

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** June 26, 2007

**TO:** Pat Evans, Shawn Hartzer, Robert Jones, Kerri Post, Diane Quigley, Brian Telfair

**FROM:** Mariano Berrios, Florida Scenic Highways Program, State Coordinator

**CC:** Bob Crim, Garry Balogh, Kristee Booth, Mike Palozzi (PBS&J), June Farrell (PBS&J), Andy Nicol, Lynne Marie Whately, Clint Eliason

**SUBJECT:** Scenic Highways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2007  
Designation Application Review: Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail  
Eligibility Application Review: Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History

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A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm at the Burns Building – Suwannee Room in Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide a recommendation regarding the **Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Designation** application, and the **Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Eligibility** application.

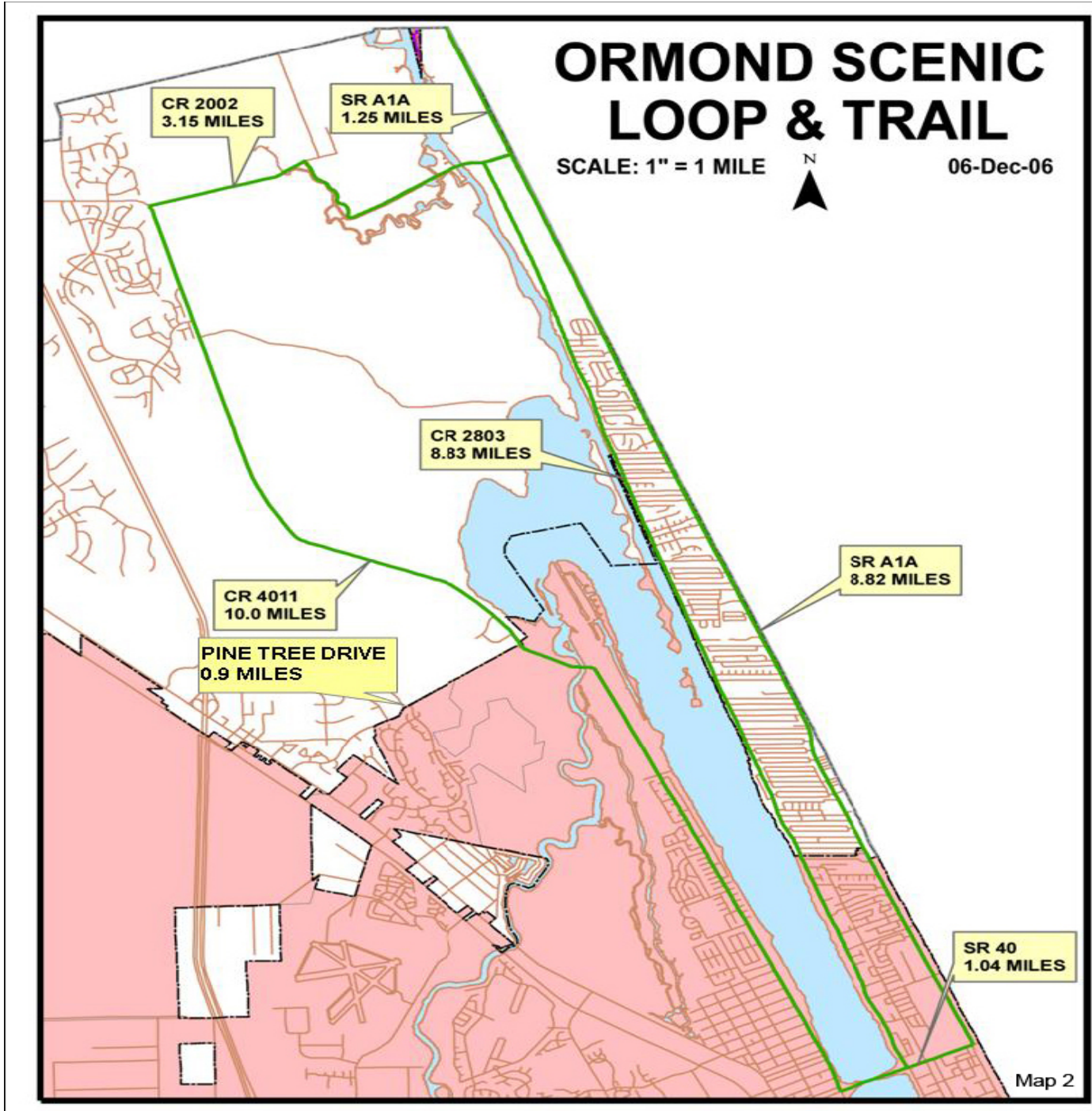
## INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened with the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee (SHAC) introducing themselves. SHAC attendees included Pat Evans, DEP; Shawn Hartzer, Department of Agriculture-Forestry; and Robert Jones, DOS. Others in attendance were Mariano Berrios, State Scenic Highways Coordinator and Andy Nicol, Carter & Burgess. Participating via tele-conference were Garry Balogh, Kristee Booth, Mike Palozzi, and June Farrell.

