

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Big Horn Federal Bank Community Room, in Cody on May 15, 2008. The meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Hawkins. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Rip Hawkins, Chairman, Devils Tower
Susan Dziardziel, Vice Chair, Douglas
Charlie Monk, Commissioner, Lovell
Sandi McCormick, Commissioner, Rock Springs
John F. Cox, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were: Delbert McOmie, Chief Engineer; Pat Collins, Assistant Chief Engineer of Engineering and Planning; Tim Hibbard, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Jim O'Connor, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Sam Powell, Wyoming Highway Patrol Administrator; Kevin Hibbard, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Mike Kahler, Assistant Attorney General; Phil Miller, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Debbie Lopez, Motor Vehicle Services Manager; Earleen Weaver, Motor Vehicle Services Supervisor; Sheila Foertsch, Executive Director, Wyoming Trucking Association; Ron Huff, District Maintenance Engineer; Frank Palazzolo, District Equipment Engineer; Jim Cox, Lander Shop Foreman; and Darin Noyce, Wishbone Fencing Company.

Commissioners Emerson Scott III, Dayton; Cactus Covello, Jr., Torrington; and Jim Latta, Pinedale; and Mr. Dennis Byrne, Aeronautics Administrator, were absent.

1. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair Dziardziel, and carried to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2008, regular business meeting, education session, one-on-one meeting with Kevin Hibbard, and executive session.

2. WYDOT Sheridan Complex Funding Update: Mr. McOmie briefed the Commission about the status of the potential 3.66 acre land purchase and subsequent excavation for the Sheridan office property. District staff met with Sheridan city and county planning departments on April 25, 2008, to discuss the land purchase and relocating the access road. City and county officials concurred with the Department's future site development plans. As of May 6, 2008, about half of the surrounding landowners have also agreed with the plan. The Department has offered \$40,000 to purchase the 3.66 acres of land from the real estate developer.

It was recommended by Mr. McOmie, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve the purchasing of 3.66 acres of land for the future WYDOT Sheridan Complex site.

3. Director Cox presented the Director's report.

Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim (JTC) Committee Meeting: Director Cox advised that the JTC will meet May 21-22, 2008, in Gillette. A number of WYDOT issues are slated for discussion at the meeting. Commissioners were invited to attend.

Legislative Services Office Management Audit Committee: WYDOT Executive Staff will meet with the Legislative Management Audit Commission on May 27, 2008, to discuss the audit results. Director Cox was pleased with the audit report. Commissioners were also invited to attend the May 27 meeting.

5. Mr. Kevin Hibbard presented the Budget report.

Mr. Hibbard advised that gas tax collections were higher than expected in April.

Snow Removal Budget Update: The 2008 second quarter budget modification provided a \$4 million increase for the Department's snow removal budget. Even with the additional \$4 million, the snow control budget is 98 percent expended to date. Mr. Hibbard advised that additional funding will be needed to open Wyoming's mountain passes and for statewide snow removal this fall.

6. Mr. Collins presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the tabulation of bids from the May 8, 2008, letting held in Cody.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2
Sandi McCormick - Commissioner

State project SCP-SL-P231023, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on 10.32 miles of US 30, beginning at milepost 244.00 between Walcott Junction and Hanna in Carbon County. Completion date - September 30, 2009

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$3,405,089.00 | |
| McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY | \$3,085,716.40 | -9.4% |
| Knife River, Cheyenne, WY | \$3,307,067.20 | |
| Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY | \$3,346,618.00 | |
| McMurry Ready-Mix Co., Casper, WY | \$3,366,029.00 | |
| Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY | \$3,398,033.97 | |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, 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 SCP-SL-P221045, involving installation of snow fence and miscellaneous work at various locations on WYO 130, between Walcott Junction and Saratoga in Carbon County. Completion date - November 30, 2008

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$268,993.00 |
| Crooked Fork Fencing, Inc., Lolo, MT | \$319,904.62 +18.9% |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair Dziardziel, and carried that **Crooked Fork Fencing, Inc., Lolo, Montana**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

Federal project NH-GM-I805160, involving removal of concrete barrier, installing box beam median barrier and miscellaneous work on 2.46 miles of I-80 in Albany County. Completion date - August 31, 2008

