

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person at 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY on January 20, 2022. Chairman Schmidt convened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne
Commissioner Jon Dolezal, Evanston
Commissioner Jim Espy, Savery
Commissioner Susan Holmes, Sheridan *via Zoom*
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance
Chairman Philip Schmidt, Casper
Commissioner Greg Venable, Worland *via Zoom*
Director K. Luke Reiner
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering and Planning; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Colonel Kebin Haller, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) Administrator; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Troy Babbitt, Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Cori Schrinar, Procurement Services Manager; Monica Gourdine, Interim Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Bryan Wenger, Equipment Program Manager; and Representative Mark Baker, legislative liaison.

Other meeting attendees: Senator John Kolb, legislative liaison; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Jordan Achs, Public Affairs; Mark Horan, Public Affairs; John Davis, Management Services Program Manager; Doug Jensen, Contracts and Estimates Program Manager; Mattie Bray, Financial Services Accounting Manager; Rhonda Holt, Financial Services Program Manager; Nicholas Gronski, Purchasing Officer; Dustin Woods, Acting Supervisor, Engineering and Operations, FHWA; Misty Dobson, Driver Services Program Manager; Katie Legerski, Executive Director, Association of General Contractors-Wyoming; Gary Schneider, Land Ferry; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary; Brooke Allen, Resident Engineer; and Phillip Giffin, Principal Engineer.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022, business meeting.

6. Director Reiner presented the Director's Report.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Cases are increasing throughout WYDOT. Director Reiner advised that precautions such as hand-washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask if preferred are encouraged. WYDOT is not tracking vaccination status at this time.

WYDOT Budget: WYDOT presented budget information to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) on Monday, January 17. Exception requests were submitted with WYDOT's budget request, and all requests were for spending authority only. Spending authority requests were made for multiple items, including WHP equipment and WyoLink equipment. No funding increase requests were made.

A pay increase line item was included with the budget request and WYDOT will support the recommendations the Governor has made to the legislature. All requests are subject to legislature approval.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Revenue Information System/Transportation Information System (RIS/TIS) and WyoLink have been proposed as recipients of ARPA funds, and Governor Gordon has recommended that \$35 million be allocated between the two programs.

Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Discussions regarding the BIL and regulations surrounding its funding allocated have been occurring between several states and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Transportation Research Board (TRB): Director Reiner recently attended a meeting of the TRB in Washington, D.C. Several Directors of state Departments of Transportation, AASHTO leadership, and Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu discussed the administration of the BIL and President Biden's priorities within the BIL. Connected Vehicles and frequency transitions were also discussed.

Towing: Rules and regulations are currently being drafted to address towing and associated price gouging and rates. Chairman Schmidt clarified with Director Reiner that these rules and regulations are expected to be posted for public comment in the upcoming months and a public meeting will be held.

Electric Vehicle Plan: The final draft of the plan is being drafted and will be discussed with Governor Gordon in February. Public meetings regarding the plan will be held around the state, and electric vehicle ready travel corridors will be among the topics discussed.

Broadband: There has been a recent change in ARPA funding allocated to broadband in the right of way and expected funding is now delayed. Final decisions will be made by the Legislature at a later date.

Wyoming Legislative Session: The 2022 Legislative Budget Session begins on Monday, February 14. Director Reiner summarized the fuel tax increase bill and the re-allocation of the

severance tax bill. Chairman Schmidt requested that a list of upcoming bills that may require WYDOT review be made available to the Commission.

Chairman Schmidt requested that Vince Garcia speak to the Commission at a later date regarding Connected Vehicles. Director Reiner suggested waiting until spring 2022 in order to gather more information regarding the topic.

7A. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

FY 2022 First Quarter Budget Revision: Mr. Freier presented the FY 2022 First Quarter Budget Revision.

It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried to approve the FY 2022 First Quarter Budget Revisions.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 23 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 26 percent expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

7B. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to move Bid Numbers 22-032NG, 22-037AC, 22-042RE, 22-043RE, RFP 21-183CS, and Requisition Numbers 0000062924, 0000063146, and 0000063147 to a consent list. Commissioner Crank requested that RFP 21-183CS be removed from the proposed consent list. Commissioner Hughes amended the motion to reflect Commissioner Crank's request.

