

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person April 17-18, 2024 in Cheyenne. Chair Holmes convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. on April 17th and 8:30 a.m. on April 18th. The following members were present both days, constituting a quorum.

Chair Susan Holmes, Sheridan
Vice Chair Jon Dolezal, Evanston
Commissioner Micheal Baker, Thermopolis
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance
Commissioner Brandt Lyman, Rock Springs
Commissioner Jim Willox, Douglas
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner
Director Darin J. Westby

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer, Operations; Dave Sheppard, HDR, Inc.; Todd Mattson, HDR, Inc.; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer, Engineering and Planning; Nathan Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Mariah Johnson, Aeronautics; Jim Boyd, Training Services; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Doug McGee, Public Affairs; Jordan Young, Public Affairs; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Richard Duran, Federal Highway Administration; John Davis, Management Services Manager; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Manager; Justin Huntley, Facilities Program Manager; Sara DiRienzo, Transportation, Wildlife, and Gaming Policy Advisor to Governor Gordon; Senator Stephan Pappas; Kelli Little, Association of General Contractors-Wyoming (AGC-WY); Representative Kevin O'Hearn; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary.

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3. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Director Westby reported on a recent job fair held at the Capitol, which seemed to be well attended. Mr. Rossetti added that job fairs have been held in other locations, and will update on the success of these events at a later date.

WYDOT University Overview: Mr. Boyd presented to the Commission regarding WYDOT University, including available learning topics, upcoming events, funding needs and allocations including per diem and travel costs, Individual Development Plans (IDPs), as well as employee onboarding, supervisor training, and the WY Lead Advancing Leaders Academy.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,847 personnel as of April 11, 2024, compared to 1,846 a month ago and 1,781 one year ago.

2. Highway Patrol Report: Mr. Rossetti presented the Fatal Crash Summary through March 31, 2024, which includes 13 fatal crashes involving 16 deaths. The fatalities include multi-vehicle crashes and commercial crashes.

There have been three fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in two deaths through March 2024.

Of the 16 deaths this year, six were attributed to not using occupant restraints, rollover crashes, multi-car collisions, or fixed objects. Two perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 13 fatal crashes so far this year, it is unknown whether 11 of those drivers had no distractions. Two drivers were distracted, and five were not.

Of the 13 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, four occurred on city/county roads, six occurred on primary/secondary highways, and three occurred on interstate highways.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2024 are as follows:

Sunday	2 crashes
Monday	2 crashes
Tuesday	2 crashes
Wednesday	0 crashes
Thursday	1 crash
Friday	3 crashes
Saturday	3 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2024 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	3 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	6 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	2 crashes

There were 1,266 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2024.

2. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report, beginning with the March 2024 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Update: Mr. Olsen reminded the Commission that the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations have been approved, but because they were approved so late in the year, it has been a struggle to begin issuing grants. Mr. Olsen and staff are currently monitoring progress of the appropriations being made available so as to not miss anything during the upcoming construction season. Mr. Olsen advised the Congress is currently working on Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations as well as the FAA Reauthorization. The current Reauthorization runs through May 10, 2024. There has been discussion regarding the differences in the House and Senate versions. The House version tends to

favor smaller airports and general aviation, while the Senate version favors slightly larger airports and commercial service aspects of aviation. There are also differences over pilot training as well as some flights in and out of Reagan National. If the Reauthorization is not complete by May 10th, there may be a very short extension or the House and Senate may choose to revisit the issue at the end of the year, after elections.

Division and Airport Updates: Mr. Olsen advised that the Reno Air Races are still deciding on the city the Reno Air Races will be relocated to. The top three cities being considered are Casper, Wyoming, Pueblo, Colorado, and Roswell, New Mexico.

Division staff are finishing reviewing final contract documents to go out for bid. Some projects have already been released, and Aeronautics is starting to receive bids. Mr. Olsen is hopeful that WYDOT will receive FAA grants to fund projects.

The Aeronautics Commission will be meeting in Cody May 20-22, 2024 and will tour all of the airports in the Big Horn Basin. Mr. Olsen stated that during travel meetings for the Aeronautics Commission, members try to interact with local airports to discuss vision, ongoing projects, and any issues or challenges they may face.

