

Department of Transportation

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Department of Transportation's mission is to enhance the economic well being and quality of life in Wyoming by working with public and private partners to produce a safe and efficient transportation system.

Results of outcomes

WYDOT's first goal is to improve the existing transportation system.

To achieve this goal, the department plans, programs, designs and constructs improvements to the state highway system by effectively using improvement funds available. As a result, 94 percent of the highway system rated above tolerable and 44.2 percent met current design standards; eight on-system bridges were constructed and one was widened; and 49 new on-system retaining culverts, siphons, sign structures, and retaining walls were placed.

The department's second step toward achieving this goal is to assist other public and private partners in the improvement of their transportation facilities and services. This was accomplished by replacing seven deficient off-system bridges, meeting the 10,000 or more emplanements requirements at seven Wyoming commercial service airports to ensure federal entitlement money, conducting continuing and active planning consultation with 40 airports, providing 1.34 million public transportation passenger rides, and approving 11 cooperative agreements through the Transportation Enhancement Activity-Local (TEAL) program.

The agency's second goal is to enhance safety on the transportation system.

WYDOT works to achieve this goal through fair and impartial enforcement of all traffic laws directed toward a reduction in traffic-related deaths and injuries. Progress in this arena is measured by the total crash rate (crashes/100 million vehicle miles) on the state highway system, which was 164.42.

The department also strives to provide an effective safety education and information program. Results for the 2002 fiscal year are as follows: the total reportable crash rate per 100 million vehicle miles on all public roads was 188.44; the number of driving while under the influence (DWUI) fatal crashes compared to total fatal crashes was 34.2 percent; seat belt use was 84 percent; there were 461 motorcycle, bicycle and pedestrian crashes; and there were six accidents in Wyoming involving Wyoming-registered aircraft.

Also toward the goal of transportation safety, WYDOT works to identify and correct hazardous/potentially hazardous conditions, resulting in the department correcting about half the conditions identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous; correcting 11 airport safety issues; and

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Other locations

Locations throughout Wyoming

Year established and reorganized

Established 1917 and reorganized 1991

Statutory references

W.S. 9-2-2004 and 24-2-101

Number of authorized personnel

2,488

Organization structure

Aeronautics, Chief Engineer, Engineering and Planning, Highway Patrol, Support Services, and Technical Services divisions.

Clients served

Users of Wyoming's transportation systems

Budget information

Construction/Capital Outlay	\$310,249,831
Maintenance	\$87,267,619
Aeronautics	\$30,169,920
Law Enforcement	\$22,781,012
Administration/Regulatory	\$14,024,062
Other	\$9,470,855
TOTAL	\$473,963,299

providing high levels of snow and ice control service on the entire state highway system (2,220 miles).

WYDOT's third goal is to preserve the existing transportation system.

In its effort to preserve the state highway pavements, the department uses the Pavement Management System to measure the state highway system pavements and found 78 percent of the interstates, 63 percent of the primary highways, 43 percent of the secondary roadways, and 57 percent of the total highway system to be in good or better condition.

Also in need of preservation are the state highway bridges and structures. Based upon structure sufficiency rating, 94 percent of all on-system structures were maintained in acceptable condition.

To preserve airport infrastructure, the department assists, advises and distributes appropriate funds. WYDOT's Airport Pavement Management System found 87 percent of airport pavement to be in good or better condition.

WYDOT also assists, advises and distributes appropriate funds to preserve transit service. As a result, 67 municipalities and rural communities were served by public transportation and 1.34 million public transportation passenger rides were provided. The average age of WYDOT's fleet is 4.75 years.

To preserve the traffic control features on the state transportation system, the department tracks their condition and found 97 percent of the signs were in good or excellent condition, 83 percent of the pavement markings were in good or excellent condition, and 98 percent of the electrical traffic control devices were in good or excellent condition.

In its attempt to preserve the roadside features (vegetation control, fences, etc.) of the state transportation system, buildings and other physical assets, WYDOT used the building priority system to determine that 75 percent of buildings met performance level 200 or lower and the rest area priority system to find 73 percent of rest areas meet performance level 125 or lower.

The department's fourth goal is to fairly and equitably fulfill its regulatory and revenue-generating responsibilities.

To achieve this goal, WYDOT strives to complete regulatory inspections consistent with state statutes. In doing so it was determined that at roadside inspections 20 percent of the commercial vehicle contacts and 29 percent of the commercial vehicle operator contacts were in compliance with statutes and regulations.

The department also collects user fees consistent with state statutes and collected \$123.9 million from various fees and revenue-generating activities.

Strategic plan changes

WYDOT's goals for the new Strategic Plan are the same as those shown in this report.

Transportation Commission

Agency to which your group reports

Governor

Number of members

Seven

Meeting frequency

Monthly

Aeronautics Commission

Agency to which your group reports

Governor

Number of members

Seven

Meeting frequency

Twice a year - spring and fall

Note: WYDOT is authorized to operate under the federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. However, the specified time frame for the state annual report is July 1 through June 30, so information presented in the report is based on initial FY03 budget data and 2002 Strategic Plan data.

Department of Transportation organization chart