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$140,188.00 |
| K's Construction, Inc., Otto, WY | \$124,771.00 -11.0% |
| Synergy Construction, LLC, Lovell, WY | \$139,080.00 |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **K's Construction, Inc., Otto, 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
Jim Latta - Commissioner

State projects SCP-SL-1801020 and SSP-TO-P114035 combined, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip sealing, roadway lighting system, and miscellaneous work on 11.65 miles of WYO 351, beginning at reference marker 12.91, between Big Piney and Daniel Junction in Sublette County. Completion date - October 31, 2009

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$2,475,565.50 |
| McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY | \$2,199,722.14 -11.1% |
| Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY | \$2,377,242.40 |
| McMurry Ready-Mix Co., Casper, WY | \$2,629,898.85 |
| Western Wyoming Construction Co., Lander, WY | \$2,673,718.50 |
| LeGrand Johnson Construction Co., Logan, UT | \$2,548,620.00 |
| Plus 5% for comparison | \$2,676,051.00 |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Vice Chair Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Company, Worland, 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 SCP-SL-N104067, involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work on 3.62 miles of Service Road 132 (Henry's Road) along US 26, beginning at milepost 0.00 between Hoback Junction and Jackson in Teton County. Completion date - October 31, 2009

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$1,527,761.10 |
| Evans Construction Company, Jackson, WY | \$2,160,000.10 +41.4% |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Vice Chair Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to reject the bid and let the project later.

Ms. Sheila Foertsch entered the meeting.

State project SCP-SL-N132096 and SCP-SL N132097 combined, involving installation of flashing beacon systems, roadway lighting system, and miscellaneous work on US 191 and WYO 351 in the town of Pinedale, in Sublette County. Completion date - October 31, 2008

NO BIDS RECEIVED

Mr. Collins advised that the completion date will be extended to July 2009, and the project will be let again later.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 3 and 7

Jim Latta - Commissioner
Susan Dziardziel - Vice Chair

Federal projects SIB-ACNH-N301016 and ACNH-HP-0301018 combined, involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, concrete, bridge work, removal and replacement of guardrail, landscaping, fencing, and miscellaneous work on 16.28 miles of US

26, beginning at reference marker 14.47 between Moran Junction and Dubois Road, in Fremont and Teton counties. Completion date - July 15, 2011

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$63,397,636.15 | |
| Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. and Subsidiary, Dickinson, ND | \$63,765,788.50 | +0.6% |
| Oftedal Construction, Inc., Miles City, MT | \$65,299,681.27 | |
| Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY | \$76,238,064.22 | |

Mr. Collins distributed a May 14, 2008, North Dakota Department of Justice press release. According to the press release, Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. (FSG) and two of the corporate officers were recently indicted on 11 counts of federal income tax fraud. The FSG president signed the bid document on May 8, 2008, indicating that there were no indictments, convictions, or civil judgments rendered against the company in the last three years. Assistant Attorney General Mike Kahler has inquired about when the indictment was issued, but he hadn't yet received a definitive answer. The WYDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction dictate that WYDOT has 30 calendar days from a bid opening to take action on a bid.

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to table the award of the Moran Junction - Dubois project until further information could be obtained about the indictment. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 6
Rip Hawkins - Chairman

State project SCP-SL-0904129, involving removal and replacement of right-of-way fence on Interstate 90 for 8.95 miles, beginning at milepost 176.82 between Moorcroft and Sundance, in Crook County. Completion date - May 31, 2009

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$374,180.00 | |
| Ludemann Fencing, Pierre, SD | \$375,071.50 | +0.2% |
| Plus 5% for comparison | \$393,825.08 | |
| Wishbone Fencing Company, Aladdin, WY | \$401,790.50 | |
| Irregular proposal (addenda not acknowledged) | | |
| Crooked Fork Fencing, Inc., Lolo, MT | \$455,238.62 | |
| Plus 5% for comparison | \$478,000.55 | |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair Dziardziel, and carried that **Ludemann Fencing, Pierre, South Dakota**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

