

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on June 15, 2017. The business meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Seeton. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Todd Seeton, Chairman, Jackson (via telephone)
Bob Ruwart, Vice Chairman, Wheatland
Mike Larson, Commissioner, Lusk
Rick Newton, Commissioner, Buffalo (via telephone)
Louie Pfrangle, Commissioner, Worland
Phil Schmidt, Commissioner, Casper
Jim Espy, Commissioner, Savery
William T. Panos, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol Administrator; Amy Surdam, Aeronautics Administrator; and Pat Lewis, Chief Technology Officer; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Sam Voyles, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Officer; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Ms. Kristin Burkhart, Internal Review Services Program Manager, and Mr. David Stearns, Financial Services Program Manager, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Seeton led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Commission Minutes: The June 6-7, 2017, Commission Training minutes were on the agenda, but were not available for Commission consideration. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried to remove Item 3.C, the approval of the June 6-7, 2017, Commission Training minutes, from the agenda. Those minutes will be presented for Commission consideration at the July 20, 2017, business meeting.

It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Vice Chairman Espy, and carried to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2017, breakfast meeting and business meeting.

3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented a copy of a June 9, 2017, letter to Mr. Bryan Cawley, the FHWA Division Administrator, regarding WYDOT denial of a bid envelope to Hedquist Construction.

Secretary Scott also presented a June 11, 2017, letter from River Pilot International Headquarters regarding autonomous vehicles in Wyoming, robots, artificial intelligence, and drones. The letter was addressed directly to Governor Mead, with a copy to the Transportation Commission. A formal response will be prepared by WYDOT exec staff if they are asked to do so by the Governor's office.

4. Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Director Panos thanked WYDOT personnel for their extraordinary efforts during the recent spring flooding, landslides, and other weather-related events around the state. These historic events have put an added burden on field personnel, and Director Panos offered his sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Transportation Summit: The Department will host a transportation summit in Casper on December 7, 2017, to celebrate 100 years of transportation in Wyoming. The celebration will involve many transportation stakeholders, including WYDOT executive staff, Wyoming's Congressional delegations, Governor Mead and his staff, city and county officials, the Wyoming Contractors Association, the Wyoming Trucking Association, and the Transportation, Aeronautics, and Public Safety Communications Commissions.

The WYDOT website will be updated to reflect the 100-year celebration, and to be used as a tool to convey information to the public about the anniversary. Employee all-hands meetings will be held in each district, followed by a barbeque for employees and retirees to recognize, celebrate, and say thank you for their participation in Wyoming's 100 years of transportation excellence.

Chairman Seeton agreed that this was an appropriate way to commemorate the 100-year celebration.

Kemmerer Meeting: Director Panos and Mr. Fredrick recently visited with Westmoreland Coal Company representatives to discuss moving the Westmoreland Mine Road near Kemmerer. WYDOT will work closely with Westmoreland Coal Company to design and build the road to accommodate the expansion of their coal mine.

Commission Orientation and Training: The Transportation, Aeronautics, and Public Safety Communications Commissions met June 6-7, 2017, for orientation and training. The workshop covered anti-discrimination, workplace violence prevention, ethics, commission roles and responsibilities, effective meetings, and parliamentary procedure.

Director Panos asked the Commission to provide feedback about the training. Commissioner Larson felt the training provided an opportunity for good interaction with the other commissions. Commissioner Schmidt agreed with Commissioner Larson, and he also encouraged the commissions to have similar training on a routine basis as a reminder of their responsibilities as commissioners.

Chairman Seeton believed the time spent with the other commissions is even more productive and useful than information shared at commission business meetings, and that an occasional education session with the attorney general representative would also be beneficial.

Commissioner Newton particularly enjoyed the parliamentary procedure demonstration provided by the Cheyenne Central High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) members, and he asked the Department to consider sending a thank you gift for the FFA members who participated in the presentation.

5. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's report.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report, beginning with the snow control budget. FY 17 snow maintenance expenditures are overrunning by about 20 percent. Budgeted maintenance projects will be reduced to compensate for the snow maintenance overrun.

The May 2017 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 64 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 62 percent expended, which is within the target budget tolerances.

Commissioner Schmidt asked about the overrun in the employee relocation account. Mr. Freier explained that WYDOT has a relocation assistance policy that provides assistance when employees move across the state. The Department recently purchased an employee's home because of an employee transfer, and the home will be sold to recover that expenditure. In the meantime, a budget adjustment will be made in the third quarter budget modification to balance that account.