Mr. Berrios thanked the attendees for coming to the meeting and gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

## DISCUSSION OF THE ORMOND SCENIC LOOP & TRAIL DESIGNATION APPLICATION

Originally organized as two Corridor Advocacy Groups, the Historic Ormond-by-the-Sea Scenic Trail and the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop were joined to create the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Advocacy Group and the Corridor Management Plan. This Designation Application/ Corridor Management Plan has been prepared to meet the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements for an *Application for Designation of a Candidate Corridor*. State Scenic Highway designation is being sought for the 33.98 miles of the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail in Volusia County.



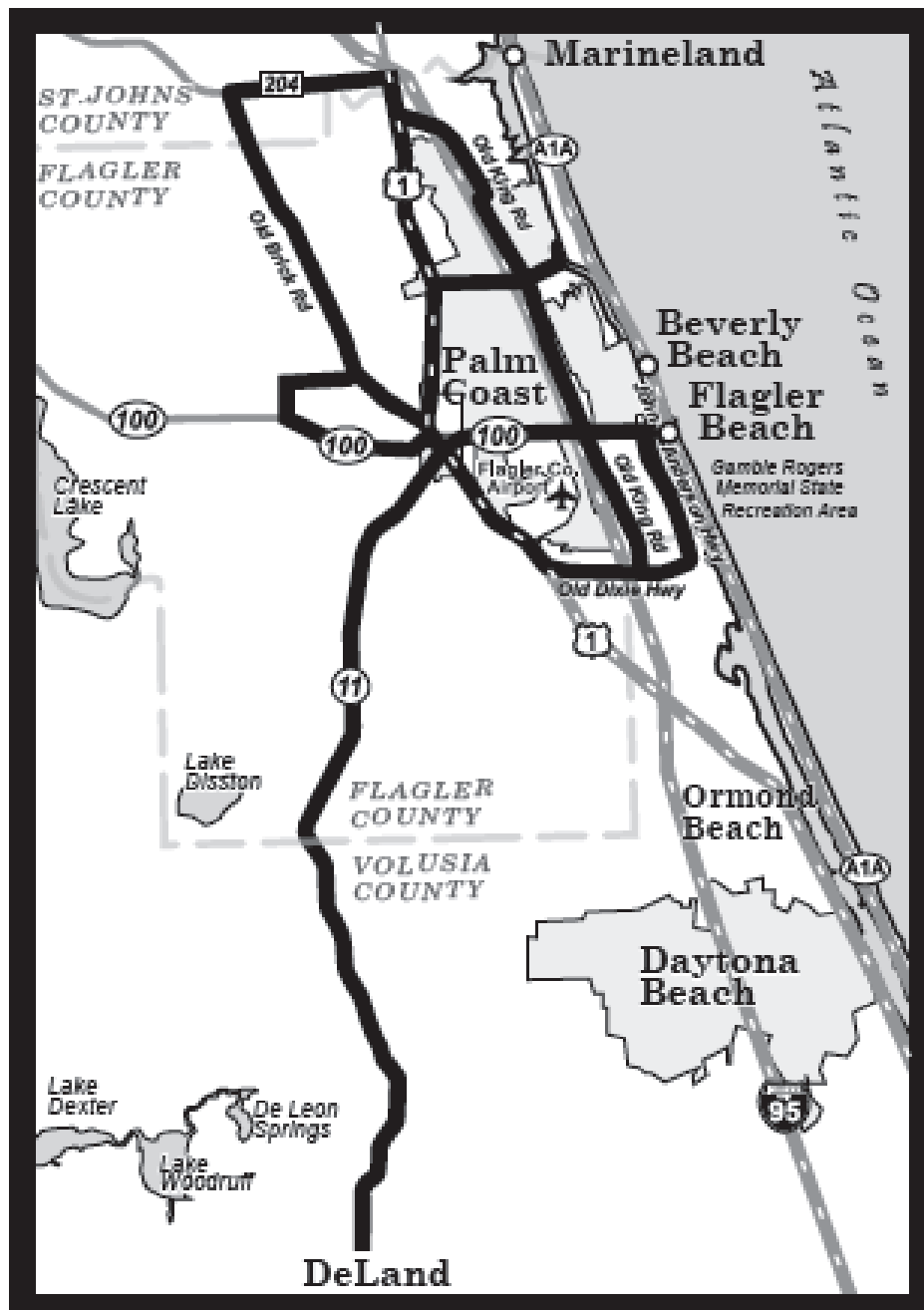
The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC for consideration and incorporation into the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Management Plan 5-Year Update due in July 2012.