Air Service News: Load factors in Wyoming in March have increased from seasonal lows, which were seen in January and February. Gillette ended the month at 82%, which is very good for March. Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Sheridan, and Rawlins all saw numbers above 75%. April bookings look to be at the same level as March, and advanced bookings for May and June look good as well.

Delta and United kicked off with first quarter earnings last week, and it appears that earnings are healthy. United experienced issues with the Boeing 737 MAX, which significantly decreased earnings. These increased numbers are revealing a healthier industry, and air fares increases are slowing compared to previous years. The average U.S. fare over the last three quarters dropped three to four percent year over year.

Air Service: Mariah Johnson presented to the Commission regarding the Air Service Enhancement Program, traffic and funding levels, local match and growth levels, benefits, the Capacity Purchase Agreement (CPA), tax revenues received through air service in Wyoming, and data accuracy and reporting when evaluating Wyoming air service. Also discussed were the ramifications of an airport closing due to loss of service or changes in service, including the Transportation Service Administration pulling out of the location.

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

WyoLink: Mr. Smolinski summarized the WyoLink map provided to the Commission and briefly described current projects. Mr. Smolinski also summarized the Top 20 talk groups, and advised that this information is constantly analyzed and there are no concerns at this time.

Mr. Smolinski highlighted a recent meeting with the Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals to go over bidirectional amplifiers, which is what allows WyoLink to work inside of buildings,

basements, and locations such as correctional facilities. This meeting also addressed code changes that can prevent WyoLink from working properly and continuing to be available.

Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC): The PSCC will be visiting the AT&T First Net laboratories in Boulder on May 7th and 8th.

On April 22nd, Mr. Smolinski will be testifying before the Joint Corporations Committee regarding the Telecom Act as well as funding and eligibility.

Mr. Smolinski advised the Commission of current reporting issues that occur during 911 outages, including base requirements for outage notifications. WYDOT is also partnering with several other Wyoming entities regarding funding levels and 911 fees.

Blowovers: Mr. Smolinski reminded the Commission regarding recent changes in blowover procedures, public education, and increasing incident reporting accuracy. It is anticipated that more accurate statistics will be available in calendar year 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Holmes at 3:36 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

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

7A. March 20-21, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to approve the March 20-21 Business Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

9A. Space Analysis: Mr. DeHoff introduced Dave Sheppard and Todd Mattson with HDR, Inc., who presented to the Commission regarding the recent WYDOT consolidated campus studies.

Mr. Mattson discussed planning objectives established at the beginning of the study as well as the consolidation of offsite programs and current usage of facilities by WYDOT. It is expected that any changes to facilities would improve employee safety and security as well as efficiency.

During the HDR study, offsite facilities were toured and evaluated and stakeholders were interviewed. Possible future construction sites and their pros and cons were also identified, and a reorganization of departments within existing facilities was suggested to increase floor utilization, consolidate departments, bring related workgroups together, and the separation of public and non-public areas.

Commissioners Crank and Lyman expressed concerns about the current lease at the Qwest building for the Transportation Management Center (TMC) and Highway Patrol dispatch. Mr. DeHoff addressed issues encountered in the current Qwest building and the fact that the building's management would like WYDOT to vacate by December 2026.

Senator Pappas suggested consulting the State Building Commission for procedures on moving forward and potentially assistance in obtaining an appropriation from the Legislature.

Commissioner Crank requested a cost benefit analysis and cost estimates regarding this project be presented to the Commission before a plan to move forward is approved. Mr. Crank also mentioned possibly renegotiating leases for more favorable terms. Transition and relocation costs and steps will also need to be presented to the Commission, as this has the potential to be disruptive to the WYDOT workforce.

Also discussed were growth factors for the next 20 years and the possibility of reducing the square footage per each full time employee. Mr. DeHoff also discussed updates needed, including HVAC, fire, electrical, and technological systems.

Mr. Sheppard presented to the Commission a cost summary, which included WYDOT Headquarter campus renovations, new construction, inflation factors, and escalation costs. Mr. Sheppard recommended that the Commission move forward with a level two architectural engineering plan.

Director Westby thanked HDR for their efforts for the consolidation study and emphasized the need for the Commission to take action on what has been presented at this meeting. Westby presented a possible path forward to the Commission, including coming back to the Commission at a later date with the requested additional data.

Commission recessed to break at 9:39 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 9:45 a.m.

