

WyDOT awards \$37.7 million in contracts

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CHEYENNE – Contracts totaling more than \$37.7 million for nine highway projects around the state were awarded by the Wyoming Transportation Commission during its November meeting in Cheyenne. The projects are:

- A one-mile section of WYO 59 between I-90 and the Donkey Creek Bridge in south Gillette will be rebuilt and widened to three lanes in each direction under a \$19.8 million contract awarded to Concrete Works of Lafayette, Colo. Existing pavement on the highway section is in poor condition and traffic on it has grown to as many as 22,000 vehicles a day. Reconstruction can begin in April. When complete, the rebuilt highway will have a raised median, left-turn lanes at all intersections and dual left-turn lanes at the Boxelder Road intersection. The contract completion date is June 30, 2009, but the contract includes incentives to finish by the end of the 2008 construction season.
- Sixteen blocks of Spruce Street and three blocks of Third Street in Rawlins will be rebuilt under an \$11.5 million contract awarded to Upper Plains Contracting of Aberdeen, S.D. The existing road sections are more than 50 years old and severely rutted. The project will remove the existing raised median and lighting between the traffic lanes, and install new lighting and sidewalks beside the road. Storm and sanitary sewer systems also will be installed. Work is expected to begin after April 1, and truck traffic will be routed around the project using the US 287 bypass. The contract completion date is July 31, 2009, but most of the work is expected to be completed during the 2008 construction season.
- Another deteriorating route in Rawlins will be rebuilt under a nearly \$2.3 million contract won by Cheyenne's Reiman Corp. The one-half-mile section of Murray Street will get new asphalt pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalk, sewer and water lines. The work is expected to be done by Oct. 31.
- Reiman also was awarded a \$1.2 million contract for bridge rehabilitation work on several structures in the Casper, Douglas and Wheatland areas, most of them on I-25. Much of the work involves replacing 20- to 30-year-old expansion joints that are no longer functioning satisfactorily. The work is scheduled to be done by Aug. 31.
- Reiman's low bid of \$639,000 won the contract for replacement of a bridge on Fremont Lake Road near its intersection with US 191 at the eastern edge of Pinedale. The existing timber bridge over the Lee Irrigation Ditch will be replaced with a concrete box culvert. The contract completion date is Sept. 30, but removal of the existing bridge and installation of the new structure are expected to be completed before water begins running in the ditch in late March. Traffic will continue to move over the bridge during construction, and it will be controlled by a temporary traffic signal.
- A timber bridge on Old Yellowstone Road about five miles north of its intersection with US 85 north of Cheyenne will be replaced with two concrete box culverts under a \$578,000 contract awarded to S&S Builders of Gillette. A detour will be built around the existing bridge and work on the new bridge is expected to begin in late April or early May. The contract completion date is Oct. 15.
- A defunct steel bridge on Stage Road about 15 miles north of Lusk will be replaced with a concrete box culvert under a \$394,000 contract awarded to Platte Valley Construction of Grand Island, Neb. Deterioration of the existing bridge resulted in its closure four years ago. Work on the new bridge is expected to begin in December and the contract completion date is June 15.
- Deteriorating pavement on highways in Albany and Laramie counties will be patched by Oct. 15 under an \$847,000 contract awarded to Star Aggregates of Cheyenne.