



Project Summary 2010

SB-2010-ME-56280: **Acadia Byway Air and Water Visitor Areas**

State Submission Date

Mar 22, 2010

Division Submission Date

Apr 16, 2010

State Priority

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This application must be completed online at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>, and submitted electronically and in printed form.

Project Category

Which category best describes the location of this project?

- Project that is associated with a highway that has been designated as a National Scenic Byway, All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway that is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway, an All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project that is associated with the development of a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway.

Choose from the following categories of eligible work the type that best fits your project.

- Byway Programs
- Corridor Management
- Safety Improvements
- Byway Facilities
- Access to Recreation
- Resource Protection
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing

Is this application a resubmission of an unfunded project from a previous year?

- Yes
- No

Project Location

State(s) involved in project:

Maine

Indicate the byway's regional location within the State. Reference prominent landmarks such as parallel major highways, natural features, counties, or large cities, that makes the byway(s) easy to locate in a road atlas.

Begins on Rte 3 at the Ellsworth-Trenton town line, goes south through Trenton and Bar Harbor and on the Acadia National Park loop road. Map attached.

Briefly describe the project's location(s) on the byway using references to route numbers, byway gateway communities, project location communities and landmarks so any reviewer can identify the project sites.

These two sites are located at the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport and Trenton Boat ramp on the Acadia Byway. A map indicating these locations is attached.

Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
ME	Acadia All American Road

Is this project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan(s) for the byway(s) involved?

- Yes
- No / CMP not available

Congressional Districts

State	District	Representative (at time of application)
ME	2	Michaud, Michael H.

Abstract

Project Description

Complete the sentence "This project will..." before adding remaining information.

This project will create two outdoor visitor reception areas for interpretation and recreation at the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport and the nearby Trenton Sea Plane Ramp. 1) The airport arrival area has commanding views of Acadia National Park. This proposal provides visitors with an outdoor observation area with landscaping, granite benches, way-finding and interpretive signage. 2) The sea plane ramp provides all-tide access to the water and offers a scenic view of the MDI Narrows waterway with a backdrop of mountains. Landscaping, picnic tables, granite benches and interpretive signage will turn this site into a destination for recreational users.

Byway Benefits

Complete the sentence "This project benefits the byway traveler by..." before adding remaining information.

This project benefits the byway traveler by providing gateway reception, interpretive information and recreational access. Visitors arriving by a variety of transportation modes will get a quick introduction to the regions many natural, scenic, recreational and historical assets. The Acadia All American Road will reach into Trenton providing new recreational and education opportunities by working closely with the Maine Department of Transportation and Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport.

Narrative

Project Summary

Completely describe all the major elements of your proposed project in a concise but complete summary.

The Acadia Byway was first designated an All American Road in 2000 at a ceremony held at the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport, though at the time this facility was not on the byway. In 2009 All American Road designation was extended to include Route 3 through the Town of Trenton. The new starting point offers visitors added amenities and scenic views of Acadia National Park as they travel south on Route 3 including the airport.

A new Acadia National Park Visitor and Intermodal Center called the Acadia Gateway Center is under construction at the mid-point of the Trenton extension and will provide visitors with the option of continuing their journey on the eco-friendly Island Explorer Bus system.

Another gateway to the Acadia Byway was added with the 2009 extension, that being the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport. This facility lands scheduled commercial flights year round from hub airports, particularly Boston. It also serves a variety of owner operated and charter flights connecting this region to the world.

This project leverages the scenic, historic and recreational potential of this facility, to greet visitors and provide them with information about the Acadia All American Road, the scenic views they are enjoying at these facilities and the history of visitation to this area by sea and air.

Specifically, this project creates to interpretive areas for visitors that arrive by air, sea, their families who often come to the facility to greet their arrivals as well as other visitors seeking access to the salt water with their motor boats, sail boats and kayaks.

1) Airport Terminal Outdoor Interpretation Area - This small outdoor kiosk will provide visitors and those greeting them with benches, three interpretive panels highlighting the history of local aviation, things to discover along the Acadia All American Road and a description of the natural resources seen from this vantage point. These signs will conform to the Maine style guidelines for interpretive panels. A sample sign is included as an attachment. This project leverages upgrades already planned and funded for the visitor parking and entrance area being financed with local funds.

