

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

March 4, 2026

3:30 PM

Laramie County Commissioners Conference Room



Attendance:

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| Voting Members: | Patrick Collins Don Hollingshead Ralph Tarango | City of Cheyenne Mayor, Chair Laramie County Commissioner, Vice Chair WYDOT District Engineer |
| Guests: | Vicki Nemecek Thomas Cobb Erin Johnson John Poelma Brenden Schaefer Pamela Cypher | City of Cheyenne Public Works Director City of Cheyenne Engineer Director City of Cheyenne Transit Program Laramie County Public Works WYDOT Systems Planning Engineer Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) |
| Staff: | Christopher Yaney Jennifer Corso Athen Mores Gisele Pacheco | MPO Director MPO Senior Planner MPO Planner I & Transportation Specialist MPO Office Manager |

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Collins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Item 2: INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Item 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 3, 2025 and February 5, 2026

Don Hollingshead, Laramie County Commissioner, made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2025. Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, seconded the motion.

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any discussion or questions regarding the minutes.

No further discussion of the December 3, 2025 meeting minutes, and all approved at 3:35 PM.

Don Hollingshead, Laramie County Commissioner, made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 5, 2026. Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, seconded the motion.

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any discussion or questions regarding the minutes.

No further discussion of the February 5, 2026 meeting minutes, and all approved at 3:35 PM.

Item 4: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Christopher Yaney, Metropolitan Planning Organization Director, provided updates on the revised Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Two items were revised: Section 4-1 IntuVision Support License and Section 4-2 MPO Vehicle Purchase. Due to cost disagreements with IntuVision, an alternative option, RD Analytics Support License, was selected; however, the total remains at the budgeted \$40,000 due to the need for an additional computer to support the software. The vehicle purchase was replaced with an MPO Website Update to meet ADA and federal accessibility requirements by improving access to plans, documents, data, and public involvement materials, and it remains budgeted at \$35,000. These adjustments do not affect the overall UPWP budget.

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the item.

Mayor Collins noted that websites and other documentation must meet ADA and federal accessibility requirements by April 2026 and asked if the MPO website was near compliance.

Mr. Yaney confirmed the MPO website is not currently near compliance. West Edge Collective indicated the site does not meet ADA requirements and is coordinating with the MPO to support development of a compliant update.

Mayor Collins asked if West Edge Collective could complete the updates by the April 2026 deadline.

Mr. Yaney confirmed the update can be completed by the April 2026 timeframe.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item.

Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, inquired about requirements for ADA compliant websites.

Jennifer Corso, Metropolitan Planning Organization Senior Planner, will provide the ADA compliance list to the committee.

Mr. Tarango clarified that West Edge is being contracted for \$35,000 to update the MPO website for ADA compliance.

Mrs. Corso noted the website will also be rebranded and updated for ADA compliance, as it has not been updated in 10 years.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion from the committee. Hearing none.

Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, made the motion to approve the revised Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), noting the updates to the video-based traffic data analysis software and the MPO Website. Don Hollingshead, Laramie County Commissioner, seconded the motion.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion from the committee. Hearing none.

Roll Call: Motion to approve the Revised Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) passed unanimously.

Item 5: SAFE STREETS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN (SS4A)

Jennifer Corso, Metropolitan Planning Organization Senior Planner, provided updates on the Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig (FHU) Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. A Transportation Safety Summit and Workshop was held on February 5, 2026 to provide input and recommendations, and FHU has identified key focus areas to determine causes and solutions. The plan is anticipated to be completed in late May or June 2026, with a Safe Kids Day event scheduled for May 23, 2026 to collect public input. Work includes completion of the High Injury Network Map covering 45 miles of roadway segments and 29 high injury intersections, as well as a Safety Action Plan Crash Dashboard to be posted on the MPO website, with the draft plan and dashboard to be provided upon completion by the consultants.

Mayor Collins asked if any surprises were identified in the data regarding intersections or locations.

Mr. Yaney noted no significant surprises, as results reflected locations commonly associated with crashes. Additional review was requested for crashes at Powderhouse and Riding Club, and at Gardenia and Bomar, but no sufficient data was found to include those areas in the High Injury Network.

Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, asked if Lincolnway and Nationway were included in the High Injury Network.

Mrs. Corso confirmed inclusion and explained that intersections represent crash points, while roadway segments make up the network, resulting in 45 miles of roadway and 29 intersections identified in the High Injury Network.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion from the committee.