1. The application seemed to have duplicate Partnership Agreements and CME endorsements.
2. The application does not appear to have strong support from the Park Service. More support should be shown from the Park Service due to the large amounts of State Parkland along the corridor.
3. The comprehensive plan amendment section lacked preservation and/or conservation concerns.
4. The application represented existing protection for bicyclists and recreational users; however, future protection from development was weak.

The SHAC completed their Evaluation of Applicant Corridor forms and voted 4-0 to designate the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail as a Florida Scenic Highway.

### DISCUSSION OF THE HERITAGE CROSSROADS: MILES OF HISTORY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

The 98 miles that make up the candidate Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Highway is unlike many other scenic highway corridors. It is comprised of a network of federal, state, and local roadways that traverse Flagler, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties in Florida.



The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC for consideration and incorporation into the Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Designation Application / Corridor Management Plan (CMP):

1. Cultural resources were lacking. A stronger case could have been made for these resources.
2. There is no mention of exotic species removal within the corridor.
3. References to pine plantations are presented as a positive thing, and this may not be the case. Pine plantations should not be “marketed” as a positive thing, as many people feel that this has hurt the land.
4. The historic resources within the corridor could have been presented better. There are many historical resources in the corridor and their presence needs to be addressed in more detail.
5. The corridor may have included too many roadways. There does not appear to be a common theme throughout the corridor due to the complexity of the scenic network.
6. US Hwy 1 and Kings Road will need a lot of resource protection. These roads have great historic value yet they are pressured for growth. The CMP should address these resource protection measures in detail.
7. The regional significance and value of this corridor’s resources should be expanded upon.
8. There are so many communities along this corridor and public involvement may be a difficult task. It will be important to show how the momentum and involvement will be kept up after designation.
9. Please reference your scenic highway classification per FSHP manual section 2.6. It is required that the Scenic or Heritage classification be determined during the LOI stage. This was not done at the LOI stage, so it must be determined during the Designation stage.
10. The SHAC expressed concerns that this corridor does not meet the Heritage classification. The SHAC feels that the Scenic classification may be better suited for the corridor. If the Heritage classification is sought, the Heritage supporting resources need to be discussed in more detail.
11. Of the six (6) intrinsic resources in the FSHP manual, it is only required that the corridor “hang its hat” on one main resource.
12. Due to the length and amount of roads proposed in this scenic corridor, the CMP needs to create a sense of cohesion or a unified theme within the corridor.

The SHAC completed their Evaluation of Applicant Corridor forms and voted 3-1 in favor of this corridor as a Candidate Florida Scenic Highway.

#### **NEXT SHAC MEETING**

The next SHAC meeting will be held on October 18, 2007 at 1:30 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Berrios thanked everyone for coming and for his/her efforts with the Florida Scenic Highways Program. The meeting concluded at 3:00 pm.