COLORADO SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS

Program Guidance Summary
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Colorado’s Scenic and Historic Byway Program Guidance was approved by the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission on October 21, 2015.

The guidance was designed to provide the criteria necessary to establish and maintain Byways that promote, preserve and enhance the significant intrinsic resources of the State of Colorado. The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission strives to maintain a quality byway program that enhances the visitor experience.

How does this program guidance affect the existing Byways? The existing Byways will be expected to maintain a sustainable Byway by completing the following:

• Maintaining a byway committee - including job description(s), bylaws/guidelines, organization section (new) in Corridor Management Plan (CMP)
• Maintaining an active member/stakeholder list
• Maintaining a regular meeting schedule – minimum of two (2) per year with one (1) of those an in-person meeting
• Hold public workshops, community events, or presentations to local elected officials or group – one (1) minimum per year
• Participation in CDOT, Colorado Byways, National Scenic Byway Foundations or other public meetings, trainings, webinars and conference calls – four (4) per year by the byway committee collectively
• Completion of Annual Survey
• Completion of CMP Updates every ten (10) years – the original federal guidelines, plus sections on organization, operation, finance, marketing, and Byway GPS coordinates
• Maintaining an annual action plan – so it is clear that the CMP’s goals are achieved

As of September 2016, Byways are required to complete an annual online survey. The annual survey will be used as a tool to track the accomplishments of the program and the byway goals. Importantly, this survey assures that the reasons for the corridor designation are still relevant and that progress is being made towards preservation of the corridor.

All Byways with a CMP older than ten (10) years will be required to update their CMP.

Any Byways not completing requirements as directed will be subject to review for de-designation by the Commission. De-designation may occur in the following cases:

• The intrinsic values originally identified along the corridor have been degraded
• The byway fails to meet the minimum criteria for designation
• The byway committee deteriorates and/or there is no cohesive group of citizens or local government to implement the CMP
• The land uses along the corridor have changed the overall character of the byway since designation
• The committee fails to complete annual reporting and/or the ten (10) year CMP update
• Other reasons as may be deemed appropriate by the Commission

The Scenic Byway Program Guidance was adopted from the Ohio’s Scenic Byway Program. This guidance will be reviewed as needed by the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission. RETURN FORM: Colorado Byways, C/O CDOT, 2829 W. Howard Pl. 4th Fl, Denver CO 80204, Fax (303) 757-9727, Byways@state.co.us