Vicki Nemecek, City of Cheyenne Public Works Director, inquired whether data differentiated between motor vehicle and pedestrian or bicyclist crashes.

Mrs. Corso confirmed differentiation is included and will be shown in maps currently being developed by FHU.

Mayor Collins asked about differences between city and county data and any surprises between urban and rural roads.

Mrs. Corso noted no surprises, confirmed city and county differentiation, and explained rural data is adjusted due to limited traffic volumes.

Ms. Nemecek noted enforcement and recommendations did not appear prominent.

Mrs. Corso responded that enforcement and safety recommendations were discussed at the Safety Summit Workshop and will be included in future drafts.

Mayor Collins referenced 2025 police department data showing a reduction in red light and serious injury intersections to 20 to 25 percent due to increased enforcement and clarified the year as 2025 from the annual report.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion from the committee. Hearing none.

Item 6: EAST ALLISON ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Athen Mores, Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Specialist, provided updates on the East Allison Road Corridor Study. The study will evaluate roadway, drainage, utility, and multimodal needs along East Allison Road in the South Cheyenne District and will be completed in two phases, including a review of a potential roundabout at the East Allison Road and Avenue C intersection. A Request for Qualifications was advertised on September 20 and 27, 2025, and seven proposals were received. Stantec was selected to complete the project, and the contract was approved on January 26, 2026. A project initiation meeting was held with Stantec on February 20, 2026.

Mayor Collins inquired about the selection committee.

Christopher Yaney, Metropolitan Planning Organization Director, noted the committee consisted of MPO staff Christopher Yaney, Jennifer Corso, and Athen Mores; City staff Rick Amen; County staff Molly Cook and Justin Arnold; and Wyoming Department of Transportation staff Taylor McCort.

Mayor Collins inquired about the project initiation meeting.

Mr. Mores noted that the meeting was efficient and Stantec provided sufficient detail.

Mayor Collins inquired about the project timeline.

Mr. Yaney noted the expected completion date is approximately 12 months.

Mayor Collins inquired about why the corridor needed to be studied.

John Poelma, Laramie County Public Works, noted that the MPO brought the corridor to attention, but the county has sixth penny funding allocated for future improvements that have already been approved.

Mr. Yaney noted that the county placed sixth penny funding for voter approval for improvements to the East Allison Road Corridor, and the MPO coordinated a study and 30 percent design for phase one. He also noted that right of way acquisition will be required, and consultants will evaluate two options: one matching the city Unified Development Code (UDC) roadway configuration and another aligned with county considerations.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item. Hearing none.

Item 7: UPDATE: LOCAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Thomas Cobb, City of Cheyenne Engineer, provided updates to the construction project list.

**Construction Projects Update
2026 Season**

| Projects | Status |
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| PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT | |
| Mill and Overlay 2026 #1: Dell Range Blvd. (Powderhouse Road to Sunset Drive) | Bidding in next month |
| Mill and Overlay 2026 #2: Concord Road, Hickory (Sheridan to Windmill), Pershing Blvd. (McCann to U.S. 30), Stinner Road, Kennedy Road, Hynds Blvd. | Bidding in next month |
| Mill and Overlay 2026 #3: Ridgeland (Buffalo to Evers), Andover (Newton to Cheshire), Converse Avenue (RAB to Lincolnway) | Bidding in the next month |
| 2026 Patch and Surface Seal of Crack (Fall) | Bidding in the next month |
| 2026 Miscellaneous Crack Seals | Bidding late summer 2026 |
| Street Repair and Renovation and Misc. Concrete | Bidding late summer 2026 |
| Epoxy (WYDOT) | Coordinated Project with Wydot and anticipated completion 2026 |
| Thermoplastic #1 | Completion anticipated 2026/ 2025 Projects |
| Christensen Road Roadway Maintenance | Fall 2026 |
| Christensen Road Drainage Improvements | Fall/ Winter 2026 |
| CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION | |
| Storey Blvd. Summit Drive Extension | Bid Opening March 31, 2026; 2:00 p.m. |
| 5th St and Crow Creek Bridge Design and Construction | Bid Opening Late Summer 2026 |
| Downtown Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk Program | On-going Joint Effort with the DDA and Downtown Businesses for Curb and Gutter Repair. On-going |
| 15th Street Railcar Experience (Faux Track Placement) | May/ June 2026 Completion |
| Whitney Road, US30, Dell Range Blvd. | Bid Opening April 9, 2026 |
| Downtown Alley Enhancements (St. Mary's) | Bid Letting April May 2026 |
| Safe Routes to School (Alta Vista, Baggs, Davis, Rossman) | Anticipated Bid Letting April/ May 2026 |
| DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE | |
| Dry Creek Restoration Project: Meadowland Ditch, Holmes Ditch, and Henderson Ditch | Winter, Summer, and Fall 2026 completion |
| Vegetation Management | Spring 2026 |

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the city projects.

