

FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

2008 Q4 Conference Call

Meeting Notes



DATE: October 23, 2008

TO: Florida Scenic Highways Community

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SUBJECT: Florida Scenic Highways Program - 2008 4th Quarter Conference Call, October 23, 2008

A Florida Scenic Highways Program conference call was held on Thursday, October 23, 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. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

2:10 P.M. DISTRICT COORDINATOR UPDATES

District 1- Manon Lavoie, Bob Herrington

- Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail
 - Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m.
- Bradenton Beach
 - Working on their 5-Year CMP Update
- Tamiami Trail – Windows to the Gulf
 - Working on their 5-Year CMP Update
- Palma Sola
 - Completed Annual Report - Late

District 2- Debrah Miller

- William Bartram SR 13
 - Glatting-Jackson is the Master Plan Consultant for the highway and they are currently working on the plan.
 - Working on National Scenic Byway (NSB) Nomination Application
- Old Florida Heritage Highway
 - Master Plan completed
 - DEP/Paynes Prairie will administer FHWA grant for improvements to the Prairie Visitor Center – Grant underway
 - Micanopy Fall Fest was November 1 and 2
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application
- A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway
 - Oral histories being developed for the corridor
 - Strategic Planning completed, a Strategic Plan Draft Document done in August

- FHWA Grants for Windswept Park, Pope Road, Northern Gateway & Informational Kiosks are underway for implementation and construction
- National Scenic Conservation planning underway, to be in January 2009
- Penney Farms (SR 16)
 - October 30 – CAG Formation, starting Designation Process
- Black Bear Scenic Highway
 - November 1 – Ocala Park Clean-Up, Pioneer Settlement Festival
 - Fort Gates Ferry (the oldest operating Ferry in Florida) resource addition was approved by the SHAC
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application for All-American Road status

District 3- Artie White

- Big Bend Scenic Byway
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application
- Scenic 30A
 - Will appoint a Volunteer Coordinator for the highway
- Pensacola Scenic Bluffs
 - New CME Chair- Amy DaRusso
 - Will appoint a Volunteer Coordinator for the highway

District 4- Gladys Leeks, Gregor Sengor, Beth Puttmer

- Broward A1A
 - Plan to have CMP and Designation done for the Feb. 2009 SHAC Meeting
- IRL-Treasure Coast
 - Have yet to complete Annual Report – Will be submitted late

District 5- Renee Tallevast

- Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application
- Green Mountain Scenic Byway
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application
- Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway
 - May seek designation for an extension in the future
- Heritage Crossroads
 - Getting CME agreement done for Official Designation; this was not completed by the June SHAC meeting when their status was approved
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application
- River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway
 - Seeking State Scenic Highway Designation at February SHAC Meeting
 - Starting Grants, to be ready when designated and when solicitations are announced

District 6- Miguel Iglesias, Jane Tallman

- Florida Keys
 - Working on NSB Nomination Application for All-American Road status
 - Completing 5-Year CMP Update

District 7- None

- 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

Turnpike- Joanne Hurley, Mike Palozzi

- Suncoast Scenic Parkway
 - Quarterly Meeting was on November 4
 - Ride with Rudolph Night Ride along corridor on December 13
 - Landscaping improvements – at Interchanges and along SR 54 & SR 52
 - Wildflower project – received \$50,000 grant for this
 - Will start transitioning from Joanne Hurley to Mike Palozzi

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

- NSB National Nominations
 - Have been announced, Due to be submitted online November 26 for SHAC review
 - SHAC Meeting on December 12 for recommendations
 - Final Applications due to FHWA on December 17
- Annual Reports Update
 - All groups have submitted except for one, IRL-Treasure Coast which will be considered late
- NSB Grant Program Update
 - Last year's grant awards have not been announced yet
 - Next year's grant solicitations may be announced around March again
- NSB National Conference
 - Will be in Denver in 2009
 - For more information go to any of the NSB websites
- 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 or (407)875-8932).
- Roadside Chats
 - Will be underway in early 2009.
- Brochures
 - Talk to your district coordinator for the new general scenic highway brochures

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 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 Q4 Conference call concluded at 3:00 P.M.

The next conference call will be on January 22, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

