

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on October 15, 2015. The business meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Anderson. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Clair Anderson, Chairman, Riverton  
Bruce McCormack, Commissioner, Cody (via telephone)  
Bob Ruwart, Commissioner, Wheatland  
Todd Seeton, Commissioner, Jackson  
Mike Larson, Commissioner, Lusk  
Rick Newton, Commissioner, Buffalo  
Bill Panos, Interim Director  
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting was: Gregg Fredrick, Assistant Chief Engineer of Engineering and Planning; Ken Shultz, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Tom Loftin, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol Administrator; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Sam Voyles, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; and Joe Dailey, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Vice Chairman K. John Dooley, of Laramie; and Dennis Byrne, Aeronautics Administrator, were absent.

Others present: Misha Westby, Deputy Attorney General, Human Services Division, Wyoming Attorney General's office; Kristin Burkart, Internal Review Services Program Manager; and Kirsten Rigg, Senior Auditor, Internal Review Services Program.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Anderson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2015, budget presentation and the September 17, 2015, breakfast meeting, regular business meeting, and executive session.
3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented a September 17, 2015, letter from Mr. S. Joseph Darrah, Attorney at Law, regarding a public records request. The Commission also received a copy of a letter from Mr. Samm Caselli, Assistant Attorney General, responding to Mr. Darrah's request. The Attorney General's office will gather the requested information. No action was required on behalf of the Commission.
4. Old Business: Mr. Fredrick advised that a response has been drafted for Chairman Anderson's signature to address Mr. and Mrs. James (Sharon) Fink's inquiry about an outdoor advertising sign that was discussed at the September 17, 2015, Commission business meeting. The certified

letter will be mailed to the Finks explaining that the sign does not conform to the permitting requirements detailed in WYDOT's rules and regulations, and the sign must be removed. The Finks have 15 days to request a formal hearing to contest the decision. If the Finks choose not to contest the determination, WYDOT will remove the sign at no cost to the Finks.

3. Interim Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Internal Review Services FY 2016 Work Plan: Ms. Burkart presented the FY 2016 Work Plan for the Internal Review Services Program. The proposed assignments include performance audits, agreed-upon procedures, non-audit services, and administrative engagements of various Department operations identified in the FY 2016 Risk Assessment. The engagements will provide information to WYDOT executive staff and program managers to improve WYDOT operations, mitigate risks, strengthen controls, and improve accountability, and will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Department operations to assist in achieving the Department's mission.

Ms. Burkart noted that Internal Review Services has performed the compliance portion of the federally-mandated annual A-133 audit in the past, which has consumed about five months out of the year. A consultant will handle the compliance audit this year, and Internal Review will have more time to address some others areas that have not been audited before.

General Comments and Early Observations from Interim Director Panos: Director Panos advised that he is very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with many WYDOT employees statewide over the past few weeks, and that everything he has heard about the employees has been reaffirmed through those meetings. Mr. Panos has found that WYDOT employees are very focused and highly professional individuals who are dedicated to the mission of the organization and to the WYDOT family. In those meetings, Director Panos has also seen the traits of a "world class organization," and he would like to see if the Department can extend its reach further to make it even better in an environment that already works very well.

Budget Reductions: Governor Matt Mead issued a memorandum to state agency directors on October 6, 2015, asking all state agencies to reexamine budgets and identify opportunities to reduce spending over the current and upcoming biennium. Mineral prices and production have declined and state revenue is depressed, which has resulted in a projected \$200 million shortfall over the next biennium. Governor Mead has asked for agency budget reductions within the next two weeks.

Director Panos advised that he has been very impressed with the executive staff's quick, thorough, and proactive response to seek areas where spending can be reduced, and he looks forward to the opportunities that this exercise will bring to the Department.

Ms. Rigg left the meeting.

4. Mr. Freier presented the monthly Budget report.

Monthly Budget Report: The September 2015 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 91 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 96 percent expended, for an overall budget expenditure of 92 percent for FY 2015, which is within the target budget tolerances.