State project SCP-SL-2302013, involving removal and replacement of right-of-way fence and miscellaneous work on WYO 116, beginning at milepost 0.00 and ending at milepost 7.76, in Weston County. Completion date - September 30, 2009

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$292,110.00 | |
| Wishbone Fencing Company, Aladdin, WY | \$280,216.00 | -4.1% |
| Irregular proposal (addenda not acknowledged) | | |
| Crooked Fork Fencing, Inc., Lolo, MT | \$340,193.00 | |
| Plus 5% for comparison | \$357,202.65 | |

Mr. Collins informed the Commission that a formal addendum was published for this project before the letting. Wishbone Fencing Company did not acknowledge receipt of the addendum. Mr. Noyce stated that he did receive the addendum and did not know that written acknowledgment was necessary. Mr. Collins advised that the oversight was not considered a fatal bidding error. Mr. Noyce indicated that the addendum did not affect his company's bid.

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **Wishbone Fencing Company, Aladdin, 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 7
Susan Dziardziel - Vice Chair

Federal project STP-E-0505015, involving beautification, including landscaping work, sprinkler system, roadway lighting system and miscellaneous work on 0.227 mile of US 20 (Birch Street), beginning at milepost 165.78 in the town of Glenrock, in Converse County. Completion date - October 31, 2008

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| Engineer's Estimate | \$161,680.90 | |
| Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY | \$292,024.00 | +80.6% |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Vice Chair Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to reject the bid. The project will be let again later.

7. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

Rural Principal Arterial

NH-PO 0.00 N091001; Lincoln County; Alpine Junction to Idaho state line; reference markers 0.00 to 2.37; overlay and miscellaneous work; fiscal year 2009 construction; request

federal preliminary engineering funds of \$10,882

ARSCT 100.81 N132A01; Sublette County; Pinedale to Hoback Junction, Pinedale West; reference markers 100.819 to 101.104; continue left turn lane; fiscal year 2009 construction; request preliminary engineering funds of \$13,049; to be reimbursed by Sublette County

Rural Local

ARSCT 0.00 PEG3A01; Uinta County; City of Evanston stockpile materials; purchase salt and sand mixture; fiscal year 2008; request preliminary engineering funds of \$500; construction engineering and construction funds of \$49,500; to be reimbursed by the City of Evanston

COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

Urban Principal Arterial

HSIP 26.81 P601035; Sheridan County; Sheridan, Intersections with County Road 66 and Fleming Drive; reference markers 26.81 to 27.15 and 27.20 to 27.54; fiscal year 2009 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$50,000

8. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT

WHEREAS, under the provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming may abandon or relinquish any portion of state highways upon reconstruction or relocation of an existing state highway; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Wyoming Department of Transportation right-of-way for the Powell to Deaver, Deaver Canal project, established under Project Number 0N32-01(045) is no longer needed for state highway or public use purposes. Said portion being described as follows:

A triangular tract of land located in the southwest corner of Tract 1 of Lot 39, T56N, R98 W, of the 6th P.M., Wyoming being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Tract 2 of Lot 39, T56N, R98W, of the 6th P.M., Wyoming, said southeast corner being monumented with a 1¾" aluminum cap from which the southwest corner of said Tract 2 bears S. 89°54'47.7" W. a distance of 1,324.14 feet, said southwest corner being monumented with a 2" aluminum cap;

thence S. 00°03'41.9" W. a distance of 462 feet to the southwest corner of said Tract 1 and

THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence N. 00°03'41.9" E. along the west boundary of said Tract 1 a distance of 55.95 feet to a point on the proposed southwesterly right-of-way boundary of Wyoming State Highway No. 114;

thence S. 38°23'48.3" E. along said proposed southwesterly right-of-way boundary a distance

of 71.71 feet to a point on the southerly boundary of said Tract 1;

thence N. 89°40'18.1" W. along the southerly boundary of said Tract 1 a distance of 44.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 1,248 square feet, more or less.

The basis for bearing is the south boundary of said Tract 2, it being S. 89°54'47.7" W.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming hereby abandons the above described land as provided for under provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126.

9. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grants: Mr. Collins presented the proposed fiscal year 2008 SRTS grant requests. Eight applications were received totaling over \$1 million. The SRTS Grant Selection Committee recommended fully funding five of the projects and partially funding three other grant requests as follows:

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| • Basin School District #4 Safe Routes to School | \$ 10,000 |
| • Arp Elementary School Pathway, Cheyenne | \$ 30,000 |
| • Glenrock Bikeability/Walkability Project | \$106,500 |
| • Greybull Community Pathway | \$200,000 |
| • Willow Street Sidewalk Connection, Jackson | \$ 70,000 |
| • City of Lander Safe Routes to School | \$ 30,000 |
| • Lovell, Wyoming, Safe Routes to School | \$200,000 |
| • Ranchester Planning and Sidewalk Replacement | <u>\$200,000</u> |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING | \$846,500 |

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve the proposed SRTS projects.

Mr. Noyce left the meeting.

10. Colonel Powell presented the Highway Patrol report.

Colonel Powell reported that the Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) investigated about 600 more crashes in 2007 than in 2006, but fatalities were slightly lower.

The Fatal Crash Summary through April 30, 2008, includes 26 fatal crashes involving 37 deaths. The fatalities include 13 involving rollover crashes, 21 involving multi-car crashes, 4 involving commercial vehicles, 2 involving pedestrians, and 1 involving a fixed object.

There have been 12 crashes to date deemed alcohol related, resulting in 14 deaths. Of those deaths, 10 were attributed to not using restraints.

Of the 37 deaths that have occurred to date in 2008, 23 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 12 involving rollover crashes and 11 involving multi-car collisions. Of the 23 deaths that occurred from non-use of occupant restraints, 18 were Wyoming residents and 5 were non-residents.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary reflects activity through March 31, 2008. The summary depicts 2,556 crashes statewide, of which 2,048 involved non-commercial vehicles and 508 involved commercial vehicles.

Patrol Field Arrest Activity: Field arrest activity indicates that the majority of arrests made as of April 30, 2008, have been DUI related. Field arrests total 614 to date, including:

- DUI arrests from crashes – 58
- DUI arrests from traffic stops – 258
- DUI arrests from the REDDI Program – 48
- DUI arrests from ports-of-entry – 3
- NCIC hits (person) – 23
- Wyoming warrants hits – 63
- Drug arrests – 51
- Other arrests – 110

11. Colonel Powell reported that the WHP celebrates 75 years of service in 2008. A commemorative lapel pin will be worn by troopers and a decal will be displayed in the back window of patrol cars to acknowledge the anniversary.

12. Mr. O'Connor presented the Support Services report.

Mr. O'Connor introduced Mss. Debbie Lopez and Earleen Weaver of the Motor Vehicle Services Program and Sheila Foertsch, Managing Director for the Wyoming Trucking Association.

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Act: Ms. Lopez briefed the Commission about the Single State Registration System (SSRS) and the UCR Act. The SSRS was implemented January 1, 1994, and terminated January 1, 2007. The system was developed to ensure that interstate commercial carriers had insurance and were authorized to transport property or passengers. SSRS generated about \$100 million a year for 38 participating states.

Under the SSRS, a carrier registered in his state of residence and paid fees for his base state and for every state he traveled. Fees ranged from \$0.45 to \$10.00 per vehicle, per state. The base state would

collect the fees for its state and every other participating state and then disseminate the appropriate amounts to each state.

On January 1, 2007, the UCR Act replaced the SSRS. Wyoming did not participate in the SSRS and must decide before August 1, 2008, whether or not to participate in the UCR program. After August 1, Wyoming will not have the option to participate in the future.

Under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Congress proposed lowering registration costs of for-hire motor carriers while allowing the 38 SSRS participating states to continue to receive their portion of the \$100 million funding. The UCR Act accomplished this by spreading SSRS user fees to a broader population, including private motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, leasing companies, and exempt-for-hire motor carriers. Each company registers with a participating state and pays an annual fee based on the size of its fleet.

Each state collects fees for carriers based in-state and has a cap on how much it can collect. If a state collects the maximum allowed dollar amount, excess funds are sent to a clearinghouse for distribution to the states that do not reach their maximum. All monies collected must be used to administer the program and to fund highway safety.

