



# FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAYS PROGRAM



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## Discussion Forum Summary Enhancing the Role of Byway Organizations in the FSHP Dec 14, 2016

### Meeting Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

District	Coordinator	12/14/16
1	Darryl Richard	x
2	Debrah Miller	x
3	Zena Riley-Taylor/Kate Widness	x
4	Lauren Rand	
5	Claudia Calzaretta	x
6	Vacant/Mike Palozzi	x
7	Christopher Speese	
Turnpike	Daniel Kastelic	

SHAC Member	Agency/Organization	12/14/16
Dale Allen	FL Greenways & Trails Foundation	
Keith Bettcher	Florida Forest Service	x
David Dodd	Visit Florida	
Alissa Slade Lotane	Florida Bureau of Historical Resources	
Jerrie Lindsey	FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	
Britney Moore	Florida DEP, Office of Greenways & Trails	x
Mat Preston	Florida Dept of Economic Opportunity	
Brian Telfair	FHWA	



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Byway		District(s)		Representative
1	A1A Ocean Islands Trail	2		
2	A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway	5	2	
3	Big Bend Scenic Byway	3		
4	Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway	1		
5	Broward County A1A Scenic Highway	4		Charlene Burke
6	Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway	7		
7	Florida Black Bear National Scenic Byway	5	2	Mike Woods
8	Florida Keys Scenic Highway All-American Road	6		Judy Hull
9	Green Mountain Scenic Byway	5		Cindy Schultz
10	Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History	5		Nancy Duke
11	Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway	5		Tim Ford
12	Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway	4		Roger Sharp, Mary Chapman
13	J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway	2		Cathie Parrott
14	Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway	1		
15	Martin Grade Scenic Highway	4		
16	Old Florida Heritage Highway	2		Kathleen Pagan
17	Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail	5		Rob Bird
18	Palma Sola Scenic Highway	1		
19	Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway	3		Gena Buchanan, Jean Wallace
20	River of Lakes Heritage Corridor	5		Cindy Sullivan
21	Scenic Highway 30A	3		Vivian Shamel
22	Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway	5		Judie Mueller, Kelly Williams
23	Suncoast Scenic Parkway	TP		
24	Tamiami Trail WGCW	1		
25	The Ridge Scenic Highway	1		Curtis Knowles, Jennifer Nanek
26	William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway	2		

Halifax Heritage (candidate scenic highway) D-5: Chris Daun

Other Participants:

Karen Ford, Atkins

Susan Preil, Atkins



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## ▪ Review: Purpose of Enhancing the Role of Byway Organizations in the FSHP

- 3 years
- Program management is seeking more feedback from byways

## ▪ Review and Discussion of Staff Proposed Options

**\*Note: Existing program support will continue with all options**

### ▪ Option A: No Change

- Benefits- consultant support
- Cons- DSHC should be more engaged at local level
- Byways should be included with TPO, MPOs
- Alternative (Option A+ Annual event, grant support)
- Annual event & funding options, membership
- Invite byways to participate on the SHAC if they are interested or able. SHAC meetings can be attended remotely. Agenda will be circulated in advance to byways. (Jeff Caster)
- Kathy, J.C. Penny Farms in agreement

### ▪ Option B: Establish a Program Steering Committee of Byway Leaders (or representatives) staffed by the Department

- DSHC, local government participate on the SHAC (?)
- Local government should not be part of steering committee. Remote quarterly meeting.
- Quarterly meetings to get feedback on topics. Maybe not a steering committee. Propose taking back to SH boards.
- Byways should participate
- Would every byway need to participate? Statewide meeting would be good to help determine budget, voting, goals. How to involve VisitFlorida. Heritage, historical byways need more help/involvement from Department of State. Byway steering committee members serve on committees for the respective state agencies.



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- Options B and C: Small volunteer groups at present so limited ability to expand participation. Agree that utilizing the District Coordinators is important. Any change to the byway organization's role in FSHP should include possibility of byway local government(s) to have involvement/representation. Steering committee should be district reps.
  - **Option C: Byway Organizations may assign a designee to represent their byway on the SHAC**
- Pro: Rotating membership seats. 'Byway would be represented on the SHAC.' Designee. Wants more participation in SHAC meetings.
- Con: Need a voice for the byways.
- Con: If remote meetings work. 26 members is logistically difficult. If advertised in advance, byways can determine which byway member will attend remote meeting. DO NOT SUPPORT C. Revision of A would be adequate.

## ▪ Final Thoughts

- Other comments/questions
- Are SHAC quarterly meetings advertised?
- Liaison to FDOT: District Secretaries, Jeff Caster (Program coordinator), State representative. Note district, state staff cannot engage representatives on behalf of the byways.
- State Advocacy Group is needed...
- Nancy Duke will send Program Coordinator a list of priorities to help when determining program budget and scope.

## Videos shown during break:

- Founding the FL Trail  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJnkquqsj-Y&index=5&list=PL26FF3A8408436C32>
- Jim Kern discusses hiking in FLA  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0b79xnnLSE&list=PL26FF3A8408436C32&index=6>



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## ■ Next Steps and Action Items

**Jeff Caster offered the following options for byway leaders to engage moving forward:**

- 4 times a year conference call
- Annual meeting – Upon FDOT approval
- SHAC will remain intact and whoever (i.e., byway leaders) wants to participate in SHAC meetings is welcome to do so at whatever capacity they choose