Commissioner Holmes stated that on RFP 21-183CS, the recommendation was to award the proposal to Kois Brothers Equipment Co., Inc., even though the quoted price was significantly higher than their competitor. The points scored by each company were very close, and so Commissioner Holmes questioned the justification for recommending the higher priced company. Mr. Byrne explained that the Request for Proposal (RFP) process leads to the best value and not necessarily the lowest price. The equipment WYDOT currently uses is between 31 and 40 years old and unreliable, and in order to obtain equipment that will last years in to the future and be reliable, an RFP was established. Mr. Wenger advised that the Kois Brothers machinery was far superior to that presented by Kodiak America, especially in the area of safety features.

Mr. Byrne reminded the Commission that Commissioner Espy was a part of the RFP evaluation committee. Commissioner Espy explained how points are awarded during the RFP evaluation process, and he feels it is a fair process.

Commissioner Crank questioned when cost was figured in to the points scored by each company. Ms. Schrinar explained how weight is assigned to each category considered, and concluded that Kois Brothers product far exceeded the Kodiak America product in terms of value.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried to approve, by consent, the following:

- Bid 22-032NG to furnish 2,940 snow plow carbide tipped blades for use by various department locations statewide. The bid was awarded to Nordik Blades of Val-des-Sources, Quebec, Canada for the sum of \$497,025.00.
- Bid 22-037AC to furnish 2,220 feet and 7,936 bridgerail/guardrail/cablerail and components for use by various department locations statewide. The bid was awarded to Geotec Industrial Supply of Mills, Wyoming for the sum of \$643,731.75. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*
- Bid 22-042RE to furnish 21 new eight (8) cubic yard stainless steel dump body for class eight (8) tandem axle trucks for use in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Ameri-Tech Equipment Co. of Evansville, WY for the sum of \$297,150.00.
- Bid 22-043RE to furnish 25 new 13 foot self-unloading stainless steel abrasive spreaders for use in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Casper Manufacturing, Inc. of Casper, WY for the sum of \$441,875.00.
- Requisition 0000062924 to furnish 257 WyoLink subscriber radios for use by WYDOT. The requisition was awarded to Motorola Solutions Inc. for the sum of \$684,190.80.
- Requisition 0000063146 to furnish Critical Connect software for use by WYDOT. The requisition was awarded to Motorola Solutions Inc. for the sum of \$210,000.00.
- Requisition 0000063147 to furnish Service Aggregation Router (SAR) 8 Package Systems for use by WYDOT. The requisition was awarded to Motorola Solutions Inc. for the sum of \$752,434.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried 6-1 to approve RFP 21-183CS to furnish eight (8) high elevation rotary snow blowers for use in Cheyenne.

Commissioner Hughes requested an education session from Mr. Byrne and Ms. Schrinar regarding the RFP process.

Commission adjourned for break at 10:15 a.m.

Commission returned to meeting at 10:20 a.m.

8. Mr. Gillett presented the Chief Engineer's Report.

Nuclear Power Plant: Mr. Gillett advised that District 5 staff recently met with Rita Meyer and Terracon and PacifiCorp regarding the plant being built five (5) miles south of Kemmerer on US 189. Terracon and PacifiCorp plan to start construction in 2024 pending permits with an estimated completion date of 2028 and will employ approximately 2,000 construction workers. Mr. Gillett confirmed that it is expected that several workers that were laid off from the mine in District 5 will be employed during the construction process. The nuclear power plant will eventually replace a coal fired power plant that is in the area.

Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): The USDOT through FHWA has begun to allocate funding to WYDOT in two ways: the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE) grants. The BFP is able to be obligated to highway bridge replacements, preservation, and construction programs on public road. WYDOT will receive approximately \$45,000,000 yearly for five years, however, a minimum of 15%, or \$6,750,000, is to be applied to public assets not owned by WYDOT. The FHWA is recommending funding be applied to existing bridges before the construction of new bridges.

RAISE grants are discretionary and notice has been posted that applications will be due in April 2025. Rural applications can be as low as \$1,000,000 and at this time the exact amount of local match has not been determined.

A WYDOT steering committee comprised of Mr. Gillett, Mr. Fulton, and John Davis has been created to track implementation of BIL funding. WYDOT is also discussing implementation strategies with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) members.

8A. Monica Gourdine advised that the current Continuing Resolution is in effect until February 18, 2022. Ms. Gourdine explained the normal process for funding allocation from FHWA, and that a Continuing Resolution is put in place while there is not a current appropriations law approved by Congress to allow for fund distribution. During the time a Continuing Resolution, funding is made available at the level of the prior year and new programs are prohibited. Ms. Gourdine also explained the origination of the funding provided.

