

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2011

TO: Robert Jones, Jerrie Lindsey, Brian Telfair, Robin Turner

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

CC: Garry Balogh, Glenn Burns, Dave Wilson, Lynne Marie Whately, Andy Nicol, Clint Eliason, Jeannie Hunt, Mike Palozzi

SUBJECT: Florida Scenic Highways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2011
River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway – City of Sanford and Seminole County Corridor Extension Application

A Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting was held on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide a recommendation regarding the **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway – City of Sanford and Seminole County Corridor Extension Application**.

INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened with the members of the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee (SHAC) introducing themselves:

- Bob Jones, Bureau of Historic Preservation
- Robin Turner, Department of Environmental Protection (via phone)
- Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Brian Telfair, Federal Highway Administration (via phone)

Others in attendance or via tele-conference:

- Mariano Berrios, State Coordinator
- Clint Eliason, TranSystems (via phone)
- Garry Balogh, District 5 Coordinator (via phone)
- Glenn Burns, Burns Consulting (via phone)
- Ian Sikonia, Seminole County (via phone)

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

DISCUSSION OF THE RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR SCENIC HIGHWAY – CITY OF SANFORD AND SEMINOLE COUNTY CORRIDOR EXTENSION APPLICATION

The proposed **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway – City of Sanford and Seminole County Corridor Extension** limits are as follows: the southwestern terminus of the existing River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway is located in Volusia County at the US 17-92 bridge over the St. Johns River west of the City of Sanford. The US 17-92 bridge was designated by the 1993 Florida Legislature as the C.A. “Bill” Benedict Bridge.

The St. John’s River is the boundary between Seminole and Volusia Counties. The southeastern terminus of the Heritage Corridor is located at the Douglas Stenstrom Bridge on State Road (SR) 415, which spans the St. John’s River east of Sanford and is also on the Seminole/Volusia County line. The proposed corridor addition connects the two termini, and completes a loop around Lake Monroe.

The roadway of the proposed corridor addition consists of segments of U.S. Highway 17-92 (3.5 miles), Seminole Boulevard (1.3 miles), Mellonville Avenue (0.8 miles), Celery Avenue (2.8 miles), and SR 415 (0.3 miles), which are located within the City of Sanford and unincorporated Seminole County. The majority of the roadway is located within the City of Sanford. The corridor addition generally runs in a west to east direction through the city.

A proposed 1.0-mile loop through the historic Sanford downtown district consists of a 0.2-mile segment of Park Avenue running south from Seminole Boulevard to First Street and a 0.8-mile segment of First Street, running east from Park Avenue through downtown to the intersection of First Street and Mellonville Avenue. The total length of the proposed corridor addition roadway, including the Downtown Loop, is 9.7 miles. (Maps Attached)

The following comments/recommendations were provided by the SHAC:

1. Robin Turner – Approved
 - a. Section 3.4 is specific to Maytown but is appropriate to include for this extension also. Does this extension have any specific strategies for 3.4? All other categories are clearly defined.
 - b. This 9.7-mile extension will enhance the existing River of Lakes Corridor by linking it to the Historic District and the waterfront. The document is well written and the maps clearly illustrate the necessary requirements.

2. Jerrie Lindsey – Approved
 - a. The Corridor Story describes the corridor as a whole and did not really focus on the extension itself. In the future, the Corridor Story may need to be developed further, to focus more on the extension also. It may be beneficial to break the story up into “chapters” for the different segments.

3. Bob Jones – Approved
 - a. The linkage to the existing Scenic Highway and other surrounding Scenic Highways provides good motivation to designate this extension.
 - b. The extension has good scenic, historic, and cultural character.
 - c. In the Funding and Promotion section, the current marketing grant is described, but no other funding sources are listed. More funding sources should have been listed.
 - d. The extension application was very detailed and well thought out.

4. Brian Telfair – Approved
 - a. Growing up in this area, it is a great place to have a scenic highway, and the application was very good.

5. Mariano Berrios – Approved
 - a. Universal Criteria #6 – would like to see more comments about scenic resources. This should tie into the existing CMP better; once the CME is “whole,” consider this in the future.

The SHAC voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the designation of the extension.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

None.

NEXT SHAC MEETING

The next SHAC meeting will be held on February 8, 2012 at 1:30 pm at the Burns Building in Tallahassee, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berrios thanked everyone for coming and for his/her efforts with the Florida Scenic Highways Program. The meeting concluded at 2:30 pm.