

# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 4, 1991  
TO: District Engineers  
FROM: D. M. Bower *D. M. Bower*  
SUBJECT: Guidelines for Scenic Byways Signing

Attached are the final guidelines for scenic byway signing on State highways.

Based on your comments and concerns the new guidelines have been changed in two major areas.

- The name of the scenic byway will now be included on all signs except as noted under III (signing on the Interstate for a scenic byway when it intersects the Interstate)
- A maximum distance between reassurance markers of approximately ~~five~~<sup>10</sup> miles has been established.

Also based on your comments, the matter of local involvement in signing issues is not specifically written into the guidelines. Collectively you felt that you already do consider local involvement and input in your in-house review of the proposed signing plans. In addition, you felt that once the local organizations promoting the scenic byways become aware of these new guidelines, they realize their concerns and wishes have been addressed.

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Attachment

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Sally Pearce ✓ w/attach.  
Johan J. Bemelen w/attach.

## PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN SCENIC BYWAY SIGNING

1. Scenic Byway Committee designates route.
2. State Highway Commission adopts resolution designating route.
3. Staff Traffic Branch of Colorado Department of Highways prepares typical signing plan for Scenic Byway.
4. Plan submitted to District Engineer's office for review and concurrence.
5. Final plan submitted to Staff Traffic's Sign Shop for fabrication of signs.
6. Signs to be installed on State Highways to be furnished to District.
7. All Scenic Byway markers shall include a name plaque.
8. Scenic Byway markers on Non-State highway parts of a byway may be installed but are the responsibility of either the county, city or local agency. For uniformity sake, it is recommended that these same guidelines be adhered to.
9. Payment of signs and sign installation to be mutually agreed upon by CDOH and appropriate other agencies and organizations.

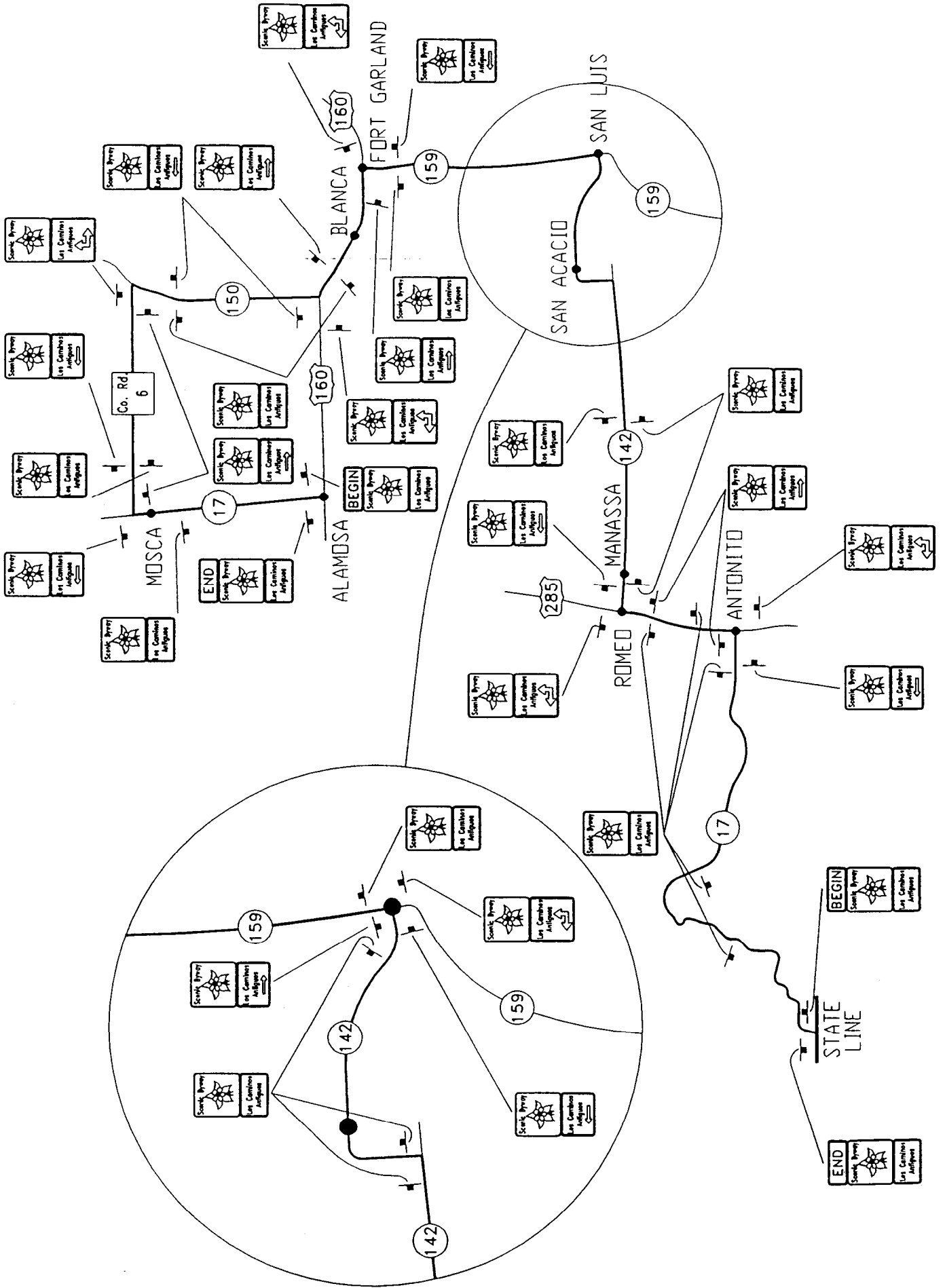
### General Signing Guidelines

#### I. Scenic Byway is State Highway

##### A. Signs on route

1. Scenic Byway marker at begin and end of route. Assembly to include "Begin" and "End" plaque as appropriate.
2. Scenic Byway marker with directional arrow at right angle turns of the route (intersections).
3. Scenic Byway marker with directional arrow at all irregular turns of the route (intersections) (T or Y).
4. Scenic Byway reassurance marker after major intersections and county roads. Maximum distance between reassurance markers should be approximately 5 miles.

- B. Signs on approach roads to Scenic Byways
    - 1. Scenic Byway marker with directional arrow(s) at all State highway intersections.
    - 2. Scenic Byway marker with directional arrow(s) at major county road intersections where tourist traffic is likely to be entering the State highway.
  - C. Interpretative signing shall only be installed in rest areas or overlooks and if agreed upon by the District Engineer.
- II. Scenic Byway is not a State highway but intersects with State highway (Non-Interstate)
- A. Scenic Byway marker with directional arrow(s) on State highway near intersecting byway.
- III. Scenic Byway is a conventional State highway, local street or county road and intersects with an Interstate highway
- A. Scenic Byway marker with or without name may be included on a supplemental interchange sign.
  - B. Scenic Byway marker with or without name is allowed on Interstate mainline sign only when the Scenic Byway actually intersects the Interstate route.



**BEGIN**

**Scenic Byway**

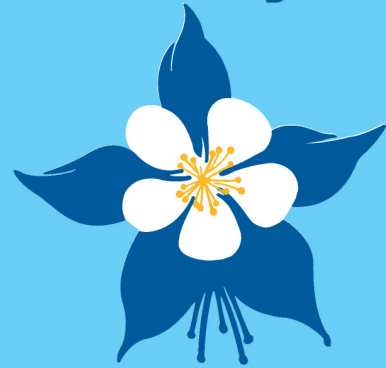


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