Mr. Byrne explained that executive staff is currently reviewing WYDOT's relocation assistance policy to find a good balance between convenience and necessity when evaluating relocation assistance for employees. Commissioner Schmidt advised that although he agrees with having an employee relocation program, purchasing houses is a "pretty rich program," and he encouraged the Department to continue its review of this practice. Director Panos indicated WYDOT is considering offering a stipend in lieu of housing purchases in the future.

WYDOT Budget Update: Mr. Byrne recently met with Messrs. Stearns and Freier, and Ms. Burkart, to analyze the Department's operating budget, particularly to review certain expenditures and WYDOT's true cash position. The team's analysis determined that adjustments will be necessary to the original FY 2018 budget to balance WYDOT's cash flow reserve account. The correction will be made incrementally over about five or six years to minimize the impact to the budget. Director Panos advised that these measures are being taken now to stabilize and enhance the cash reserve account for successful future operations.

WYDOT Revenue Update: Mr. Byrne provided handouts depicting the Department's annual revenue since 1996. Revenue has been trending downward since 2010, and WYDOT's executive staff has been working to address the issue. Director Panos indicated that WYDOT is working on

a strategy to stabilize funding. One step toward stabilizing the budget was the legislature's decision to increase user fees, specifically driver's licenses and vehicle registration fees. Other strategies are also being considered to establish a stable funding stream for WyoLink, and to eliminate the long-standing trend of using the highway fund as a balancing account for other WYDOT needs.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried to approve, by consent, the following bids:

- Bid number 17-186 to furnish a statewide dynamic message sign upgrade. The bid was awarded to SESA, of Warwick, Rhode Island, for the sum of \$1,115,171.00.
- Bid number 17-199 to furnish weigh-in-motion sorting system, for delivery in Sundance. The bid was awarded to Mettler-Toledo, LLC, of Columbus, Ohio, for the sum of \$274,294.06.
- Bid number 17-204 to furnish a sewer line replacement at the WYDOT facility in Patrick Draw. The bid was awarded to Rocky Mountain Sand and Gravel, LLC, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$81,250.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 17-201 to provide a roof repair and overlay at the WYDOT facility in Jackson. The bid was awarded to M. W. Construction, Inc., of Paradise, Utah, for the sum of \$1,079,300.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 00000046600 to furnish one Red Sky Brocade Network core replacement, for use by the Information Technology Program. The contract was awarded to Red Sky Solutions, LLC, of Draper, Utah, for the sum of \$97,467.50.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 00000046753 to furnish WyoLink consulting services for the build-out of the 16 remaining WyoLink towers. The contract was awarded to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP, of San Francisco, California, for the sum of \$75,000.00.

7. Mr. Byrne offered congratulations to Mr. Stearns on his 17-year career with WYDOT. Mr. Stearns will retire from his position as the Financial Services Program Manager on July 14, 2017. Mr. Byrne announced that Ms. Rhonda Harsy has been selected to fill the position, and she will begin her employment on July 10, 2017. Ms. Harsy is a Certified Public Accountant, a former chief financial officer, and a former controller, and she comes to WYDOT from the State Treasurer's office.

The Commission thanked Mr. Stearns for his years of service with the Department and wished him well in his retirement.

Messrs. Freier and Stearns left the meeting.

8. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held June 8, 2017, in Cheyenne.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2
Jim Espy - Commissioner

Federal project NHPPI-I803150, involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles at various locations along I-80, beginning at reference marker (RM) 77.51 in Sweetwater County. Completion date: August 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,020,655.00	
Kilgore Companies dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$ 965,975.72	-5.4%
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$1,450,777.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that **Kilgore Companies dba 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.

9. FHWA Briefing: Mr. Cawley briefed the Commission about three federal discretionary grants that were recently awarded to WYDOT. The largest grant brought approximately \$320,000 for Phase 3 research of the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) 2 product for the connected vehicle variable speed limit system. About another \$100,000 was awarded in response to the State Transportation Innovation Council's request to support e-construction deployment, and \$15,000 was awarded for the Fuel Tax Evasion Intergovernmental Grant Program. Two more grant applications have been submitted for the National Significant Freight and Highway Program. If approved, \$17 million will be used for the Rock Springs I-80 interchange. An additional \$18 million has been requested for the I-80 winter freight improvement project. Project awards will be announced later this summer.