9B. Chapter 5 Rules Discussion: Mr. Davis presented the recommended updates and changes to the Chapter 5 rules.

It was recommended by Mr. Davis, moved by Commissioner, and seconded by Commissioner to adopt the changes to Chapter 5 rules and move them forward in the rule making process. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Director's Report: Director Westby reminded the Commission that the G. Clyde Larson award was recently presented to four employees in District 5. Chair Holmes, Commissioner Baker, Sara DiRienzo from the Governor's office, and several district employees attended the luncheon where the awards were presented. Fred Sherburne, Catarino Zapata, Craig Brown, and Logan Whipple were presented with plaques and a monetary reward, which came from the family of former Commissioner G. Clyde Larson. The four awardees assisted an individual with a medical emergency on Highway 14, and helped the Highway Patrol secure the scene and cleared a landing area for Life Flight to land. Westby thanked all involved, including District Engineer Pete Hallsten, who spoke very highly of the nominees and sent the nomination form to the Commission for consideration.

Westby summarized the recent employee town hall meetings. There were seven meetings across the state, and Westby considers the meetings to be very enlightening. During these meetings, Westby emphasized how impactful WYDOT as an agency is. Westby also discussed ways to increase desirability of public service, as well as the agency's Strategic Plan. There are three main focuses of the Strategic plan, which are employee recognition, retention, and recruitment, securing additional funding, and developing the WYDOT brand. Westby advised that the employees responsible for the Strategic Plan will begin meeting with individuals and departments to develop goals and metrics that align with the Plan.

During the town hall meetings, Westby also reminded employees that they are able to vote for individuals in the Legislature that represent their interests, which may include benefits and salary increases. Westby cautioned employees against lobbying, but encouraged them to advocate for themselves. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) was also discussed, as well as the Wyoming Transportation Department Employee Association (WTDEA).

Commissioner Willox asked Mr. Westby if he felt that the town hall meetings provided more insight into the results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey. Westby stated that he did feel that more insight was provided on several employee concerns including the level of communication, as well as employee recognition needs and ways to increase satisfaction.

Mr. Westby advised that a legislative session summary will be made available to the Commission, which includes links to bills and more in-depth information about the most recent session.

Director Westby summarized the recent quarterly Director's Safety Review Board. This meeting occurs every quarter and provides updates on safety incidents. Westby is pleased with the continuing discussions between Headquarters and the districts to ensure that safety is a focus.

Mr. Westby explained that Wyoming had recently joined a lawsuit filed against a greenhouse gas carbon reduction plan. This plan was determined to be overreach by two Courts, and so at this time is not being pursued.

WYDOT has recently met with the Game and Fish regarding funding priorities and pursuing two different grants. Halleck Ridge and Dubois are the next projects on the priority list, and WYDOT hopes to gain the support of the local citizens and Tribes for the Dubois project.

Director Westby referenced a prior question from Commissioner Crank regarding wildlife project naming rights. At this time, this is allowed by the FHWA, but Westby will be working through questions regarding naming rights, including the length of the naming right as well as what donation dollar amount provides naming rights.

The Management Council recently met to establish interim legislative topics. When addressing the different committees, WYDOT will focus on educating the legislators about WYDOT, as well as funding history and future needs. Safety and improvements will also be emphasized, as well as the transition from preservation measures. Current topics such as gun free zones, peace officer

training, 911, housing policies, automobile industry minimum coverage, safety on the Reservation, and data ownership and technology will also be discussed with the relevant Committees.

In the coming weeks, WYDOT staff will be meeting with Game and Fish regarding a potential wildlife crossing north of Jackson. Staff will also be hosting the Western States Coalition Leadership Academy in Sheridan, where participants will present projects and finalize their time in the Academy.

Commissioner Crank asked Mr. Westby to update the Commission on the status of the electric vehicle/National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program Request for Information (RFI). Westby advised that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is being drafted and interest has been expressed by companies to participate in the program. Commissioner Crank and Chair Holmes will be assisting in the development, review, and possible selection of NEVI proposals. Westby encouraged the Commission to contact Mr. Byrne or Mr. Gronski if they are interested in participating in future review and selection processes.