8Bi. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the January 13, 2022, letting in Cheyenne.

Federal Project NHPPI-N212121, ARSCT-N212A04, ARSCT-N212A05 and STP-E-N212125 combined involving grading, draining, placing crushed base, concrete pavement, bridge rehabilitation, water systems, electrical and miscellaneous work on approximately 0.08 miles at various locations on Poplar Street and 1st Street in the City of Casper in Natrona County. Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$22,623,615.00	
Ralph L. Wadsworth Const. Co., LLC, Draper, UT	\$35,166,115.40	55.4%

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that all bids should be rejected and the project let again at a later date pending further information from the City of Casper. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-PM-B212014 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2 in Goshen, Natrona, Niobrara & Platte Counties. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$5,198,732.50	
JTL Group, Inc. DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,552,389.00	6.8%
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$7,475,532.71	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$7,690,642.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously 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. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-PM-B223028 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3 in Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater & Teton Counties. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,968,025.00	
Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Lewis & Lewis Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$4,142,565.01	4.4%
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$4,346,475.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Venable and carried unanimously that Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Lewis & Lewis Inc., of 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. FHWA concurred with this decision. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*

Federal Projects STP-PM-B224023 and ARSCT-B224A01 combined involving chip sealing and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan & Weston Counties. Completion Date: August 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$3,634,955.00	
Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN	\$4,295,755.00	18.2%
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	\$4,458,390.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously that Bituminous Paving, Inc., of Ortonville, Minnesota, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project CM-0401038 involving grading, profile milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing (recycle), chip seal, bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work on approximately 6.00 miles on WYO 70 beginning at RM 10.98 between Dixon and Encampment in Carbon County. Completion Date: July 31, 2023.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,834,743.00	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$3,253,829.03	14.8%
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$3,504,511.95	
A&S Construction Co., Canon City, CO	\$4,034,781.80	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Venable, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried unanimously 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 low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-PM-B221020 involving placing crushed bases, concrete slab replacement, concrete pavement, A + B bidding, temporary concrete barrier and miscellaneous work at the Rawlins Marginal in Transportation District 1 in Carbon County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$2,452,827.00	
Triple A Building Services, Inc., Laramie, WY	\$3,576,531.94	45.8%

Mr. Fulton explained the process of A+B building, including an incentive for the awarded contractor to complete projects earlier than expected. Commissioner Hughes confirmed that the A portions of the bid as presented by WYDOT and Triple A Building Services was relatively close, but the A+B bid process is usually better utilized with multiple bidders, which did not occur for this project. Mr. Gillett added that A+B bidding is a way for WYDOT to demonstrate that importance is placed on the speed at which projects are completed in order to minimize disruption to citizens and businesses.

Mr. Crank expressed concern regarding the discrepancy in the amount of time allotted between WYDOT engineers and Triple A Building Services. Mr. Crank also advised that he was concerned about double compensation to the contractor based on potential contract provisions. Chairman Schmidt questioned what dollar amount would be listed on the signed contract, which Mr. Fulton clarified would be the A amount of the bid. Chairman Schmidt stated that even though the bid is \$3,576,531.94, that does not mean that is the amount the contractor will be paid for the completed project. Mr. Crank disagreed and stated that it would be reasonable for the

contractor to expect payment in the amount of \$3,576,531.94 if the bid was awarded. Mr. Espy voiced agreement with Mr. Crank's opinion and advised he would be voting against the award. Ms. Gourdine reminded the Commission of FHWA's processes and regulations regarding awarding of projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to enter into Executive Session for legal advice in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(ix).

Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 11:49 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to return to Public Session.

Commission returned to Public Session at 12:23 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to adjourn to lunch.

Commission adjourned to lunch at 12:24 p.m.