Mr. Cawley thanked WYDOT for their preparation and applications for FHWA grants. The Commission thanked Mr. Cawley for his assistance in bringing the awarded funds to Wyoming.

10. It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Espy, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

Urban Interstate

DR 0.00 DR15574; Laramie County; Cheyenne, I-25 and I-80 Interchange; RM 8.84 and 359.58; damage repair; FY 2018; request preliminary engineering funds of \$5,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$90,000

Urban Minor Arterial

DR 0.94 DR15281; Laramie County; Cheyenne, Parsley Boulevard, bridge over I-80; RM 0.94; damage repair; FY 2018; request preliminary engineering funds of \$5,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$85,000

STP-BR 0.94 6738001; Laramie County; Cheyenne, Parsley Boulevard, bridge over I-80; RM 0.94; structure work; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$10,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$170,000

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

Urban Interstate

DR 313.99 DR15569; Albany County; Laramie, 15th Street separation over I-80; RM 313.99; damage repair; FY 2018; request preliminary engineering funds of \$20,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost of \$560,000

STP-BR 313.99 I805180; Albany County; Laramie, 15th Street separation over I-80; RM 313.99; structure work; FY 2018; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$5,000; estimated construction engineering and construction cost is \$175,000

11. Mr. Fulton presented the bid tabulations from the WyoLink request for proposals (RFP) that was opened April 21, 2017, in Cheyenne.

RFP No. 17-157MD, federal project STP-B179106, involving integrating electronics and building 16 new telecommunications towers to enhance the existing statewide WyoLink public safety communications system.

Estimate	\$16,000,000.00
Motorola Solutions, Inc., Westminster, CO	\$12,515,406.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Motorola Solutions, Inc., Westminster, Colorado, be awarded the RFP. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

12. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Landslides Update: Mr. Gillett provided a handout depicting 27 landslides that are being monitored by WYDOT, and he briefed the Commission about the priority ranking of the slides. The following slides were ranked as a high priority.

- US 20 in the Wind River Canyon in Hot Springs County; repairs are complete.
- US 189/191 in the Hoback Canyon in Sublette County; the repair will be added to an existing highway contract in the area, and work is expected to be complete in late summer.
- US 26/89 in the Snake River Canyon in Lincoln County; the repair design is being reviewed by WYDOT, and the contract is planned for an August letting. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2017.
- WYO 296 (Chief Joseph Highway) north of Cody in Park County; the repairs are being designed, and the project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017.

Flooding Update: Mr. Gillett also provided handout depicting the modeled snow-water equivalent forecast as of June 13, 2017. A considerable amount of snow remains in the mountain ranges in western Wyoming, and rivers continue to run high in the western and central regions of the state. Although runoff has been at record levels in some areas, no known structural damage has occurred so far. WYDOT continues to assist local governments with sandbagging and delivering concrete barrier to the flood prone areas.

Flooding in Fremont County necessitated closing US 26. In the interest of public safety, WYDOT personnel manned the road closure around the clock. The interlocking block installed along the slopes of the roadbed after the 2011 flooding has held the fill dirt in place resulting in very minimal erosion damage to the highway.

WYDOT Property Damage from Early Summer Storm: The recent hail storm that passed through eastern Wyoming caused damage to WYDOT buildings and vehicles, particularly in the Cheyenne and Wheatland areas. WYDOT is still assessing the damage and is working with the State of Wyoming Department of Administration and Information (A&I) Risk Management Office to determine the necessary repairs.

Maintenance and Construction Operations Update: District maintenance crews worked hard to open the mountain passes around the state. All mountain passes were open to traffic by the end of May 2017.

Crews are now engaged in summer activities, including patching roads, chip sealing, traffic striping, repairing fence, and sign repair.

Construction projects are in full swing with 10 active projects in District 1, 14 projects in District 2, 9 in District 3, 14 in District 4, and 10 in District 5, for a total of 57 active projects statewide.

13. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through May 31, 2017, includes 36¹ fatal crashes involving 39¹ deaths. The fatalities include 16 rollover crashes, 13 multi-car crashes, 3 fixed objects, 3

¹Numbers at the time of reporting; final numbers may change.

motorcycles, 1 all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, and 3 pedestrians. Of the 36 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 7² involved commercial vehicles.