5. Mr. Fredrick presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held October 8, 2015, in Laramie.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**  
**Bob Ruwart - Commissioner**

Federal project NHPPI-0252153, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, placing crushed base, blended base and bituminous pavement surfacing, crack sealing, plant mix wearing course, removal and replacement of a structure, electrical work, and miscellaneous work on 3.32 miles of I-25, beginning at reference marker (RM) 97.49, between Dwyer Junction and Glendo, on El Rancho Road, in Platte County. Completion date: June 30, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 7,439,755.50	
<b>Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper WY</b>	<b>\$ 8,126,960.05</b>	<b>+9.2%</b>
Hedquist Construction, Inc., Mills, WY	\$ 9,811,363.55	
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$10,470,391.50	

Mr. Dailey noted that this is an FHWA Project of Division Interest (PoDI). WYDOT and the FHWA will work together to optimize the successful delivery of programs and projects and help ensure compliance with federal requirements. PoDIs typically have an elevated risk, contain elements of higher risk, or present a meaningful opportunity for FHWA involvement to enhance meeting program or project objectives.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that Oftedal Construction, Inc., 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.

**COMMISSION DISTRICTS 1 and 7**  
**Bob Ruwart - Commissioner**  
**Clair Anderson - Chairman**

State project CMP-PM-B162010, involving crack sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2, including Converse, Laramie, and Platte counties. Completion date: March 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 583,051.00	
<b>Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD</b>	<b>\$ 570,140.00</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$ 598,647.00	
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$ 701,501.00	
Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., Billings, MT	\$ 891,563.29	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$ 936,141.45	
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Plover, WI	\$ 981,236.67	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$1,030,298.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried that Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**  
**K. John Dooley - Vice Chairman**

Federal project NHPPI-I802197, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, bridge rehabilitation, signing, and miscellaneous work on 11.89 miles of I-80, beginning at RM 65.44, between Lyman and Green River, in Sweetwater County. Completion date: October 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$11,085,734.00	
<b>Lewis &amp; Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY</b>	<b>\$ 8,690,607.35</b>	<b>-21.6%</b>
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$10,133,777.00	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$10,489,621.00	
Nelcon, Inc. and White Rock Aggregate, LLC, Kalispell, MT	\$10,546,291.00	
W.W. Clyde & Co., Springville, UT	\$11,774,265.58	
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$11,889,571.50	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$12,397,025.99	

Mr. Dailey advised that there is nearly a 9 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) commitment on this project.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Lewis & Lewis, Inc., 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. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project NHPPI-I804255, involving grading, milling plant mix and concrete, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work on 6.24 miles of I-80, beginning at RM 233.76, between Laramie and Rawlins, in Carbon County. Completion date: October 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$6,736,906.00	
<b>McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co. and subsidiary, Worland, WY</b>	<b>\$6,315,065.28</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$6,369,577.00	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$6,699,566.67	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$7,129,299.50	
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$7,330,668.60	
	\$7,612,496.60	

Mr. Dailey advised that there is nearly a 7 percent DBE commitment on this project.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co. and subsidiary, 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 Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project NHPPI-0805154, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, bridge rehabilitation, and miscellaneous work on 10.38 miles of I-80, beginning at RM 299.55, between Walcott Junction and Laramie, in Albany County. Completion date: October 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$6,167,378.75	
<b>Knife River, Cheyenne, WY</b>	<b>\$5,296,879.40</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,583,855.65	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co. and subsidiary, Worland, WY	\$5,638,114.67	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$6,199,952.65	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Knife River, 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-PM-1900041, involving crack sealing and miscellaneous work in Transportation District 3, beginning at RM 2.80 on WYO 530, in Sweetwater County. Completion date: April 30, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 442,201.00	
<b>Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD</b>	<b>\$ 465,570.00</b>	<b>+5.3%</b>
Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., Billings, MT	\$ 581,328.18	
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Plover, WI	\$ 750,356.00	
Bonneville Asphalt & Repair, LLC, Orem, UT	\$1,079,000.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, and carried that Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, 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 DISTRICTS 4 and 6**