WYDOT would be negatively impacted by the UCR program. Wyoming's revenue is capped at \$500,000 without guarantee of a specific funding amount. Ms. Lopez also delineated the following reasons for not participating in the program:

- Legislation would be required to allow WYDOT to collect these fees.
- WYDOT would need to create an additional position assigned to this task.
- A computer program would need to be purchased or created to track the payment of fees, or our current software would need to be altered.
- WYDOT would need to provide the data to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration showing which entities have paid their registration fees.
- WYDOT would need to send out notices to carriers informing them of their requirements to pay UCR fees.
- WYDOT would need to handle inquiries and communications from carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies on the UCR program.

It was recommended by Mr. O'Connor, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair Dziardziel, and carried to not participate in the UCR program.

Ms. Sheila Foertsch advised that the Wyoming Trucking Association supports WYDOT's decision to not implement the UCR program.

13. Mr. Tim Hibbard presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 08-0144 to furnish a roof replacement on WYDOT Building No. 6263 in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Front Range Roofing Systems, Inc., of Greeley, Colorado, for the sum of \$165,565.

Mss. Lopez, Weaver, and Foertsch left the meeting.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 08-0169 to furnish a roof replacement on WYDOT Building No. 6393 in Pinedale. The bid was awarded to Utah Western Roofing, of North Salt Lake, Utah, for the sum of \$92,641.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 08-0155 to furnish a modular house and foundation at Burgess Junction. The bid was awarded to King Enterprises, of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$146,500.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chair Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 9487 to furnish various computer hardware and related equipment. The bid was awarded to Dell Marketing, LP, of Round Rock, Texas, for the sum of \$55,460.60.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair Dziardziel, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 9800 to furnish software, a remote server, annual maintenance, and training for a new WYDOT web page. The bid was awarded to Jahia Solutions Group SA, of Carouge, Switzerland, for the sum of \$64,026.

Cessna 206 Update: Mr. Hibbard reported that the state-owned Cessna 206 was listed for sale on the web site April 23, 2008. The minimum acceptable bid is \$150,000, and one bid has been received so far. Bidding will close May 23, 2008.

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

Snow Maintenance Update: As of April 30, 2008, the Department has expended about 117 percent of its snow maintenance budget. A \$4 million budget modification was approved in April, which brings the overall snow removal budget expenditures to 58 percent this fiscal year.

A couple of storms have occurred in the last month. Crews continue to work to reopen seasonal closure routes by Memorial Day weekend. District 1 has about 4 miles of the Snowy Range Road left to open. The snow depth averages about 10 to 12 feet, with drifts up to 25 feet high. Districts 4 and 5 are working overtime to open US 14A in the Big Horn Mountains.

Project Letting Update: Most fiscal year 2008 projects have been let. There will be only six projects let in June totaling \$3 million, and six more in July estimated at \$25 million. No letting is planned in August. With the onset of the 2009 budget year, the Department plans a large September letting, including sand and stockpile jobs and one large project. The \$100 million in state legislative funding will be let by July. In fiscal year 2008, the Department let some \$320 million worth of projects. Mr. McOmie acknowledged the WYDOT Project Development and the district staff for their extraordinary efforts toward getting these projects let in a short time frame.

Fuel and Asphalt Escalation Special Provisions: Mr. McOmie recently met with the Wyoming Contractors Association members to discuss the Department's fuel and asphalt escalation specifications. The Department agreed to change the fuel escalation specifications from 15.0 percent to 7.5 percent.

The Department's asphalt specification was also amended.

WYO 450 Bridge Accident: A Black Thunder Mine coal truck recently struck the bridge on WYO 450, milepost 55.7. The mine has agreed to demolish the structure. The original plans will be modified to meet current specifications and a new bridge will be constructed. Mr. McOmie will bring a proposal to the Commission for emergency funding approval when the new bridge plans are finalized. Traffic could potentially be restored to normal in a couple of months using a temporary Acrow[®] bridge.

Hay Creek Slide: The Hay Creek Slide was repaired in 2007 but shows preliminary signs of moving again. Pavement cracking and surface level settlement are apparent at the site. Geology and district personnel are evaluating the situation.

15. It was moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008.