Mr. Crank asked Director Westby for a possible presentation on the construction of a frontage road between Rock Springs and Green River. Previous leadership of WYDOT was directed to study building this frontage road, and published a letter that stated building the road was not in Wyoming's best interest. Mr. Crank would like to discuss at a later time the pros and cons and estimated costs of building this proposed road. Senator Pappas suggested that the Commission visit the site of the proposed road while in Rock Springs for the Wyoming Trucking Association meeting.

Commission recessed to break at 10:43 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 10:50 a.m.

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

11A. Second Quarter Budget Revisions: Mr. Freier presented the second quarter budget revisions. It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Commissioner Lyman, and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to approve the second quarter budget revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

11B. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 49 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 73 percent expended in Fiscal Year 2024.

11C. Award of Procurement Services Bids. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Willox, and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to move Bid Numbers 24-100NG, 24-103RE, 24-110RE, and Requisition 0000070745 to a consent list. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Bid Number 24-100NG to furnish make up air units removal and replacement to the department located in Rock Springs. The bid was awarded to Vaughn's Plumbing and Heating Co. of Rock Springs, Wyoming, for the sum of \$347,950.00.
- Bid Number 24-103RE to furnish 40 new eight cubic yard stainless steel dump body for Class 8 tandem axle trucks to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Ameritech Equipment, Co. of Evansville, Wyoming, for the sum of \$703,080.00.
- Bid Number 24-110RE to furnish 40 new 13 foot self-unloading stainless steel abrasive spreaders to the department located in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Dukes A&W Enterprises, of Louisville, Kentucky, for the sum of \$854,320.00.
- Requisition 70745 to furnish safety portal and WIGLS annual maintenance, support, and hosting for use by the Department. The requisition was awarded to ITIS Corp. of Clovis, California, for the sum of \$209,260.00.

Mr. Byrne advised the Commission that the Procurement department will be reaching out to each individual Commissioner to gauge interest in participating in upcoming RFPs as well as comments and suggestions.

12. Chief Engineer's Report: Mr. Gillett updated the Commission regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including recent Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO). The first NOFO is for the prioritization process pilot program and is for Metropolitan Funding Organizations (MPOs). The purpose of the program is to develop a publicly accessible transparent data driven prioritization process for the ranking of software projects. This program provides up to \$10 million each fiscal year and over the life of IIJA is limited to \$2 million per award.

A Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection Programs NOFO is also out. The purpose of this program is to test the feasibility of a road usage fee and other user based alternative revenue mechanisms to help maintain long term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. This program provides up to \$15 million per fiscal year and is being made available for the first time. Due to the timing of the NOFO release, there is currently a balance of \$45 million available. The Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection Programs is available to state and local governments, multi-jurisdictional groups, or any combination thereof.

Mr. Gillett advised the Commission that WYDOT recently received a \$1.5 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant, which will be used by the TMC to produce methods to collect real time work zone information and then disseminate that information back out to the traveling public. Mr. Gillett is optimistic that this project will enhance safety for employees and contractors.

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) grant recipients were recently announced. WYDOT was not one of the recipients of this grant, which would have been used for a \$1.2 million purchase to install a new camera on the Photogrammetry and Surveys aircraft. However, the City of Laramie received a \$250,000 Reconnecting Communities pilot program grant to connect Laramie across I-80.

Mr. Gillett reminded the Commission that he and several other staff members attended the statewide crew leaders meetings in Casper. Mr. Gillett stated that the meeting was a success, with a well-planned out agenda of topics. Gillett thanked Marcus Anderson, State Maintenance Engineer, and his team for orchestrating and hosting this event.

Mr. Gillett advised that a lawsuit has been filed against WYDOT by McMillen Construction citing a breach of contract for differing site conditions concerning deer fence post hole excavation on the Dry Piney wildlife crossing project on US 189.

12Ai. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the April 11, 2024 letting.