Commission returned to Public Session at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Crank re-iterated his concern of possible double payments to the Contractor and the discrepancy in the estimated amount of days the project will take. Commissioner Espy agreed.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried 5-2 that Triple A Building Services, Inc., of Laramie, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project STP-0412008 involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal and miscellaneous work on approximately 2.90 miles on WYO 72 beginning at RM 0.00 between Hanna and Elk Mountain in Carbon County. Completion Date: October 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,497,915.00</i>	
Simon Contractors, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,544,492.00	3.1%
Century Companies, Inc., Lewistown, MT	\$1,685,181.00	
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$2,081,398.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously 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. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Projects STP-BR-B223006 and ARSCT-B223A01 combined involving grading, bituminous pavement surfacing, rigid concrete overlay, removal of concrete, bridge rehabilitation, temporary concrete barrier, MGS guardrail, A+B bidding and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3 in Sublette and Sweetwater Counties. Completion Date: November 30, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$1,034,461.00	
Coldwater Group, Inc., Pleasant View, UT	\$2,174,023.50	110.2%
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,523,643.50	
JM Concrete, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$2,885,301.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried 5-2 that Coldwater Group, Inc., of Pleasant View, Utah, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project HSIP-B229009 and ARSCT-B229A01 combined involving installing transverse rumble strips and miscellaneous work at various locations statewide. Completion Date: August 31, 2022.

<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$569,940.00	
Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC, New Kingston, PA	\$229,555.00	-59.7%
S&L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$484,150.04	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Venable, and carried unanimously that Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC, of New Kingston, Pennsylvania, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. FHWA concurred with this decision. *Commissioner Crank declared a personal conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.*

8Bii. Addendum to the FY 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): Mr. Fulton presented the January addendum to the FY 2022 STIP.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Dolezal, and carried unanimously to approve the December addendum to the FY 2022 STIP.

8C. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

COVID-19 Cases: Cases are rising throughout the field. Employees are being encouraged to social distance, sanitize all equipment before and after use, and remain home if ill.

Temporary Slide Stabilization: WYDOT and contractor GeoStabilization International recently completed temporary stabilization repairs in two locations along I-90. A project to permanently complete the repairs will be let in FY 2023.

Grand Avenue Overpass: A semi-truck recently damaged the Grand Avenue overpass on I-80 in Laramie, causing both lanes of traffic to be closed temporarily. The on ramp to I-80 Eastbound has re-opened, and damages are being assessed to determine the next course of action.

Construction: At present, there are nine active projects across the state.

Seasonal Closures: WYO 130 over the Snowy Range, US 14A over the Big Horns, and WYO 70 over the Sierra Madre Range are currently closed due to weather conditions and will remain closed until at least spring 2022.

Equipment Damage: Four snowplows have been struck since the December 2021 Transportation Commission meeting. A total of six snowplows have been struck this winter, and no injuries have occurred.

Traffic: Traffic operations have ceased for the winter. However, shops are experiencing significant shipping delays on repair parts for equipment.

Facilities: All facilities and rest areas are open at this time.

Association of General Contractors (AGC)-Wyoming: AGC-Wyoming and WYDOT recently held a traffic control meeting in Casper. There were several participants, and topics covered included traffic control and mobility. There will be a co-op meeting the last week of January between WYDOT and AGC-Wyoming in Cheyenne.

Commissioner Espy exited the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

10. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report beginning with the December 2021 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Legislation: The FAA continues to work on guidance regarding funding allocated in the BIL. Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

5G Interference: A complete roll out of the 5G cell phone network has been delayed due to concerns from airports. The concerns include possible interference with altimeters which could lead to crashes. At this time, Wyoming does not have any towers that are cause for concern.

FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan: The Aeronautics Commission recently approved the proposed FY 2023 Capital Improvement plan for Wyoming's public use airports. Final approval of the plan will occur after a 30 day public comment period and consideration of the public comments by the Aeronautics Commission.

Pilot and Staffing Shortage: During the pandemic, senior pilots retired to allow junior pilots to operate aircraft and not be furloughed. However, now that air traffic is returning to a normal schedule. Several flights have been affected by this shortage. Airlines are restructuring flight schedules and offering incentive pay to staff for picking up extra flights.

Fourth Quarter Results: Several airlines have started to report fourth quarter results, and many remain in a loss position. Passenger traffic rebounded in the summer, however traffic declined in fall due to a COVID resurgence. Business travel continues to suffer, which dramatically affects airline profit.

12. Mr. Babbitt presented the Chief Technology Officer's Report.

RIS Replacement Update: Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Rossetti continue to work with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), the University of Wyoming and county commissioners across Wyoming. The RFP is continuing to be drafted.

WyoLink Update: Mr. Babbitt reported that Quantar updates are occurring. There have been some delays on supply deliveries but parts are being deployed as they are received.

ETS New CIO: Bill Vajda is the new CIO for ETS. He has several years of experience in various IT positions and WYDOT will be working with Mr. Vajda to bring him up to date on current projects.

