Rapid City, SD	\$ 787,515.00	
S & S Builders, LLC., Gillette, WY	\$ 831,793.89	
Grizzly Excavation & Construction, LLC., Casper, WY	\$1,004,481.54	
Build Inc. & Affiliate, Salt lake City, UT	\$1,102,750.30	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried that **Reiman Corp., 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 Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

7. Mr. Collins presented the following bid from the informal letting held December 3, 2009, in Cheyenne.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Cactus Covello - Commissioner**

Federal project NH-N853085, involving the demolition of the existing Torrington Port-of-Entry site, building, utilities, and related items of work, and provide a new 2,875 square foot, wood frame port-of-entry buildin to include mechanical, electrical and plumbing system, site grading, new road work and parking lot, weigh scales, utilities, landscaping, and other related items of work. Completion date – November 1, 2010

Architect's Estimate	\$2,733,080.00	
Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc., Gering, NE	\$1,937,343.00	-29.1%
Richardson Construction, Inc., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,940,000.00	
CK Construction & Services Corp., West Haven, UT	\$2,050,000.00	
McCauley Constructors, Inc., Windsor, CO	\$2,051,000.00	
White Construction Group, Castle Rock, CO	\$2,096,000.00	
J-2 Contracting Company, Greeley, CO	\$2,110,000.00	
Spiegelberg Lumber and Building Company, Laramie, WY	\$2,185,500.00	
Pioneer Construction Co. Inc., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,194,828.00	
Valley Design & Construction, Inc., Layton, UT	\$2,198,000.00	
Haselden Wyoming Constructors, LLC, Casper, WY	\$2,240,000.00	
Scott & Sons, Inc., Torrington, WY	\$2,330,820.00	
Goshen County Construction, LLC, Torrington, WY	\$2,438,000.00	
Norb Olind Construction, Inc., Wheatland, WY	\$2,490,000.00	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,499,000.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc., of Gering, Nebraska**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

8. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

Rural Major Collector

ARSCT 0.00 1904A01; Sweetwater County; Rock Springs, Airport Road; widen and overlay; fiscal year 2012 construction; request preliminary engineering funds of \$24,398; to be reimbursed by the Rock Springs Sweetwater County Airport Board

Rural Local

ARSCT 0.00 0C04A01; Sweetwater County; Green River Streets, Scott's Bottom Road; fiscal year 2010; request preliminary engineering funds of \$17,200, and construction engineering and construction funds of \$189,200; to be reimbursed by the City of Green River

COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

Rural Local

SCP 0.00 PEB1318; Sheridan County; new WYDOT Sheridan Complex; grading; fiscal year 2010; request state construction engineering and construction funds of \$2,068,860

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Rural Local

IRP 0.00 CN15020; Hot Springs County; Lane 3, Phases 1 and 2; reconstruction; fiscal year 2010; request preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000, construction engineering and construction funds of \$1,200,494, and IRP funds of \$650,000

COMMISSION DISTRICT 7

Rural Major Collector

IRP 0.00 CN10094; Fremont County; Burma Road, County Road 10-320; reconstruction; fiscal year 2010; request preliminary engineering funds of \$552,000, construction engineering and construction funds of \$6,072,000, and IRP funds of \$2,000,000

9. Colonel Powell presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through November 30, 2009, includes 103 fatal crashes involving 119 deaths. The fatalities include 67 involving rollover crashes, 32 involving multi-car crashes, 9 involving commercial vehicles, 14 involving motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, 2 involving pedestrians, and 4 involving fixed objects.

There have been 39 crashes to date deemed alcohol related, resulting in 43 deaths. Of those deaths, 32 were attributed to not using restraints.

Of the 119 deaths that have occurred to date in 2009, 73 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 53 involving rollover crashes, 16 involving multi-car collisions, and 4 involving fixed objects. Of the 73 deaths that occurred from non-use of occupant restraints, 57 were Wyoming residents and 16 were non-residents.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary reflects activity through October 31, 2009. The summary depicts 5,359 crashes statewide, of which 4,625 involved non-commercial vehicles and 734 involved commercial vehicles.

Patrol Field Arrest Activity: Field arrest activity indicates that the majority of arrests made as of November 30, 2009, have been DUI related. Field arrests total 1,754 to date, including:

- DUI arrests from crashes – 142
- DUI arrests from traffic stops – 775
- DUI arrests from the REDDI Program – 160
- DUI arrests from ports-of-entry – 3
- NCIC hits (person) – 43
- Wyoming warrants hits – 167
- Drug arrests – 135
- Other arrests – 329

Colonel Powell noted that there have been 25 fewer fatalities in 2009 than last year and attributes this to lower traffic volumes throughout the state. This total is statistically lower than it has been for five years.

Trooper Vacancies: Effective December 11, 2009, the Highway Patrol will have six trooper vacancies. Hiring Restriction Exception Requests have been filed with the Governor's office. Colonel Powell hopes to fill the vacancies as soon as approval is obtained.