Federal Project NHPPI-I803153 to mill and overlay approximately 0.4 miles of reconstruction of eastbound lanes at Black Butte interchange; bridge rehabilitation at two structures (abutment and bridge deck repair with overlay); and bridge railing modifications at six locations on I-80 on both eastbound and westbound lanes for approximately 8.00 miles beginning at RM 130.00 between Rock Springs and Rawlins. Completion Date: June 30, 2026.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$25,472,548.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$23,478,913.36	-7.8%
Avail Valley Construction-WY, LLC, Afton, WY	\$27,643,305.00	
Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Lewis & Lewis, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$28,052,353.20	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Baker that McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., of Worland, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as the responsive low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects STP-P591008, ARSCT-P591A03, ARSCT-P591A04, and STP-E-P591009 for full depth reclamation, milling, overlay, sidewalk, bridge rehabilitation (concrete repair, pedestrian railing, deck repair and epoxy overlay) and precast box culvert installation; traffic signal, flashing beacon and lighting installations; and utility (water main and sewer service) installation on approximately 6.80 miles at various locations on Main Street between the I-25 and I-90 interchanges in the City of Buffalo. Completion Date: October 31, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$13,684,743.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$17,153,079.57	25.3%
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$17,283,470.32	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$21,458,784.25	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$21,898,254.50	

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

Federal Project STP-PM-B232018 for contract patching (mill and overlay) on approximately 24.99 miles at various locations in Transportation District 2. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$6,190,301.00	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$6,103,634.76	-1.4%
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$6,722,629.90	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal that JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects NHPP-N283012 for milling and overlay on approximately 5.50 miles on US 26 beginning at RM 50.707 between Torrington and the Nebraska State Line. Completion Date: July 31, 2025.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,017,183.00	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,648,382.80	-12.2%
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,657,105.81	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$2,733,283.00	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,830,208.00	

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

State Project SCP-TC-B243019 for contract patching (mill and overlay) on approximately 9.66 miles at various locations in Transportation District 3. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,016,880.00	
Evans Construction Company, Jackson, WY	\$4,445,095.00	47.3%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Baker to reject all bids and bring this project forward at a future date. The motion carried unanimously. *FHWA concurrence was not required as this is a state project.*

Federal Project HSIP-B242010 for guardrail and bridge rail upgrades (replacements) at various locations in Transportation District 2. Completion Date: November 30, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$1,519,786.00	
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$1,467,062.80	-3.5%
K's Construction, Inc., Afton, WY	\$1,702,814.60	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that S&L Industrial, of 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 motion carried. FHWA concurred with this decision. *Commissioner Crank declared a conflict and did not vote.*

Federal Project HSIP-B249023 for sign upgrades at various locations in Transportation Districts 3 and 5. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$253,765.00	
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$161,355.00	-36.4%
TK3 LLC, Cody, WY	\$299,925.00	
Keyhole Technologies, LLC, Casper, WY	\$457,700.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Lyman that S&L Industrial, of 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 motion carried. FHWA concurred with this decision. *Commissioner Crank declared a conflict and did not vote.*

Federal Project STP-GM-B244021 for pavement marking upgrades at various locations in Transportation District 4. Completion Date: October 31, 2024.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$207,788.00	
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$169,169.00	-18.6%
Traffic Safety Services, Inc., Cheyenne, WY	\$244,466.00	
TK3 LLC, Cody, WY	\$272,372.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that S&L Industrial, of 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 motion carried. FHWA concurred with this decision. *Commissioner Crank declared a conflict and did not vote.*

12Aii. April FY 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Fulton presented the April FY 2024 STIP Addendum.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to approve the April FY 2024 STIP addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

12Aiii. Commission Highway Design Projects Updates: Mr. Fulton provided status updates regarding projects I804276 Rawlins-Creston Junction/County Line East Eastbound Lanes and WL32304 Kemmerer South Crossing.

12B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Mr. DeHoff thanked Jeff Mellor, Mike Callaway, Kadi Bradfield, Brent Kidsvater, and all of their team members for the Commissioner's sign shop and Traffic Operations Center tour. Mr. DeHoff will work with Mrs. Casner to possibly arrange a tour of the rigging shop at a later date.

Mr. DeHoff reminded the Commission that the maintenance supervisor conference was held the week of April 8th in Casper. There were over 200 attendees including WYDOT employees and external partners. Several breakout presentations were given throughout the conference, which were led by WYDOT employees, other state agencies, and external partners. Also during the conference, equipment challenges were held involving a loader, motor grader, backhoe, and skidsteer. Each district sent two employees per type of equipment and there was a competition with multiple tasks to accomplish. Director Westby and Mr. Gillett handed out awards to the equipment challenge winners. Mr. DeHoff also thanked Marcus Anderson and his staff for organizing the conference.

