



Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission

Meeting Agenda

NOTES

Friday, July 22, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room

Conference Call Option (**RSVP required**): 1-877-820-7831 (passcode 321805#)

Bylaws: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/bywayscommission>

Commission:

Chris Spori, USDA Forest Service (present) (NEW Daniel Cressy USFS, Unable to Attend)

Margaret Hunt, Colorado Creative Industries (present)

Amanda Hill, Member at Large (GOCO) (present)

Roger Ben Wilson (Co-Vice Chair), Western Byways (present)

Jack Placchi, BLM Representative (present)

Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission (present)

Charlotte Bumgarner, Eastern Byways (Phone In)

Robert Mutaw (Co-Vice Chair), History Colorado (present)

Rep. KC Becker (Chair), State Legislature (present)

Kelly Barbello, Colorado Tourism Office (present)

Amanda Barker, Conservation/Open Space Rep (absent)

EX-OFFICIO Members (designated through Dept. Executive Directors):

*Debra Perkins-Smith, Dept. of Transportation, Div. of Transportation Development (present)

*Cynthia Nieb, History Colorado, State Historical Fund (present)

*Gary Thorson, Dept. of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (absent)

*Shay Coburn, Dept. of Local Affairs, Colorado Main Street (present)

Colorado Dept. of Transportation:

Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program Manager (present)

Agenda

1. Introductions & Agency Announcements – Rep. KC Becker (5 minutes)
 - a. Colorado Byways Update – Lenore Bates
 - i. Wayfinding Update: Friday, July 15, 2016 – West Elk Loop
 - ii. Economic Impact Data Analysis
 - iii. CMP Update: Dinosaur Diamond
 - iv. 2016 FLAP (Jack/Chris SB lost funding)
 1. Roger – get any money by local byway or state commission to allocate to byway projects – Deb, have to be able to receive Federal funds (local, state), KC how can we get on the list - Deb, process, CDOT criteria to select project - Roger, what about Trails and other agencies to apply (CPW) - KC, is there an opportunity to apply, Chris, there is a coordination portion that CDOT or county works with the Scenic Byways,

elements to CMP that should be included in the project – Deb, Scenic Byways can contact county and let them know their needs – FUTURE ACTION: Request for projects – Jack, FLAP committee met yesterday

- v. Guanella Pass Celebration – KC: EIS study results – Chris stated that the siltation in the creek determined the need for paving
- vi. Chris Spurl's last meeting with the Colorado Byways Commission
2. Chair/Vice-Chair (5 minutes) – Rep. KC Becker, Roger and/or Bob
 - a. Commission Quarterly Business – Approve last meetings' notes
3. National Scenic Byway Foundation Update – Charlotte Bumgarner (5 minutes)
 - a. 25th Anniversary Celebration December 6, 2016, 5-7 p.m., Washington DC (ISTEA – NSB working with Scenic America for celebration on Capitol Hill DC, Senators hosting, costing about \$7K and fund-raising, not an event hosted by FHWA)
 - b. NSB Foundation Website – New and new webinars (52 participants in last webinar)
 - c. NSBP Conservation Grant – 13 Byways & 7 Land Trusts, training and conservation easements, done by the end of the year
 - d. Brand USA – Discover America website, page cover 26 Byways, coming to film and choose 3 to represent all byways in August 2016, movie on YouTube
4. Lariat Loop National Scenic Byway Update - Kristie Melendez (15 minutes) Meets every other month 3:30-5 p.m., budget is membership and grants, funding, downtown matching fund (PowerPoint Presentation)
5. Colorado Byways Strategic Plan Draft – Debra (60 minutes)
 - a. Focus discussions on Table 2 and identify if people can commit to these items and if there are priorities among the tasks. COMMENTS: Commission needs time to review items and then prioritize
 - b. Deb – items need to be prioritized, therefore a survey will be sent out to Commission to get the top 2 priorities for each goal
 - c. Next Meeting – October, sort through top priorities
6. Program Guidance Summary - Shay (15 minutes)
 - a. Feedback to date on program guidance to date (Lenore):
 - i. Gold Belt – accomplishing most of what is required already
 - ii. Unawep (Chris Miller, IAWC) – good news
 - iii. TOTA - provide a few talking points for county, city...?
 - iv. Highway of Legends - taking actions to get in back on track
 - v. Flat Tops – Here it is, thank you.
 - vi. Frontier Pathways – Thank you.
 - vii. Grand Mesa – I think we turned in the form.
 - viii. Guanella Pass & Mount Evans – Clear Creek will follow up
 - ix. Santa Fe Trail – On it! Started CMP update
 - x. Colorado River Headwaters – Okay, but has Questions
 - xi. Lariat Loop – Board is in agreement
 - xii. Collegiate Peaks – Already met under Heritage Board. Questions.
 - b. Lenore will follow-up with those who did not complete the form.
 - c. Colorado Byway Program Guidance Summary: Annual/Biannual survey will collect data regarding the status of the programs
 - d. Ouray News printed an article on the new Guidance.

- e. Depending on the Commission's priorities, this will be visited at the at the 10/28/16 Commission meeting
- 7. Nominations/Moratorium - Roger (10 minutes)
 - a. Requests for Byways to become a Byway, need guidance (process) for a community to (Upcoming meeting if this is a priority)
- 8. Wrap-Up - Next Meeting – Location – Lunch Options (5 minutes) Rep. KC, Roger, Bob
 - a. Location BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield St, Lakewood, CO 80215, 11 to 1 p.m., 4th Floor Conference Room, Lunch Options will be sent out with the agenda

Program Vision:

Guiding travelers to experience and be inspired by treasured places that comprise Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways. (Commission Approved 5/14/13)

Commission Mission:

The Commission is a partnership to evaluate and designate the state's Scenic and Historic Byways and to develop and recommend funding sources and provide administrative support to sustain the byways for future generations. (Commission Approved 12/7/12)

Program Definition:

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program is a statewide partnership intended to provide recreational, educational, and economic benefits to Coloradans and visitors by designating, interpreting, protecting, and promoting a system of outstanding touring routes in Colorado.

2016 Meetings Dates & Times 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

January 22, 2016 - Colorado Parks & Wildlife, 1313 Sherman St, Denver, Columbine Room 6th Fl.

April 22, 2016 - Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room

July 22, 2016 - Colorado Tourism Office, 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver CO 80202, OEDIT's Mountain Conference Room

October 28, 2016 - BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield St, Lakewood, CO 80215, 4th Floor conference room

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