There have been 14³ fatal crashes to date deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 15³ deaths. Of those deaths, 11 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Eleven were rollover crashes, 1 was a multi-vehicle collision, 1 involved a fixed object, and 1 involved a pedestrian.

Of the 39 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 22 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 14 involving rollover crashes, 5 involving multi-car collisions, and 3 involving fixed objects. Seventeen of those who died from non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Five of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and 2 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 36 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 15 of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 13 occurred on interstate highways, and 8 occurred on city/county roads.

Two multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways as of May 31, 2017, of which 1 involved multiple vehicles, and 1 was alcohol related.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 6 vehicle crashes so far this year, which resulted in 6 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 6 of the vehicle crashes that caused 8 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

Sunday	8 crashes
Monday	6 crashes
Tuesday	4 crashes
Wednesday	2 crashes
Thursday	6 crashes
Friday	7 crashes
Saturday	3 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	7 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	7 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	7 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	15 crashes

²Number not included in total deaths (sub-crash data).

³Not all chemical test results were available at the time of reporting.

The following statistics were also provided to the Commission:

- 82 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 28 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unrestrained.
- 67 percent of the fatalities so far this year were drivers of the involved vehicles.
- Of those who died who were not wearing seat belts, 44 percent were Wyoming residents.
- 58 percent of the 29 Wyoming resident fatalities were unbuckled.
- 67 percent of the non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- Five individuals under 21 years of age have died in crashes.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 33 percent of the fatalities.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 2,741⁴ crashes statewide, of which 2,076⁴ involved non-commercial vehicles, and 665⁴ involved commercial vehicles.

The May 2017 Fatal Pin Map, a map depicting the locations of fatal crashes statewide, was also provided to the Commission. Colonel Haller noted that his staff is reviewing in-depth details of crash data from past years in an attempt to uncover any potentially valuable information that may be used to prevent future fatalities.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Association (WHPA) Annual Awards Banquet and Picnic: The WHPA held its annual awards banquet and family weekend in Green River on June 9-10, 2017. Colonel Haller thanked Commissioner Pfrangle, Director Panos, and Mr. Fredrick for attending the event. State Representative John Freeman also attended the awards banquet.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) recognized some of its troopers, dispatchers, ports-of-entry officers, and civilians for their outstanding work throughout the year. Three meritorious conduct awards, three Combat Cross awards, three Purple Heart awards, and several lifesaving awards were given. The WHP also recognized the 2016 dispatcher, port-of-entry, civilian, and trooper-of-the-year awards.

Wyoming Trucking Association (WTA) Truck Driving Championship: The WTA held their annual truck driving championships at WYDOT headquarters on June 10, 2017. The event hosted 29 competitors.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training Program: The WHP will assume the responsibility and management of Wyoming's DRE Training Program effective October 1, 2017. The WHP will partner with the Office of Highway Safety in the effort. Colonel Haller is encouraged by the transfer of the oversight, as it directly relates to the WHP's mission and goals. The program will provide additional access to training for troopers regarding fatal crashes caused by impaired driving.

⁴Does not include all crashes worked; some reports are still pending.

Campbell County Campaign Kickoff: Campbell County plans to kick off a campaign against impaired driving on June 16, 2017. Governor Mead, the Campbell County Commission, the Gillette City Council, the judicial branch, local and state law enforcement, and private entities are supporting the effort.

Severe weather recently destroyed several buildings and property in eastern Laramie County. A tornado touched down in Carpenter, Wyoming, and five WHP troopers, first responders, public utility companies assisted in the cleanup efforts.

Shooting Altercation in the Casper Area: Colonel Haller advised that a use-of-force incident occurred in Natrona and Converse counties about a week and a half ago. Shots were fired during the incident, but no troopers were injured. Some WHP vehicles sustained damage. The incident is under investigation by the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI). An internal investigation is also being conducted through the WHP Professional Standards Section.

Colonel Haller offered particular appreciation for the dispatcher who addressed the situation with complete professionalism and sound judgement in relaying timely information about a dangerous situation to the law enforcement officers, which was critical to the successful outcome of the incident.

15. Ms. Surdam presented the Aeronautics report including the May 2017 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

New Rock Springs Airport Terminal: A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 13, 2017, for a new general aviation terminal and hangar. Governor Mead attended the event. The project will replace a 1940s terminal and a 1920s hangar. The \$5.48 million in project funding comes from the Wyoming Business Council, the Federal Aviation Administration, and WYDOT matching funds.