Holiday Law Enforcement Funding: Commissioner Ertman asked if Patrol anticipates receiving additional federal funding for holiday law enforcement. Colonel Powell advised that the annual Federal 402 (highway safety) Grant has been signed and that we generally try to have some of the DUI enforcement funding in place for the holidays. However, this is not a new program, and Patrol has participated in holiday DUI enforcement program for many years.

Bus Crash Near Casper: Colonel Powell briefed the Commission about a December 5, 2009, crash on I-25 near Casper involving a bus and a tractor-trailer. The bus driver was killed instantly in the crash. Numerous non-life-threatening injuries were reported. All of the victims have since been released from the hospital.

10. Aeronautics Report: Copies of the November 2009 Aeronautics Aircraft Passenger Summary Report were provided to the Commission.

11. Mr. Tim Hibbard presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-030 to furnish 800,000 each, 2010 official Wyoming highway maps. The bid was awarded to Meredith-Webb, of Burlington, North Carolina, for the sum of \$85,044.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-041 to furnish three each, new, current model extended cab and chassis DRW for utility body, for delivery in Casper, Evanston, and Sheridan. The bid was awarded to Greiner Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$90,258.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-045 to furnish three each, new, current model 3/4-ton two-wheel-drive crew cab SRW pickup trucks, for delivery in Sheridan and Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Halladay Motors, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$63,378.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 113009 for a contract extension for furnishing tires statewide on an annual contract basis. The contract was awarded to numerous vendors, as shown on the requisition, for the sum of \$795,589.22.

12. Mr. McOmie presented the Chief Engineer's report.

2010 Asphalt Escalation Costs: Mr. McOmie reported that, in accordance with WYDOT specifications, the Department has paid about \$12 million to contractors in 2010 for increased asphalt prices, and \$658 has been paid back by contractors. Obviously, contractors continue to take advantage of this option when it is available.

13. District Engineers Jay Gould, Jack Bell, John Eddins, Mark Gillett, and Shelby Carlson presented their annual state-of-the-district reports.

District 1: Mr. Jay Gould advised that the I-25 to the Colorado state line (northbound lane) project recently won a national paving award.

District 1 has utilized some of its maintenance forces for construction activities in 2009, primarily because of the state hiring freeze. Participants were from the Pine Bluffs, Cheyenne and Laramie crews. The Rawlins crew experienced some staffing issues because of injuries and the hiring freeze. Consequently, some construction personnel also assisted with mowing operations throughout the summer months.

Mr. Gould reported that the variable speed limit project has been working very well. The district will soon extend its coverage westward another 17 miles.

District 1 has received many complaints from Rawlins, Hanna, and Medicine Bow-area residents about local access to their properties during road closures. District personnel are working with the Highway Patrol and the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program to implement a procedure to notify residents of specific accessible areas and to implement procedures to request permission to travel through those areas.

Many projects were done in District 1 this year that had favorable results. Of particular notability was the I-25, Randall Avenue, project in Cheyenne, which was complete almost a year ahead of schedule. A number of chip seal projects were also accomplished using ARRA funding, also such projects as a deer underpass and five miles of deer fencing just north of Baggs, and the Cheyenne I-180 Viaduct project. Mr. Gould reported that the West Lincolnway project was recently suspended for the winter and will be finished in the spring. A building project for the Laramie mechanics shop is being investigated.

According to Mr. Gould, employee morale has been strained because of the need to hire additional help, particularly amongst long-term employees. The recent Hay Study has also impacted morale because of uncertainty about where employees will fall within the plan.

District 2: Mr. Jack Bell advised that both of the District 2 striping foremen (urban and rural) could potentially retire soon, and the district will have to decide whether to possibly combine the crews and/or privatize some of its striping operations. The district will soon begin working on a possible luminaire repair contract using a private contractor.

The Governor's hiring freeze has also affected their crews, with just 10 of 15 maintenance job openings being filled. These openings represent about 10 percent of the district's total maintenance forces. While awaiting approval to fill the vacancies, the district has lost another five maintenance personnel, adding to the shortage. Additionally, about one-third are eligible for retirement, which will pose a very difficult transition for the district.

Mr. Bell briefed the Commission about numerous district projects, such as the Kaycee Streets, Casper East, Lusk - Manville, Douglas Bridge, and Casper West Belt Loop projects. Many chip seal projects were accomplished using ARRA funds, and the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy parking lot was paved this year. A district-wide bridge rehabilitation project was just let to contract. The proposed Casper four-lane extension will expand I-25 north for about seven miles and will cost about \$34 million.

District 2 morale is also suffering, primarily because of construction funding constraints. The Hay Study has caused some restlessness amongst district personnel.

WYDOT's Douglas shop building is designed and awaiting adequate funding. The Wheatland mechanics shop is in need of additional work bays.

District 2 is beginning to see an influx of windmill installations, with as many as 500 to 800 expected near Chugwater. This activity will undoubtedly impact the roads leading to the windmill sites.

District 3: Mr. John Eddins advised that District 3 currently has only one maintenance position vacancy and has experienced a significantly higher application rate than at this time last year. District 3 also utilized some of its maintenance employees for construction tasks. Construction personnel are being trained and will be given an opportunity to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL) to assist with snow plowing operations.

