Livability is a concept and national movement based on the aspirations of communities to improve the quality of life and sense of place in urban, suburban and rural environments. Scenic byways can serve as a means to create more livable corridors by supporting balanced transportation options, safer roadways, vibrant activity centers, arts and culture, and more accessible attractions. Some of these features are provided as examples for communities, states, tribes and byway organizations.
“Main Streets” or downtowns provide the traveler a sense of place with a small town culture and rich history. Town centers, plazas, or activity centers serve as central gathering places for residents and travelers to celebrate festivals, events and other community activities along or near the scenic byway.
Arts and Cultural Heritage

Arts and culture create a sense of place for travelers, and an opportunity to learn about the unique features and history along scenic byways. These features can be experienced through attractions such as events, museums, parks, interpretation, exhibits and sculptures.
Off-street pathways, recreational trails, bicycle lanes, and paved shoulders significantly enhance access, safety, and mobility for non-motorized travelers of scenic byways.
Transit services provide enhanced accessibility and an additional mode of transportation for travelers. Transit facilities, such as stations, provide opportunities for multi-modal connections and serve as major activity centers along the scenic byway.
The incorporation of pedestrian-oriented access and crossings to activity centers and special points of interest greatly enhance safety for all travelers of scenic byways.
Professional Discipline Areas in Support of Livability

**Universal Design** is the design of environments that ensures all users of scenic byways have safe access to amenities, special features and points of interest.

**Context Sensitive Solutions** preserves and enhances special features of the corridor and surrounding area

“**Complete Streets**” guide the design and planning of corridors for all users
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