

Florida Scenic Highways Program

SHAC Meeting Minutes



When: 1:30pm – 4:30pm
April 23, 2014

Where: Florida Department of Transportation
Lafayette Room
605 Suwanee St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Wednesday April 23, 2014 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm in the Florida Department of Transportation’s Lafayette Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Green Mountain Scenic Byway Extension and Five-Year Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Updates for Scenic 30-A, Broward A1A and Pensacola Scenic Bluffs along with other items to be brought before the SHAC.

Welcome & Introductions:

The meeting opened with meeting attendee introductions:

- Robin Birdsong, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Anne Glick, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
- Chris Wiglesworth, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- Matt Preston, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- Jeff Caster, State Scenic Highways Coordinator
- Dale Allen, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation (FGTF)
- Mike Palozzi, CBI
- Artie White, Kimley Horn

Via teleconference:

- Keith Bettcher, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (ACS)
- Roxanne Lake, District I DSHC
- Jennifer Fierman, District IV DSHC
- Garry Balogh, District V DSHC
- Catherine Trend, District V/UF
- Priscila Clawges, Broward A1A
- Wanda Maloney, Corridor Solutions
- Glenn Burns, Burns Consulting

General Program Updates:

2013 Annual Report

- Wanda Maloney provided an update on the production and distribution of the FSHP 2013 Annual report. The goal of this document is to offer feedback to the byways, recognize accomplishments and educate the community on the FSH program.



- Staff is currently reviewing the Annual Reporting process to determine types of information needed and establish an appropriate reporting cycle.

CME Document Review

The SHAC reviewed and recommended approval for the following documents:

- Green Mountain Scenic Byway Extension
- Scenic 30A Five Year CMP Update
- Broward A1A Five Year CMP Update
- Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Five Year CMP Update

*Document specific comments have been provided to the individual byways

CME Listening Session

- Monday, May 5th Turkey Lake Service Plaza, 10am-4pm
- Review existing FSHP policy
- Focus on implementation phase, we will also visit the universal criteria
- Open to byway leaders and consultants
- Can people call in?
- Past experience shows it is not very effective
- Hope to have new guidance complete by end of 2014, but there will be intermediate drafts and other opportunities for input

DEO Partnering Opportunities

- Technical assistance planning grants cycle closes June 6th 2014
- Available to all local governments
- Purpose is to help meet requirements of comprehensive plans and local planning issues
- Local governments along scenic highways are encouraged to apply
- Guidance materials are located on the DEO website
- For more information call Chris Wiglesworth (850) 717-8515
- Funding is approximately \$1.6 million dollars based on legislative appropriation
- Competitive Florida Program- 4 pilot communities have been selected. Their grant assists with identification of community assets and economic development strategies

Open Forum

- Jeff emphasized realistic documentation and encouraged preparers review “elements of style” guidelines.

Closing Discussions / Next SHAC Meeting July 30th