

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on May 18, 2017. The business meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Seeton. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Todd Seeton, Chairman, Jackson
Bob Ruwart, Vice Chairman, Wheatland
Mike Larson, Commissioner, Lusk
Rick Newton, Commissioner, Buffalo
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; Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol 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.

Others present: Lowell Fleenor, District Engineer; Mark Ayen, District Construction Engineer; Terry Uhrich, District Equipment Supervisor; and Jeff Goetz, Public Involvement Specialist, of Casper.

Ms. Amy Surdam, Aeronautics Administrator, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Seeton led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seeton welcomed the newly appointed commissioner Jim Espy of Savery to the Commission.

2. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2017, breakfast meeting, regular business meeting, and education session.

4. Director Panos did not provide a Director's report at the business meeting.

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

Monthly Budget Report: The April 2017 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 57 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 55 percent expended, which is within the target budget tolerances.

The FY 2017 snow control budget is \$24.7 million, and \$28.4 million has been expended as of April 30. Seasonal road openings, and late spring and fall snow storms will cause the snow control budget to overrun this fiscal year. Other maintenance activities will have to be tabled to offset the necessary snow maintenance costs. The Department also has some state construction program funds that may be used to cover snow control.

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

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for Bid No. 17-179 to furnish a roof replacement at the WYDOT facility in Lusk. The bid was awarded to Lowe Roofing of Wyoming, LLC, of Gillette, Wyoming, for the sum of \$109,900.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to approve purchase for Bid No. 17-193 to furnish 660 each, sign-grade plywood, for delivery in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Burt Forest Products Company, Inc., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the sum of \$56,232.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000046379 to furnish 6 each, Oracle multi-tenant user licenses, for use by various WYDOT programs, including the Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) and Aeronautics Divisions. The bid was awarded to Mythics Inc., of Virginia Beach, Virginia, for the sum of \$67,893.00. Mr. Byrne noted that Mythics, Inc., is contracted with Oracle a sole source provider for the multi-tenant user licenses for the State of Wyoming.

7. Mr. Fredrick presented the Chief Engineer's report.

Wind River Canyon Slide Update: The Wind River Canyon slide is being monitored by WYDOT Geology experts. GeoStabilization International, LLC, a geological consultant, was hired to evaluate the slide location and to recommend a viable means of repair so it does not encroach onto the roadway. The geological consultant has provided a quote for the emergency repair, which will involve soil nails and bands to hold the soil in place. The Department estimated the repairs would cost about \$200,000. Mr. Fredrick discussed the slide repair and the cost with Chairman Seeton, and the Department subsequently accepted a bid from Geostabilization International in the amount of \$215,731. The consultant has been given authorization to proceed with the work, materials have been ordered, and work is expected to begin this week.

Significant moisture in the Wind River Canyon continues to cause other landslides. Wilson Brothers Construction was awarded a scaling contract in the area last year. The contractor had not yet completed that work, so WYDOT has asked them to provide a quote for removing some of the exposed rock in the canyon. Wilson Brothers has provided a quote for the additional work, which is intended to minimize damage to the roadway and to ensure safety for travelers. The additional work is already underway, and it will be managed through a change order for \$440,000 to Wilson Brothers Construction's existing contract.

Chief Joseph Landslide Update: A large section of the Chief Joseph Highway (WYO 296) has dropped about 4 feet, and it has taken out one lane of the roadway. A “shew fly” detour was established to handle traffic flow around the slide and away from the slope. Future additional runoff could cause continued slide movement, which would significantly impact traffic. WYDOT has asked GeoStabilization International, to provide a quote and a recommendation for a temporary repair of the back slope of this slide to prevent additional loss of the roadway. Mr. Fredrick advised that the Department has not received the quote yet, but this repair may also require emergency contract approval.

8. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held May 11, 2017, in Casper.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Bob Ruwart - Vice Chairman**

State project SCP-TC-1400026, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing pit run sub-base and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles of WYO 270, beginning at reference marker (RM) 495.47, between Guernsey and Manville, in Platte County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,977,337.00	
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,937,900.11	-2.0%
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$2,026,825.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,076,293.37	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$2,187,694.45	
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,190,319.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that **Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

State project RHQ-SL17-B172033, involving the installation of railroad quiet zones, including grading, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, pavement markings, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.13 miles of WYO 160, and on Laramie Avenue in the town of Fort Laramie, in Goshen County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer’s Estimate	\$303,409.00	
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$296,190.71	-2.4%
EHC, LLC, Deaver, WY	\$353,371.60	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$382,356.30	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$398,491.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **71 Construction, Casper, Wyoming**, having

prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

State project RHQ-SL17-B172032, involving the installation of railroad quiet zones, including grading, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, pavement markings, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.12 miles of the WYO 319 connector, and on 5th Street in the town of Glendo, in Platte County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$257,051.20	
EHC, LLC, Deaver, WY	\$255,576.45	-0.6%
Alexander Const., Co. & South Fork, Wheatland, WY	\$263,178.32	
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$265,866.71	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$360,415.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Vice Chairman Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that **EHC, LLC, Deaver, Wyoming**, 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
Jim Espy - Commissioner

State projects SCP-TC-N131055 and SCP-TC-N531019 combined, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, emulsion stabilized full-depth reclamation, bridge deck repair, and miscellaneous work on approximately 2.00 miles of Elk Street and Dewar Drive in the city of Rock Springs, in Sweetwater County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$3,480,557.70	
Kilgore Companies dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$4,478,805.66	+28.7%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Newton, 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.

Federal project STP-W374011, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base, concrete pavement, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.20 miles of WYO 374, beginning at RM 69.77 at the I-80 and Little America interchange, in Sweetwater County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$771,307.50	
DeBernardi Construction Company, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$807,000.00	+4.6%
EHC, LLC, Deaver, WY	\$816,580.20	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **DeBernardi Construction Company, 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.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 and 7

Todd Seeton - Chairman

Phil Schmidt - Commissioner

Federal project NHPP-N302051, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, slide stabilization rock, and miscellaneous work at RM 20.9 and RM 28.3 on US 26, between Moran Junction and Dubois, in Fremont and Teton counties. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,699,134.50	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$1,777,042.00	+4.6%
Gale Lim Construction LLC, Blackfoot, ID	\$2,532,139.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Espy, 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 DISTRICT 5

Louie Pfrangle - Commissioner

Federal projects NHPP-N345093, ARSCT-N345A04, and ARSCT-N345A05 combined, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, removal and replacement of structures, electrical work, and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles of US 310, beginning at RM 239.30, between Lovell and Cowley Road, in Big Horn County. Completion date: June 30, 2019

Engineer's Estimate	\$11,575,564.20	
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$11,743,413.00	+1.5%
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$12,569,284.50	
C C & G, Inc., Lander, WY	\$13,167,057.75	
Sletten Construction Company, Great Falls, MT	\$13,218,219.80	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$13,324,828.62	
Hamilton Construction, Co., Springfield, OR	\$13,620,479.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission

of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project NHPP-N371035, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, geogrid, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.15 mile of US 14, beginning at RM 32.99, between Greybull and Burgess Junction, in Big Horn County. Completion date: August 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$781,153.50
Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY	\$831,491.50 +6.4%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, 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 NHPP-PM-N361067, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on approximately 2.00 miles of US 16, beginning at RM 9.14, between Worland and Ten Sleep, in Washakie County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$498,123.00
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$584,959.43 +17.4%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., 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.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 6
Mike Larson - Commissioner

Federal projects STP-DR23462 and STP-DR23463 combined, involving grading, structure repair, placing crushed base, and miscellaneous work, at various locations in Niobrara County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,169,535.00
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$1,195,840.00 +2.2%
Earth Work Solutions (WY), Gillette, WY	\$1,230,624.68
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,272,785.15

