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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

The Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of recent General Fund appropriations to the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT). We focused on appropriations made in the 2007/2008 and 2009/2010 biennial budgets. Our report addresses the following questions about these funds:

- How have state General Funds appropriated to WYDOT in 2006 and 2007 for highway construction and maintenance been allocated?
- What is WYDOT's process for determining which projects will get state funds? Did WYDOT priorities change with the infusion of the new money?
- What kinds of projects have been completed, on what types of roads, and where? Would these projects have been done without the General Funds?
- How does WYDOT integrate multiple types of highway data to help the districts set priorities for using General Funds?
- What structure and policies has WYDOT established to support a system-level approach to decision-making?

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