**Rick Newton - Commissioner**  
**Mike Larson - Commissioner**

Federal project STP-PM-B164016, involving crack sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4, including Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Niobrara, Sheridan, and Weston counties. Completion date: May 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$465,491.00	
<b>Hardrives Construction, Inc. and subsidiaries, Billings, MT</b>	<b>\$486,858.00</b>	<b>+4.6%</b>
Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., Billings, MT	\$544,890.42	
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Plover, WI	\$752,266.00	

Mr. Dailey advised that Hardrives Construction is a DBE firm, which makes this project a 100 percent DBE participation.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that Hardrives Construction, Inc. and subsidiaries, 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 DISTRICTS 5 and 7**

**Bruce McCormack - Commissioner**  
**Clair Anderson - Chairman**

Federal projects STP-PM-B165004 and CMP-PM-B165005 combined, involving crack sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 5, including Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie counties. Completion date: May 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,591,249.03	
<b>Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD</b>	<b>\$1,487,876.00</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>
Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., Billings, MT	\$2,429,019.99	
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Plover, WI	\$2,484,961.33	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, 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.

Federal project STP-PM-B165024, involving crack sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 5, including Big Horn, Fremont, and Park counties. Completion date: May 31, 2016

Engineer's Estimate	\$483,121.00
<b>Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD</b>	<b>\$509,360.00 +5.4%</b>

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that Highway Improvements, Inc., Sioux Falls, 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.

Mr. Fredrick advised WYDOT has established an overall DBE goal of 4.55 percent for FY 2016. The Department is off to a very good start with a 6.45 percent DBE commitment so far this year.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

#### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

##### Various

CD 0.00 CD16202; Platte County; Wheatland; Phase 2 and 3 of trail; pathway; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$625,000

CD 0.00 CD16103; Laramie County; Cheyenne, CB&Q Rail Trail; soft surface path; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$250,000

CD 0.00 CD16206; Platte County; Guernsey, along the North Platte River; pedestrian and bicycle multi-use pathway; FY 2016; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$88,651

#### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

##### Urban Principal Arterial

ARSCT 0.00 0261A01; Albany County; Laramie Streets, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Harney Street; utility upgrades; FY 2016; request construction engineering and construction funds of \$189,869; to be reimbursed by the City of Laramie

##### Various

CD 0.00 CD16104; Albany County; Laramie Streets, Iverson Avenue; bicycle enhancements; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$312,500

CD 0.00 CD16308; Sweetwater County; Green River Streets, various locations; ADA curb ramps; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$8,000; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$167,000

CMAQ 0.00 CM16101; Carbon County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$214,991

### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 3**

#### Various

CD 0.00 CD16309; Sublette County; Pinedale Streets, various locations; pathway; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$26,139; request construction funds of \$235,521

CD 0.00 CD16310; Teton County; Teton Village Association, various locations; pathway; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$9,526; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$110,924

CD 0.00 CD16311; Lincoln County; Thayne Streets, Wright Street and Van Noy Parkway; sidewalk; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$16,000; request federal construction funds of \$144,000

CMAQ 0.00 CM16303; Lincoln County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$352,485

### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

#### Various

SSP-TO-B164033; Campbell County; Gillette Streets, various locations; traffic signals communication upgrade; FY 2016; request state preliminary engineering funds of \$10,000; request construction engineering and construction funds of \$140,000

CD 0.00 CD16412; Campbell County; Gillette Streets, Sinclair Street and Garner Lake Road; multi-use pathway; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$305,646

CD 0.00 CD16413; Johnson County; Johnson County, South Bypass Road; feasibility study of pathway; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$50,000

CD 0.00 CD16415; Sheridan County; Sheridan Streets, various locations; pathway; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$31,250; request federal construction funds of \$281,250

CMAQ 0.00 CM16404; Campbell County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$467,098

CMAQ 0.00 CM16406; Johnson County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$332,566

CMAQ 0.00 CM16407; Sheridan County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$356,598



Urban Principal Arterial

SSP-TO 0.29 0302087; Sheridan County; Sheridan, US 14 Business/I-90 Interchange; RM 0.29; replace roadway lighting units; request move from FY 2017 to FY 2016; request state construction engineering and construction funds of \$17,000