ITS/GIS: The ability to report and harvest roadkill has been integrated into the 511 application. The application will be available for updates in the next few weeks.

Information Technology (IT): WYDOT has been working with ETS, who have been tasked with reporting all IT purchases to the Wyoming legislature. This is to ensure all products are working efficiently across the state and cost savings are being realized.

9. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol Report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through December 31, 2021, includes 104 fatal crashes involving 112 deaths. The fatalities include 43 rollover crashes, 28 multi-car crashes, 7 fixed-object crashes, 18 motorcycle crashes, 4 all-terrain vehicle crashes, and 12 pedestrian crashes. Of the 104 fatal crashes that have occurred in 2021, 14 involved commercial vehicles.

There was 1 fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 1 death in December 2021.

Of the 112 deaths this year, 52 were attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 33 involving rollover crashes, 15 involving multi-car collisions, and 4 involving fixed objects. Forty of those who died from the non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Fifteen of those who perished were under 21 years old, and 3 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 104 fatal crashes so far this year, 66 of those drivers had no distractions. In 69 of those crashes, it was unknown whether a distraction caused the incident.

Of the 104 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, 53 occurred on primary/secondary highways, 22 occurred on interstate highways, and 29 occurred on city/county roads.

Of the multiple-fatality crashes in 2021, 2 were rollovers, 3 involved multiple vehicles, 1 involved a fixed object, 2 involved a motorcycle/ATV/other, 1 involved commercial vehicles, and 4 were drug and/or alcohol related.

In locations where rumble strips/strips were present, there were 45 crashes. There were 54 crashes where rumble strips/strips were not present.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 6 vehicle crashes in 2021, which resulted in 6 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 22 of the vehicle crashes, causing 25 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2021 were as follows:

Sunday	19 crashes
Monday	8 crashes
Tuesday	13 crashes
Wednesday	20 crashes
Thursday	11 crashes
Friday	16 crashes
Saturday	17 crashes

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2021 were as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	12 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	21 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	44 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	27 crashes

The Commission also heard the following statistics:

- 77 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 54 percent of those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unbelted.

- 57 percent of those who died in fixed-object crashes were unbelted.
- 75 percent of the fatalities in 2021 were drivers.
- 15 percent of the fatalities in 2021 were passengers.
- 80 percent of the resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 10 percent of non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 30 percent of fatalities involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 6,272 crashes statewide, of which 1,610 involved commercial vehicles.

Towing Prices: Colonel Haller addressed the recent complaints regarding high towing and storage costs. The WHP has agreements with several towing companies to be included on the non-consensual towing list utilized by all troopers, and a position within the WHP was created in 2018 to address complaints regarding the listed towing companies. New rules are currently being drafted to address several of the issues listed including invoices and high fees.

11. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,821 personnel as of December 29, 2021, compared to 1,839 a month ago and 1,931 one year ago.

Standardized Turnover Calculator: As a follow-up to a question regarding usage of a standardized turnover calculator by the State of Wyoming, Mr. Rossetti advised that there is not a recognized turnover calculator at this time. A calculator is being developed but will not be available by the time the 2022 Legislature session convenes.

Talking Points Regarding Compensation: Mr. Rossetti advised that he will be updating the talking points regarding compensation to include the cost of the entry level CDL training program as well as WHP trooper turnover.

13. February 17, 2022 and March 17, 2022 Commission Meetings: Secretary Casner advised that if acceptable to the Commission, the February and March 2022 will be held virtually. Commissioner Crank will attend the meetings at WYDOT Headquarters and all other Commissioners agreed to meet virtually.

14A. Legislator Comments: State Representative Mark Baker and State Senator John Kolb shared remarks regarding towing concerns he has received from constituents, road closures, the upcoming legislative session, lobbying, ARPA funding, and the proposed fuel tax increase.

14B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Crank discussed wildlife crossings and the possibility of private industry entities building in Wyoming assist in funding these crossings. Commissioner Hughes complimented Doug McGee and the Public Affairs office on the production of *The Interchange*. Chairman Schmidt addressed how each Commissioner receives meeting information as well as the status of hiring the District Engineer for District 3. Chairman

Schmidt also requested that Director Reiner and Mr. Kahler draft a letter in support of the Governor's State employee compensation increase proposal to be sent to the Governor.

18. It was moved by Commissioner Crank, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m., on Thursday, January 20, 2022.