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **71 Construction, 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 DISTRICT 7
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner**

Federal project HSIP-B172025, involving electrical and miscellaneous work at various locations in the city of Casper, in Natrona County. Completion date: November 30, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$955,608.50
Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY	\$843,722.00 -11.7%
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$846,015.97

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Espy, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried that **Modern Electric 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 RHC-CN10110, involving grading, placing crushed base, concrete pavement, and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.04 mile of County Road 176, RM 7.07, in the town of Lysite, in Fremont County. Completion date: September 30, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$147,364.50
EHC, LLC, Deaver, WY	\$174,161.90 +18.2%
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$203,400.00
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$240,671.00
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$261,735.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that **EHC, LLC, Deaver, 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.

Mr. Cawley acknowledged the Department for its efforts toward letting projects that address system needs, including railroad crossings, a bridge replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and preservation projects. Mr. Cawley commended and thanked WYDOT for addressing immediate and long-term needs on the highway system, and recognized that the strategy included safety improvements.

9. Project Authorizations: It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Vice Chairman Ruwart, and carried to approve the following project authorizations.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

Rural Major Collector

STP 25.10 W211016; Laramie County; WYO 211, Horse Creek Road, Dry Horse Creek; RM 25.10; bridge rehabilitation; FY 2017; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$5,000; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$95,000

COMMISSION DISTRICT M (Miscellaneous)

Various

STP 0.00 PCAD017; statewide; WHP computer-aided dispatch/in-car camera system, records management system, field reporting/e-citation; purchase software; FY 2017; request federal funds of \$1,755,000

10. Resolution for the Exercise of Eminent Domain, Project I254156, I-25 at Bar Nunn, Westwinds Interchange, Natrona County: Mr. Fulton explained that resolutions for the exercise of eminent domain are presented to the Commission as a precautionary measure in case WYDOT is unable to successfully negotiate the final details to acquire the necessary property for a project. Negotiations for the Westwinds Interchange project are ongoing. Mr. Fulton advised that right of possession has been granted and that property valuation was the last hurdle to be overcome for this project. The resolution allows the Department's attorney general representatives to begin working with the landowners on agreeable compensation for the property.

Commissioner Espy expressed concern about the time frame of this project and he felt that it was being compressed compared to most other projects. Mr. Fulton advised that all statutory requirements have been followed in preparing this project for letting, and that the time frame has not been compressed.

The landowner that remains in negotiations with the Department has acquired their own appraiser. Commissioners Espy also noted that it has been his experience that appraisers can arrive at very different market values for properties, and he voiced his opposition to the resolution.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried to approve the following resolution where property for public use cannot be acquired through good faith negotiation by purchase or gift. Commissioner Espy voted no.

RESOLUTION FOR EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACCESS FACILITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. 1-26-512, 1-26-801, 24-2-102, and 24-6-106, 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 I254156, I25-Bar Nunn, Westwinds Interchange, in Natrona County, that the property shown on the right-of-way plans for this project be acquired 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 the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T34N, R79W of the 6th P.M., Natrona County, Wyoming, and constitute approximately 67.78 acres of property for additional right-of-way and approximately 5.86 acres of property for temporary construction easements.

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

11. Resolution for the Exercise of Eminent Domain; Project N104093, Jackson Intersection, US 26/89/191 and WYO 22, Teton County: Mr. Fulton noted that three parcels are still needed for this project. Negotiations with two of the landowners are going smoothly. The third parcel is being sold and is under contract. WYDOT negotiators have been unable to reach an agreement with the seller, who has shown no evidence of being willing to sign the documents. If an amicable agreement is not reached, the soonest WYDOT could file for condemnation is May 12, 2017.