All District 3 ARRA-related projects have been let to contract, and three of them are complete. For the most part, all of the district's highway projects were on schedule or complete before the winter season.

District 3 is increasing its use of liquid and solid chemical deicers. All 14 maintenance stations are fully equipped with liquid tanks for use with pre-wet sanders. Mr. Eddins advised that chemical deicers do not work well in high wind or cold temperature conditions.

Mr. Eddins acknowledged the Engineering & Planning programs in Cheyenne for their efforts in preparing projects that will be built with federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funds.

According to Mr. Eddins, the variable speed limit program is working well in District 1, and that District 3 is developing a project to install variable speed limit signs from east of Rock Springs to west of Green River along I-80.

Commissioner Latta thanked Mr. Eddins and Ms. Jennifer Hoffman, Resident Engineer in Kemmerer, on behalf of the Thomasee family, for their hard work toward building the retaining wall project in Diamondville.

District 4: Mr. Mark Gillett briefed the Commission about projects that were accomplished in 2009. There were 23 projects totaling \$83 million let to contract for District 4, which included seven ARRA jobs. WYO 59 in Gillette was the major project to be completed in 2009. The largest ongoing project was US 14, at Steamboat Point. Other major ongoing projects include Burma Road, the I-90 bridge in Gillette, and the US 16 project near Buffalo. The district also repaired two slides this year on Highway 24 in Crook County.

District 4 also used some maintenance employees for construction administration this year.

The seven-lane concrete section of WYO 59, south of Gillette, won several awards, including one national award, in 2009.

There was a shortage of snow plow drivers last winter. Fortunately, a few from the district's construction crews have CDLs and were able to assist with plowing operations.

The district traffic crews met their pavement striping goals over the summer months and were also busy providing utility locates and approach permits.

Some property was purchased a few years ago to potentially build a new WYDOT district complex in Sheridan. An agreement is being drafted to begin grading for the project. The Sundance complex is currently leasing property that houses its Patrol and Driver Services personnel.

Mr. Gillett reported that all District 4 maintenance position vacancies have been filled. Workforce aging continues to be a concern for the district, and Mr. Gillett provided some statistics about the vast number of potential retirements in the near future.

District 5: Ms. Shelby Carlson recognized District 5 staff for their commitment to their work during the past year.

District 5 let 32 projects in 2009 totaling about \$63 million. The Togwotee Pass project had a long winter and a couple of months of bad weather last spring, which delayed the project. The area of work has been paved at 28-foot wide. Three miles of work has the first lift of permanent pavement and three miles of work has temporary pavement. Work will resume in the spring and will continue through the summer. There is a good possibility that the project will carry over to summer 2011 because of the significant delays of last spring.

Maintenance personnel were utilized on construction crews throughout the summer months, and some construction employees who have CDLs are assisting with maintenance operations this winter.

Several landslides occurred on Togwotee Pass during the summer months. A major slide plane appeared on the County Line Slide, causing a major change to the planned work, and will require some road redesign to minimize the risk of future slide movement.

The Department continues to work on the Cody northeast corridor, but construction has been delayed for lack of a permit from the Corps of Engineers, causing work to last into the winter months. The Cowley Streets project is complete, and Ms. Carlson has received positive comments from Cowley residents about the outcome.

The Department launched a successful traffic test in Greybull at the intersection of US 16/20 and US 14. The test changed the intersection geometrics to allow more turning area to safely maneuver trucks through the intersection.

An update was provided for the intersection of the Honor Farm Road and WYO 789 just north of Riverton. Work is progressing toward lighting this intersection and to implement other safety features to reduce the crash rate at the site. The project is expected to be let to contract in May 2010.

Ms. Carlson reported that the district is actively pursuing property for new WYDOT shops in Worland and Lander.

The district continues to work closely with the Wind River Indian Reservation and was successful in relocating the Beaver Creek Housing access road. The State plans to relinquish WYO 138 to the Reservation by Spring 2010.

Mr. Cody Beers, Public Involvement Specialist, recently attended a no-fatality summit in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Wind River Indian Reservation has an extremely high crash rate, unlicensed drivers, and a lot of drinking and driving. Mr. Beers secured a \$20,000 Highway Safety grant for driver education, which will be presented during the Reservation's basketball season to reach as wide of an audience as possible. Seat belt usage, pedestrian safety, drinking and driving, and speeding will be highlighted during the education session.

District 5 has accomplished 123 miles of chip seal projects in 2009. The district striping crews were busy all year providing striping on new construction and maintenance projects, which strained their ability to complete their normal required striping.

The district is down nine construction, four maintenance, two mechanics, and one of two electrical technicians, which has left the district in a predicament. Eight people from construction crews are assisting with snow plowing operations this winter.

14. Secretary Scott advised that the Commission's annual planning retreat will be held January 20, 2009, in Douglas.

15. It was moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chair Dziardziel adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m., on Thursday, December 10, 2009.