Air Service Enhancement Update: There are two programs that fund Wyoming's commercial air service, the Essential Air Service (EAS) Program and the Air Service Enhancement (ASE) Program. Six Wyoming communities participate in the ASE Program. Expenditures outweigh the income to the ASE account in recent years, and the account balance is now about \$300,000. Ms. Surdam anticipates about \$7 million in funding requests from the ASE program for the next biennium, but only \$2.4 million per biennium is allocated for the program. The Campbell County Airport recently withdrew from the ASE Program after achieving success with enplanements and an additional flight to Denver (now three per day).

The Cheyenne Regional Airport is constructing a new terminal to replace the 1960s terminal. The terminal's groundbreaking was held in April. WYDOT, the City of Cheyenne, and bonds will pay for the \$17.5 million project. Great Lakes Aviation has provided commercial air service from Cheyenne, but they recently announced they were limiting air service to Denver to one flight per week. The Cheyenne Regional Airport manager has brought together a group of community leaders to find more sustainable air service. Other hubs are being considered as

potential connections to enhance Cheyenne's air service. Cheyenne may apply for ASE funds in the next biennium. Currently, they do not receive any.

On June 20, 2017, Ms. Surdam will meet in Casper with the Wyoming Business Council, Wyoming Business Alliance, members of the Senate Air Transportation Liaison Committee, the Wyoming Airport Association president, and others to discuss air service funding and service for the next biennium, and what can be done in the meantime to relieve some of the pressures of the funding and service shortage. The current pilot shortage and increased aircraft size requirements will also contribute to the long term impacts on Wyoming's commercial air service.

Ms. Surdam noted that the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) has generously supported airport projects since their inception in 2004. The WBC has contributed about \$35 million (9 percent) of its business-ready community grant funds toward airports and airport projects.

16. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,923 personnel as of June 5, 2017, compared to 1,915 a month ago.

Vehicle Registrations in Yellowstone National Park: Director Panos and Messrs. Rossetti, Fredrick, and Fulton traveled to Yellowstone National Park last week to meet with Park Superintendent Dan Wenk and Xanterra (the primary provider of concessions within the park) representatives. Discussion topics included Xanterra workers' Wyoming vehicle registrations and driver's licenses.

Most of Xanterra's workers' vehicles are currently registered in Montana, primarily because workers currently have to drive 2 or 3 hours to Cody or Jackson to register their vehicles. Superintendent Wenk agreed to allow WYDOT to bring a mobile vehicle registration unit into the park a few times each year, beginning in July, to aid in properly registering those vehicles. WYDOT will further assist by preparing handout materials for newly hired Xanterra employees informing them of the required vehicle registration process.

Other discussion topics at the meeting included Xanterra's drivers getting Wyoming driver's licenses, having more Wyoming products in their stores, and possibly having WYDOT design some of the park's road contracts, through a memorandum of understanding.

17. Mr. Lewis presented the Chief Technology Officer's report.

Mr. Lewis introduced Jose Crespo, Senior Account Manager for Motorola Solutions. Mr. Crespo has played a significant role in developing WyoLink and continues to be a valued partner with WYDOT for the system.

WYDOT Connected Vehicle Project Update: Mr. Lewis also thanked Mr. Bryan Cawley and the FHWA for their support and collaboration to develop WYDOT's intelligent transportation

system (ITS). The FHWA is giving WYDOT the unique opportunity to participate in the connected vehicle project.

WYDOT is one of only three entities nationwide that was selected to participate in the series of connected vehicle pilot projects. New York City and Tampa, Florida, were the other two entities that were chosen to participate in the project. Independent evaluators for the federal government met with WYDOT ITS staff this week to plan for auditing of the Phase II project implementation. WYDOT was asked to assist the evaluation team with data structure for the New York and Tampa projects in the second phase as well. WYDOT's project management plan was also selected for use as the template for the other states' projects, and the algorithms developed by WYDOT's ITS staff will be used by the evaluators for all three entities' progress.

Wyoming plans to install connected vehicle devices in WYDOT's snow plows and patrol vehicles. This action will allow WYDOT to gather a year's worth of data ahead of New York and Tampa, and will give the Department an opportunity to work out any anomalies before implementation of devices for commercial use.

18. It was moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Seeton adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2017.