Commissioner Espy advised that he favored passing the following resolution because adequate information had been provided to support his vote.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, 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 FOR ACCESS FACILITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. 1-26-512, 1-26-801, 24-2-102, and 24-6-106, 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 N104093, Jackson Intersection Road, in Teton County, that the property shown on the right-of-way plans for this project be acquired 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 Portions of Lot 2 and 3 of the Bishop Addition to the town of Jackson, situate in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T41N, R116W, of the 6th P.M., Teton County, Wyoming, and portions the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T41N, R116W, of the 6th P.M., Teton County, Wyoming, and constitute approximately 0.22 acre of property for additional right-of-way and approximately 0.16 acre of property for temporary construction easements.

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

12. Resolution for the Exercise of Eminent Domain; Project N203057, Riverton Streets, North Federal Boulevard, Fremont County: Negotiations are ongoing with six landowners for the project to move forward including the Eastern Shoshone Tribe.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, 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 N203057, Riverton Streets, North Federal Boulevard, in Fremont County, 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 the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23; Lot 7, Block 5 of Chatterton and Glenn, First Addition, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 1 of Bencor Addition and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, all of Section 26; Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Fazon-Lamar Addition, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Tract A of Neiberger First Addition and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE, all of Section 27; Lot 6, Block 4 of L.E. McLaughlins Addition and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, all of Section 35; all of T1N, R4E, Wind River Meridian, Fremont County, Wyoming, and constitute approximately 0.53 of an acre of property for additional right-of-way and approximately 0.52 of an 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.

13. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Landslides Update: WYDOT is currently monitoring 22 landslides, with other possible events occurring statewide. Mr. Gillett provided a map depicting the location of each slide. Mr. Gillett is particularly concerned about the following areas:

- US 26, Snake River Canyon, southwest of Jackson - A consultant has prepared final plans for a project in this area. The project is scheduled to be let in August, and a completion date is planned for the fall of 2017. An uphill ditch section is currently being used as a detour and two-way traffic is being funneled around the slide. The detour was paved and is functioning very well.
- WYO 296, Chief Joseph Highway, Dead Indian Section - Two-way traffic is also being detoured around the slide.
- US 191, Hoback Rim, northwest of Pinedale - WYDOT's Geology Program has issued recommendations for repairing this landslide. The slide location falls within an existing highway contract, the Hoback Rim North project. District personnel are soliciting a cost estimate from the contractor and the Department hopes to add the slide repair onto the existing contract through a change order. If the cost is agreeable, WYDOT hopes to have the slide repair completed by the end of summer 2017. Maintenance forces are patching the roadway, as needed, for the safety of the traveling public. Traffic continues to use the road on its existing alignment.
- Highway 20/26, Wind River Canyon, as described by Mr. Fredrick under the Chief Engineer's report earlier in the meeting.

Potential Flooding Update: Mr. Gillett provided a handout depicting the snow-water equivalent levels statewide. Last month, the snow level in the Wind River Mountains was 193 percent of normal. That amount has increased to 210 percent of normal this month. The percentage of snow-water equivalent in other areas of the state has decreased this month.

According to Wyoming's Office of Homeland Security, Lander, Hudson, and Riverton remain at high risk for spring flooding. Rivers in western Wyoming continue to run high, but only the Sweetwater River has run over its banks so far. That flooding has occurred in a rural area and poses no threat to infrastructure or other property.

WYDOT has hauled approximately 1,400 lineal feet of concrete barrier into Fremont County and the surrounding area to mitigate potential flooding in Lander, Hudson, and Riverton. Concrete barrier has also been stockpiled at WYDOT's maintenance sites in these areas in case it is needed. WYDOT has also brought sand into many locations in Fremont County, as requested, to fill sandbags that are to be used if flooding occurs.

Winter Road Openings: WYDOT maintenance crews have been working hard to open the US 30 mountain pass over the Snowy Range. The road is expected to be open by May 26. WYO 70 over the Sierra Madre Mountains, between Encampment and Baggs, is expected to be open the week of May 29. Maintenance forces punched through US 14A in the Big Horn Mountains today, so that highway should be open to traffic by May 25. A major landslide area occurs each year on US 14A above Lovell, so opening that highway will be contingent upon the condition of the road and repairing the slide to ensure safety for the traveling public.