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 5**

Various

CD 0.00 CD16517; Fremont County; Meeteetse, various locations; sidewalk and ADA upgrades; FY 2016; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$157,574

Urban Principal Arterial

NHPP-PM 0.00 B155027; Washakie County; Worland, Big Horn Avenue from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; ADA upgrades; request move from FY 2017 to FY 2016; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$1,084,227

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 6**

Various

CD 0.00 CD16414; Weston County; Newcastle Streets, various locations; multi-use pathway; FY 2016; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$31,250; request federal construction funds of \$281,250

CMAQ 0.00 CM16405; Crook County; various county roads; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$188,750

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 7**

Various

CD 0.00 CD16207; Natrona County; Natrona County and Platte River Trails, adjacent to Casper College campus; pedestrian and bicycle multi-use pathway; FY 2016; request federal construction funds of \$468,750

CD 0.00 CD16205; Natrona County; Casper Streets, Robertson Road; pedestrian and bicycle multi-use pathway; FY 2016; request federal CE and construction funds \$449,763

CD 0.00 CD16516; Fremont County; Lander; planning non-motorized improvements; FY 2016; request federal funds \$25,000

CD 0.00 CD16518; Fremont County; Riverton, various locations; ADA ramps, flashing crosswalk signs; FY 2016; request federal construction funds \$147,500

CMAQ 0.00 CM16202; Converse County; Jenne Trail Road, CR #34, western half; dust suppression; FY 2016; request federal construction funds \$586,313

**COMMISSION DISTRICT M (Miscellaneous)**

Interstate

SCP 0.00 TRFSN16; Laramie, Converse, Natrona, Johnson, Sheridan, Campbell, Crook counties; I-25 and I-90, various locations; install and repair logo signs; FY 2016; request state PE funds \$55,000; request CE and construction funds \$545,000

Various

HRRR 0.00 HRRR016; University of Wyoming Technology Transfer Center; High Risk Rural Road Program; assist Wyoming counties in safety planning and speed related safety studies; FY 2016; request federal funds \$200,000

HSIP 0.00 B162034; Natrona, Johnson, and Campbell counties; Highway District 2, various locations; flexible delineators and reference markers; FY 2016; request federal PE funds \$5,000; request federal CE and construction funds \$195,000

HSIP 0.00 B162035; District-wide; Highway District 2, various locations; install curve chevron signing; FY 2016; request federal PE funds \$20,000; request federal CE and construction funds \$220,000

CD 0.00 CD16901; Statewide; purchase incentive items to increase walking and/or bicycling to schools; FY 2016; request federal funds \$40,277

7. It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve the following resolution where property for public use cannot be acquired through good faith negotiation by purchase or gift:

**RESOLUTION FOR EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. 1-26-512, 1-26-801 and 24-2-102, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming is authorized to institute condemnation proceedings where property for public use cannot be acquired through good faith negotiation by purchase or gift; and

WHEREAS, the public interest and necessity require the construction of Project 1003014, the I-90 Piney Creek Interchange to Story Road, in Johnson and Sheridan counties, and that the property shown on the right-of-way plans for this project is required for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming has determined that the aforementioned project is planned or located to be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury; and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements to be acquired are identified as being located in Lots 1 and 2 of Baker Subdivision located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, Sheridan County, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Johnson County, all of T53N, R83W of the 6th P.M., Wyoming and constitute approximately 0.33 acres of property for

additional right-of-way and approximately 1.00 acre of property for temporary construction easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the property sought to be acquired is necessary and appropriate for the proposed project and in the event successful negotiations cannot be effectuated with any owners thereof, condemnation proceedings are authorized to be commenced and prosecuted to acquire the necessary additional right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements.

8. New Right-of-Way Program Manager: Mr. Michael J. Miller recently retired as the Lands Management Administrator. Mr. Kevin Lebeda was selected as his replacement effective October 1, 2015.