Erin Johnson, Cheyenne Transit Program, inquired about the Yellowstone Road and Dell Range Boulevard intersection and whether a plan is in place or an RFP for design.

Mr. Cobb noted that an RFP will be issued for the design.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the city projects. Hearing none.

John Poelma, Laramie County Public Works, provided updates to the construction project list.

Current Projects:

- Chalk Bluff Road - Under construction in 2026
- Division and Wallick - Design phase
- Road 164 - Design and build
- Jefferson/Allison - Post for proposals anticipated
- Roundtop Road - Currently in design phase
- Normal maintenance on gravel and pavement
- Chip Seal Projects - Various paved county roads out for bids

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the county projects.

Mayor Collins asked whether any data center companies had provided comments regarding the Wallick Road area.

John Poelma, Laramie County Public Works, noted that it is uncertain whether any comments have been received from data center companies regarding the Wallick Road area.

Mayor Collins suggested that continued discussion is needed due to significant development within the area.

Mr. Poelma noted that communication has occurred with Thomas Cobb, City of Cheyenne Engineer, and Laramie County School District #1.

Mayor Collins inquired whether Thomas Cobb is tracking Project Orchard.

Mr. Cobb confirmed that Project Orchard is being tracked and noted discussions with Molly Cook, Laramie County Public Works, regarding the fifth and sixth school sites, the Wallick extension, and drainage.

Mayor Collins referenced the Edwards property, noting five buildings and approximately 500 megawatts planned on the corner north of the Meta Data Center.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the county projects. Hearing none.

Ralph Tarango, WYDOT District Engineer, provided updates to the construction project list.

2026

- College Drive (S. Greeley Highway & I-80); Hynds Boulevard (Vandehei & Horse Creek Road) - Chip Seal
- Missile Drive/Happy Jack Road (I-25 and FE Warren Gate 2 Entrance) - Concrete Slab Replacement
- I-25 Bridges over Clear Creek (north of College Drive Interchange) - Bridge Rehabilitation
- Whitney/Dell Range (City & County Project w/ Fed. Funds) - Roadway Reconstruction & Realignment, and Traffic Signals

2027

- Central Avenue (Pershing to 22nd) - Overlay, ADA Corners, Traffic Signal, and Pedestrian Improvements
- College Drive (Fox Farm to Campstool) - Concrete Pavement Replacement, Bridge Rehab, and Traffic Signal Improvements
- I-80 EBL (Roundtop Road to Otto Road Interchange) - Overlay and Safety Improvements

2028

- Happy Jack Road (I-25 to milepost 10) - Overlay
- US 85 & Yellowstone Road - Intersection Realignment (Safety Project)
- I-80 WBL (Roundtop Road to Otto Road Interchange) - Overlay
- College Drive & Parsley Intersection - Intersection Lighting (Safety Project)

Mayor Collins, Chair, asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding WYDOT projects.

Mayor Collins asked if 5,000 to 7,000 employees were expected for the developments.

Mr. Tarango confirmed 5,000 to 7,000 employees.

Mayor Collins inquired about next phases related to Warren Avenue and Central Avenue.

Mr. Tarango noted a potential next phase would be southbound Central Avenue, with an uncertain timeline, and the project is included in the STIP.

Mayor Collins described the Hitching Post District.

Mayor Collins asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding WYDOT projects. Hearing none.

Item 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Collins, Chair, opened the meeting for any other business from staff or Committee members.

Jennifer Corso, Metropolitan Planning Organization Senior Planner, inquired about hosting future Policy Committee meetings in the City of Cheyenne Mayor's Conference Room due to varying technology between conference rooms.

No objections were raised.

Item 9: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: June 3, 2026, at the City of Cheyenne Municipal Building Mayors Conference Room.

Item 10: MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:15 PM