District 3 maintenance crews have been hauling riprap from South Pass to two locations on US 191 in the Hoback Canyon, where the river has washed away the highway fill slope. Mr. Gillett received word today that there are also other areas along the canyon where the river is beginning to wash away the fill slope. WYDOT will continue to closely monitor those areas.

The WYDOT hot plant is currently in District 4, and crews are working to patch roads in the area. When work is finished in District 4, the hot plant will be moved to District 2 for patching activities. Other areas are utilizing commercial hot mix for patching the roads.

The Department's snow control expenditures are overrunning at 127 percent of the five-year average. Although this is a significant overrun, it is not the worst that the Department has experienced.

WYDOT crews are also installing new welcome signs along Wyoming's borders. Districts 1, 2, and 3 have completed their installations. Districts 4 and 5 sign installations are expected to be complete by May 26.

Hedquist Construction Prequalification Status: Mr. Gillett provided background information on Hedquist Construction's past work performance. Based on the WYDOT Prequalification Committee's review, Hedquist Construction will be issued bid envelopes on a case-by-case basis, dependent on them submitting project schedules with an explanation as to how they plan to complete all their work, including the project being bid, in accordance with contract documents. The Commission discussed the contractor's performance review, the prequalification process, and Hedquist Construction's ability to bid on future projects. Director Panos asked WYDOT executive staff to write a letter to the FHWA explaining the process that was followed by the Prequalification Committee in making this determination.

Wyoming's Summit on Wildlife and Roadways: WYDOT and Wyoming Game & Fish Department personnel recently hosted the Wyoming's Summit on Wildlife and Roadways on April 26-27, 2017, in Pinedale. Many entities attended the summit to discuss wildlife and roadway issues. Some of the non-governmental entities included The Utah Chukar & Wildlife Foundation Store, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Mule Deer Foundation. Attendees collaborated on ways to prevent vehicle-wildlife collisions, and better relationships were developed at the summit. Mr. Gillett felt the event was a success, and other states are now modeling the idea to benefit their areas.

14. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through April 30, 2017, includes 30¹ fatal crashes involving 33¹ deaths. The fatalities include 15 rollover crashes, 12 multi-car crashes, 2 fixed objects, 1 all-terrain vehicle, and 3 pedestrians. Of the 30 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 6² involved a commercial vehicle.

There have been 14 fatal crashes to date deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 15 deaths. Of those deaths, 11 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Ten were rollover crashes, one was a multi-car collision, one involved a fixed object, and one involved a pedestrian.

Of the 33 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 19 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 13 involving rollover crashes, 4 involving multi-car collisions, and 2 involved fixed objects. Sixteen 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 two of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 30 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 14³ of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 11 occurred on interstate highways, and 5 occurred on city/county roads.

Two multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways as of April 30, 2017, of which one involved multiple vehicles, and one 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	7 crashes
Monday	5 crashes
Tuesday	4 crashes
Wednesday	1 crashes
Thursday	5 crashes
Friday	7 crashes
Saturday	1 crashes

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

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	5 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	5 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	7 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	13 crashes

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

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:

- 87 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 33 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unrestrained.
- 75 percent of the fatalities so far this year were drivers of the involved vehicles.
- Of those who died who were not wearing seat belts, 55 percent were Wyoming residents.
- 65 percent of the 16 Wyoming resident fatalities were unbuckled.
- 50 percent of the non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 5 individuals under 21 years of age have died in crashes.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 45 percent of the fatalities and in 50 percent of the fatal crashes.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 2,265⁴ crashes statewide, of which 1,677⁴ involved non-commercial vehicles, and 588⁴ involved commercial vehicles.