9. Lusk Retaining Wall Fabrication Approval: A major Union Pacific Railroad bridge was destroyed in a flood that occurred in June 2015. A replacement structure is being designed, and materials are being fabricated. The retaining wall design, fabrication, quality control, storage, shipment, and on-site assistance cost is \$429,390.28, and WYDOT is working diligently with the designer to achieve the work in a timely manner.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to authorize the executive staff to modify the existing work directive with HDR, Incorporated, of Denver, Colorado, for the design, fabrication, and quality control, storage, shipment, and on-site assistance for the Lusk bridge damage repair project, in the amount of \$429,390.28.

The construction for the Lusk bridge replacement is tentatively scheduled for a January 2016 letting.

Director Panos shared Governor Mead's appreciation for the WYDOT employees who went above and beyond the call of duty in the Lusk recovery efforts. Mr. Fredrick advised that there were many employees who worked very hard, long hours, including holidays, to bring normalcy back to the Lusk area residents.

9. Mr. Fredrick provided the names of the Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee nominees.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve Brittany Butler, from the Wyoming Office of Tourism, for a three-year term, and Commissioner Tom Ryan, from the Wyoming County Commissioners' Association, for a five-year term, as Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee members.

10. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through September 30, 2015, includes 101<sup>1</sup> fatal crashes involving 113<sup>1</sup> deaths. The fatalities include 47 rollover crashes, 31 multi-car crashes, 6 fixed objects, 23 motorcycles, 2 all-terrain vehicles (ATV), 3 pedestrians, and 1 bicyclist. Of the 101 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 17<sup>2</sup> involved commercial vehicles.

There have been 41<sup>3</sup> fatal crashes to date deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 44<sup>3</sup> deaths. Of those deaths, 33 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Twenty-seven (57 percent) were rollover crashes, 8 (26 percent) were multi-car crashes, 3 (50 percent) involved flying objects, 7 (30 percent) involved motorcycles, 1 (50 percent) involved an ATV, 1 (33 percent) involved a pedestrian, and 4 (24 percent) involved commercial vehicles.

Of the 113 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 53 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 42 involving rollover crashes, 7 involving multi-car collisions, and 4 involving fixed objects. Of the 53 deaths that occurred from non-use of occupant restraints, 44 were Wyoming residents, and 9 were nonresidents. Ten of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and 6 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 101 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 54 (53 percent) of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 21 (21 percent) occurred on interstate highways, and 26 (25 percent) occurred on city/county roads.

Ten multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways so far this year, of which 7 involved multiple vehicles, 3 involved commercial vehicles, and 3 were alcohol related.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 10 vehicle crashes so far this year that resulted in 14 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 31 of the vehicle crashes that caused deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2015 are as follows:

Sunday	11 crashes
Monday	14 crashes
Tuesday	15 crashes
Wednesday	12 crashes
Thursday	10 crashes
Friday	17 crashes
Saturday	22 crashes

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<sup>1</sup>Numbers at the time of reporting final numbers may change.

<sup>2</sup>Number not included in total deaths (sub-crash data).

<sup>3</sup>Not all chemical test results were available at the time of reporting.

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2015 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	18 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	20 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	34 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	29 crashes

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 4,324<sup>4</sup> crashes statewide, of which 3,574<sup>4</sup> involved noncommercial vehicles, and 750<sup>4</sup> involved commercial vehicles.

Seat belt use continues to be a key factor in saving lives in crashes. Ideas were discussed about how to get drivers to buckle up. Some ideas were to promote seat belt use in schools using a well-known student in the promotional materials or advertisement, pushing out text messages to 18-25 year-old males who are in a higher risk category for crashes, and using variable message signs to promote seat belt use.

Mr. McGee noted that WYDOT doesn't always have a choice of where federal highway safety funds are spent, as some are designated to campaign against drug or alcohol use, and others are set aside to promote seat belt use.

Quarterly Fatal Crash Mapping: Colonel Haller presented the third quarter 2015 Fatal Crash Map. The map showed the highest fatal crash rates have occurred in Park, Fremont, Natrona, and Laramie counties this year.