All Districts and programs are preparing their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets, which will be handed in to the Budget office on May 17th. Mr. DeHoff will meet with District and program staff regarding the proposed budgets.

Mr. DeHoff advised that staff is also completing PMI (Performance Measurement Instrument) evaluations, and final evaluations for the year will be given to employees soon.

Maintenance: There were some road closures due to snow in the last month, but at this time the snow removal is on track compared to the last five years. However, this could change depending on possible upcoming storms.

Crews are continuing to prepare equipment for summer operations, and are completing projects as weather permits.

There were no snow plow hits since the March 2024 Operations report. The total number of hits for this year is 13, compared to 25 last year.

Flooding: Mr. DeHoff will begin to update the Commission with flooding issues as they arise in the coming months. WYDOT team members are attending state and county meetings with Homeland Security and other emergency management services. During these meetings, snow pack is discussed as well as areas of concern and what can be done to prevent or mitigate any problems.

Highway 116 South: There has been an increase in damage along sections of Highway 116 South near Upton, due to increased hauling operations by many trucking companies. Several trucks weight 130,000 pounds and above, which is legal with a Class W permit. The District Engineer plans to place a weight restriction along this road, and on May 1st, letters will be sent out to all trucking companies informing them of this restriction. Staff has already contacted the Wyoming Trucking Association and the AGC-WYO to assist in spreading this information, as well as drafting press releases and digital message boards.

Maintenance crews will be patching this road as needed as a short term solution. For a long term solution, a mill and overlay project for road reconstruction is in the STIP.

Construction: Construction season has not officially begun, but there are 33 active projects across the state currently. There has been good progress due to favorable weather, but the contractors are careful to react to any changing conditions.

Traffic: Striping crews are finishing up winter maintenance on their trucks, but some crews have been out striping on days where there is an adequate temperature.

Electrical and sign crews are also completing projects as weather allows.

WYDOT continues to receive equipment, and should receive 60 trucks in the next six to eight months. The eighth and final rotary snow plow should be delivered to District 5 in the very near future.

Facilities: The Sundance rest area is currently closed, but should be opening in the next few days. All other facilities are open at this time.

Shirley Rim/Muddy Gap Housing: This project has gone out to bid and bids were opened on April 17th, but more information is not known at this time. Mr. DeHoff is hopeful that the housing will be in place in the Shirley Rim and Muddy Gap area by the coming winter, and that it will assist in recruitment efforts in that area. Several employees thanked Mr. DeHoff and the Commission for approving the new housing.

14A. Legislator Comments: Representative O'Hearn advised that the Commission should continue to analyze the proposed alternate route between Green River and Rock Springs, especially now that there are several businesses being established in that area. Senator Pappas reminded the

Commission of upcoming Legislative meetings, and encouraged Commissioners to attend any meetings they are able to.

Commission recessed to lunch at 11:58 a.m.

Commission returned to public session at 2:05 p.m.

Representative O'Hearn and Senator Pappas did not return to the meeting after lunch.

13. May 2024 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the May 2024 meeting will be held in Rock Springs, in conjunction with the Wyoming Trucking Association annual meeting. Mrs. Casner will be in touch with all Commissioners to finalize travel and room arrangements.

14B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Baker advised that the Commission consider the impact of remote work on remodeling and new construction needs. Commissioner Lyman thanked the Concrete Association for hosting a dinner for the Commissioners at Little America, and asked the Commission to consider hosting award luncheons when traveling for meetings. Commissioner Hughes thanked Jim Boyd and Mariah Johnson for their presentations to the Commission, as well as HDR representatives Mattson and Sheppard for attending the meeting and their work on the consolidation study. Commissioner Crank thanked the Commissioners for their engagement and participation. Commissioner Willox echoed Commissioner Crank, and thanked staff for all their extra efforts. Commissioner Dolezal thanked all staff involved in Commission meetings for their assistance and follow up on questions. Chair Holmes thanked the sign shop for the tour, and expressed pride in Wyoming's work zone traffic safety compared to neighboring states.

15. Executive Session: It was moved by Commissioner Crank and seconded by Commissioner Willox to enter in to Executive Session to discuss matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party, pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The motion carried unanimously. *No action was taken during Executive Session.*

Commission recessed to Executive Session at 2:17 p.m.

Commission returned to public session at 2:24 p.m.

16. It was moved by Commissioner Crank and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.