National Safety Belt Campaign: The National Safety Belt Campaign began May 17, 2017. The campaign encourages drivers to wear seat belts. Governor Matt Mead was a featured speaker at the ceremony, and the WHP is taking part in the week-long event.

Director Panos believes more can be done to encourage safety on Wyoming's highways, and he would like to utilize the WHP's resources even more. Colonel Haller agreed with Director Panos' perspective, and he would like to continue to work toward finding a way to reduce fatalities. Earlier in the meeting, the Commission approved Oracle multi-tenant user licenses for the WHP's use. Colonel Haller advised that this software will be used as a tool to improve the retrieval of information needed for data-driven analytics, which will create a more intentional look at how to reduce fatalities.

The fatality pin map was also provided to the Commission.

Trooper Recruitment: The WHP conducted trooper testing in Cheyenne today, and 46 individuals attended. A major spring storm was likely the reason for such low attendance.

Eight trooper recruits are continuing their training at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. Colonel Haller spoke highly of those individuals, their scoring, academics, and other elements of their training. Those eight candidates will be custody control next week.

The WHP currently has 16 trooper vacancies.

Solar Eclipse Update: Colonel Haller advised that the WHP is working closely with other agencies to plan for the total solar eclipse that will move across Wyoming on August 21, 2017. A statewide operation plan is being prepared in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies. The state anticipates an influx of about 500,000 people for the event, and the WHP is planning accordingly.

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

Mr. Fredrick offered to provide the Commission with a solar eclipse education session in the near future. The Commission asked Secretary Scott to make the necessary arrangements for a solar eclipse briefing.

15. Ms. Surdam was not able to attend the meeting, but the monthly Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report was provided to the Commission.

16. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,915 personnel as of May 8, 2017, compared to 1,945 a month ago. The Department is still actively recruiting to fill vacant positions.

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

Mr. Lewis introduced Mr. Mark Harshman, chairman of the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC). Mr. Harshman is the Division Chief for the Casper Fire and Emergency Management System (EMS).

WyoLink Request for Proposals (RFP) Update: The RFP deadline for the proposal submission was April 21, 2017, for the WyoLink tower build-out. Motorola Corporation was the only company that provided a proposal. The telecommunications and engineering staff are reviewing the proposal to ensure it meets the requirements of the RFP. WYDOT is also working with the FHWA to get its input, as federal funds are being used for the project. Mr. Lewis noted that the request to proceed with contract will come before the Transportation Commission for its consideration at its June 15 meeting. Construction will begin on the tower build-out this summer.

WYDOT Web Site: WYDOT had 1.16 billion hits to its web site in 2016, including text-based and map-based pages. Director Panos advised that the Department's website is used more than any of the other state agencies combined, and he thanked Mr. Lewis and his staff for their diligent work improving the web platform.

The Department received 632,000 calls to its "511" information system in 2016, and 46,655 mobile applications downloads were installed. As of December 31, 2016, the "511" Notify subscribers totaled 42,771 download installations. WYDOT is connecting with a variety of media sources through these applications, and Mr. Lewis indicated he is pleased with the response.

Connected Vehicles Project Update: The Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), a national organization that helps transportation professionals save lives, money, and time, has implemented a study of driving behavior. WYDOT's Transportation Management Center (TMC) staff has been very involved in the study, and the results were presented in Washington, D.C., in April. Additional information about the program is being prepared for further consideration, including a guidance document for states that wish to deploy variable speed limits (VSL), VSL signs, and to create a best-practices document for states. Mr. Lewis indicated that WYDOT leads the nation in this arena, and he is proud of the TMC's accomplishments.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested selling advertising in conjunction with WYDOT's website to help pay for upgrades and maintenance. Director Panos advised that, although WYDOT cannot sell advertising for a profit, perhaps seat belt use and other messages could be posted to encourage driver safety. Chairman Seeton believed this would be a great application for use on the website.

18. It was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Seeton adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m., on Thursday, May 18, 2017.