

# FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

## 2008 Q3 Conference Call

### Meeting Notes



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**DATE:** August 21, 2008

**TO:** Florida Scenic Highways Community

**FROM:** Mariano Berrios, Program Administrator, Florida Scenic Highways Program

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**SUBJECT:** Florida Scenic Highways Program - 2008 3rd Quarter Conference Call, July 24, 2008

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A Florida Scenic Highways Program conference call was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008 from 2:00-3:00 P.M. (EST). The purpose of the call was to discuss program and corridor updates, as well as other important issues regarding the Florida Scenic Highways Program.

#### **2:00 P.M. INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **2:10 P.M. DISTRICT COORDINATOR UPDATES**

District 1- None

District 2- Jennifer Vrynios, Debrah Miller (sent updates)

- William Bartram SR 13
  - Glatting-Jackson is the Master Plan Consultant for the highway and they are currently working on the plan
  - Oral histories to be compiled as “living history” for resource, etc. along the corridor
  - Developing mission statement for continuing actions along the corridor
  - Working on achieving 501(c)3 status
- Old Florida Heritage Highway
  - Master Plan completed and will be presented to BOCC August ‘08
  - DEP/Paynes Prairie will administer FHWA grant for improvements to the Prairie Visitor Center
- A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway
  - Oral histories being developed for the corridor
  - Strategic Planning completed, a Strategic Plan Draft Document will be done in August
  - 5-Year CMP Update underway (past due)
  - FHWA Grants for Windswept Park, Pope Road, Northern Gateway & Informational Kiosks are underway for implementation and construction
  - Adopt-A-Highway Program has been undertaken by the CME

- Penney Farms (SR 16)
  - Designation process and tasks to begin in September
  - Membership drive underway
- Black Bear Scenic Highway
  - With the assistance of Corridor Solutions , the CME has developed a Work Plan to prioritize tasks from the Action Plan
  - Developed committees and timeline for prioritized tasks
  - Working on achieving 501(c)3 status
  - Completing documentation to add a spur road so that the Fort Gate Ferry (the oldest operating Ferry in Florida) can be included as an important intrinsic resource
  - Will work towards achieving All-American Road status

District 3- Shannon Foor

- Big Bend Scenic Byway – Going after National Scenic Byway Designation
- Scenic 30A – May seek National Scenic Byway Designation
- Pensacola Scenic Bluffs – May seek a Greenways and Trails Designation

District 4- Beatriz Caicedo, Gladys Leeks, Gregor Sengor

- Broward A1A
  - Plan to get Draft Designation application to FDOT by September and will try to shoot for the October SHAC meeting

District 5- Garry Balogh, Kristee Booth, Renee Tallevast

- Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail
  - There has been discussion amongst the CME on doing a Master Plan
  - With the help of FPL and the State Parks, the group is Designing Informational Kiosks for areas along the corridor
  - Recently had a “fun run” for the Loop
  - Will be seeking National Scenic Byway Designation
- Green Mountain Scenic Byway
  - Will be seeking National Scenic Byway Designation
  - Working on website
- Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway
  - Working on website
  - May seek designation for an extension at the October SHAC meeting
- Heritage Crossroads
  - Working on a byway brochure
  - May seek National Scenic Byway Designation
  - Getting CME agreement done for Official Designation; this was not completed by the June SHAC meeting when their status was approved
- River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway
  - Seeking State Scenic Highway Designation at February SHAC Meeting

District 6- None

District 7- Michael Palozzi, Roberto Gonzalez, Lori Snively

- Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway

- Their focus for the year has been on an enhancement feasibility study for a bike trail along the highway. After the study was done, it was determined that a more detailed PD&E Study needs to be done
- If anyone has wildflower information, let the group or district coordinator know

Turnpike- None

## **2:40 P.M. FSHP General Program Update and Information**

- NSB National Nominations
  - May be announced within the first two weeks of September, with a 90 day window for completion
- Training Needs/Promo Items
  - Training needed for new coordinators in D3, D6, and D7
  - If anyone needs promo items let Clint Eliason know ([cceliason@transystems.com](mailto:cceliason@transystems.com) or (407)875-8932).
- Roadside Chats
  - Will be underway in early 2009.
- Dennis Adams National Scenic Byway Workshop in Orlando
  - Held workshop on August 5<sup>th</sup> at TranSystems office in Maitland, FL. The training information will be posted online.
- FSHP Conference Wrap-up and Next Conference
  - This year's conference was a success, with some very informative sessions and around 70-80 participants. The next conference will be in 2010 and we are looking for locations and facilities.
- Brochures
  - Talk to your district coordinator for the new general scenic highway brochures
- Program Manual Revisions
  - Being done currently. If anyone has suggestions on changes or additions let Clint Eliason know ([cceliason@transystems.com](mailto:cceliason@transystems.com) or (407)875-8932).
- FSH Program Annual Reports
  - Due October 1, 2008 by 5:00pm. Please go to <http://denver.c-b.com/fdotscenic/> to complete this year's reports. If there are any questions contact Clint Eliason at ([cceliason@transystems.com](mailto:cceliason@transystems.com) or (407)875-8932).

## **2:50 P.M. FSHP WEBSITE UPDATE**

- New Website - In process of development. If you have any suggestions please let Clint Eliason know ([cceliason@transystems.com](mailto:cceliason@transystems.com) or (407)875-8932).
- New Corridor Videos – Designated corridors that were not filmed previously will be filmed in 2009.

## **3:00 P.M. FINAL THOUGHTS AND CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE CALL**

The FSHP Q3 Conference call concluded at 3:00 P.M.

**The next conference call will be on October 23 at 2:00 P.M.**