Mobile Education and Enforcement Team (MEET) Detail Report: A statewide MEET detail report was provided for the period of October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, for commercial motor carriers. Colonel Haller explained that the MEET detail works like a mobile port-of-entry. There were 1043 units weighed, 176 citations written for overweight violations, and 315 other citations issued during the period. Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers work in concert with ports-of-entry officers to educate and provide a safe driving environment for the traveling public.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Recruiting Efforts: The Highway Patrol continues the process of screening candidates for trooper vacancies. Colonel Haller explained the screening process. At this stage, 29 of the 30 applications have cleared the required background checks; home interviews will be held with the potential officer, their families, neighbors, references, and former employers; and other steps have been taken to investigate the candidates. Psychological and polygraph evaluations will also be conducted before candidates are subjected to written tests and interviews. Fourteen of the 29 candidates will then go through Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy training. The remaining 15 candidates have previous law enforcement experience, so they can be hired and assigned to duty stations right away.

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<sup>4</sup>Does not contain all crashes worked. Some reports are still pending.

Because of the recent hiring freeze, an exception request has been submitted to the Governor's office for hiring these troopers.

11. Mr. Byrne presented the Aeronautics report, including the September 2015 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report, and the September 2015 Wyoming Aircraft Accidents Monthly Report.

12. Mr. Loftin presented the Support Services report.

State Hiring Freeze: WYDOT had 92 vacant positions advertised at the time of the recent hiring freeze. If a candidate had accepted a written offer for employment, the position can be filled. Of the 92 vacancies, 32 are necessary full-time maintenance personnel, 7 are dual construction and maintenance positions, and 13 are temporary seasonal snow plow operators. Appeals will be prioritized and sent to the Governor's office for consideration in hiring for these positions.

13. Mr. Shultz presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-334 to furnish four each, new, current model, full-size, four-door sedans, for delivery in Basin and Casper. The bid was awarded to Greiner Motor Company - Casper, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$80,280.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-337 to furnish five each, new, current model, 15 Series, four-wheel-drive, four-door pickup trucks, for delivery at various statewide locations. The bid was awarded to Greiner Motor Company - Casper, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$123,795.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-338 to furnish seven each, new, current model, 15 Series, four-wheel-drive, crew cab pickup trucks, for delivery at various statewide locations. The bid was awarded to Greiner Motor Company - Casper, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$197,442.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-339 to furnish six each, new, current model, 15 Series, two-wheel-drive, four-door pickup trucks, for delivery at various statewide locations. The bid was awarded to Greiner Motor Company - Casper, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$119,052.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-340 to furnish two each, new, current model, 25 Series, four-wheel-drive, four-door pickup trucks, for delivery in Casper and Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Greiner Motor Company - Casper, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$50,992.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 15-346 to furnish prestressed, precast 30" concrete box girders, for delivery in Lusk, Wyoming. The bid was awarded to Rocky Mountain Prestress, of Denver, Colorado, for the sum of \$262,591.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000039773 to furnish 11 Bentley engineering design software licenses, for use by various programs and field offices, for the period of November 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016. The contract was awarded to Bentley Systems, Inc., of Exton, Pennsylvania, for the sum of \$358,704.72.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000039822 for a Dakota Carrier Network (DCN) line, for use by the WYDOT Training Program, for the period of September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016. The contract was awarded to Dakota Carrier Network, of Fargo, North Dakota, for the sum of \$103,300.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000039824 for WYDOT's annual contribution to the Transportation Learning Network (TLN), for use by the WYDOT Training Program, for the period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. The contract was awarded to North Dakota Department of Transportation, of Bismarck, North Dakota, for the sum of \$117,000.00.

14. It was moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to remove former Director John F. Cox, and former Chief Engineer Delbert A. McOmie, as authorized signatories for the Wyoming Department of Transportation, effective October 15, 2015.

15. It was moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to move into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Burkart, Messrs. Fredrick, Shultz, Loftin, Freier, McGee, Dailey, and Colonel Haller left the meeting.

The Commission went into an executive session at 11:36 a.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

16. It was moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commission Larson, and carried to move out of the executive session. The Commission moved out of the executive session at 11:52 a.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2015.