2) Mount Desert Island (MDI) Narrows Seaplane and Boat Ramp area: This facility, built during the depression by the Citizens Conservation Corpse offers free public access to MDI Narrows and the vast expanses of Frenchman Bay and Blue Hill Bay as well as Jordan River and Union River estuaries. While the core facility is in excellent condition, the surrounding area will require improved landscaping, better organized parking, removal of debris and installation of picnic tables, benches, interpretive and way-finding signs. Interpretive themes will include the natural eco-system of MDI Narrows and, as possible, an account of the Citizen Conservation Corpse role in creating this unique facility.

Benefit to Byway Traveler

Describe how the proposed project will benefit a byway traveler, add to their travel experience or fulfill an important objective of your CMP.

This region, particularly Acadia National Park has more than 3,000,000 visits per year. While the vast majority arrive by private automobile, the state is working to provide access to this and other popular regions for international visitors and others that prefer to travel by air, water and motor coach.

Recognizing the likelihood that the future holds greater diversity of transportation needs, this byway is creating and improving multimodal access throughout. Visitors by air, water, bicycle and motor-coach bring opportunities to the region, and will benefit from our efforts to educate and guide them during their visit. It is important to understand that this is a small, accessible, relatively quiet and very scenic airport.

One of several notable benefits of including this airport as an interpretive and way-finding area is the stunning view visitors enjoy at the entrance to the small flight terminal as well as the sea plane and boat ramp. Attached photographs illustrate what visitors see. Additional interpretation will help to launch them on their path to discovering these and other natural resources found along the byway.

The airport and the seaplane ramp also have their own interesting stories to tell. The rise of air travel to the region and the employment of depression era Citizen Conservation Corpse workers make great reading while waiting for a plane or waiting for the Island Explorer bus to pick you up and take you to the Gateway Center or onto Mount Desert Island. Local air tours are also offered out of this facility, providing some of the only scenic flights over downeast Maine.

Our Corridor Management Plan includes the goal to make visits to this byway an educational and recreational experience. We have also stressed the importance of enhancing facilities in Trenton to make it more of a destination and part of the Acadia Byway experience. These two informational areas will help us to achieve both of these goals and will significantly enhance visitor appreciation and enjoyment of the Acadia All American Road.

Prior Projects

Describe any relationship between this project and previously funded National Scenic Byways Program grant projects. In addition, discuss how the proposed work relates to any multi-year work plan byway leaders have developed.

Planning grant funds were used to build local consensus around the strategies for enhancing the visitor experience along the Acadia All American Roads.

Project Coordinator

Please provide contact information for a person responsible for this project.

Name: M. Allison Navia

Title: General Manager

Organization: Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport

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Trenton, ME 04605

Phone: 207-667-7329

Fax:

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Work Plan

Milestone/ Task	Start Date	Duration	Responsible Party	Justification
Establish funding agreement with State	AAD*			
Planning and Preliminary Engineering	AAD + 1 day*	6 months	M. Allison Navia, BHB General Manager	Planning will focus on developing general themes for interpretive panels at the Airport and Seaplane/Boat Ramp Sites, bringing in community and intrinsic values. Preliminary engineering will provide detail plans for the airport informational kiosk and seaplane boat ramp area. Products will include designs for panels, and kiosks, paving and landscaping engineering specifications.
Construction Engineering	AAD + 1 day*	12 months	M. Allison Navia, BHB General Manager	This project will entail developing two interpretive areas to be constructed and maintained to Maine Department of Transportation standards. All work will be overseen by M. Allison Navia, Airport general manager with support from the MaineDOT to assure safety and quality of these installations.
Construction	AAD + 6 months*	6 months	M. Allison Navia, BHB General Manager	The air arrival area requires minimal site preparation, but will involve manufacturing of signs and sign brackets as well as purchase and installation of granite benches and interpretive panels. The seaplane/boat ramp facility will involve landscaping, parking area improvements, interpretive signs, benches and picnic tables. The town of Trenton and airport will collaborate with annual dredging and maintenance of the facility.

* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be September 01, 2010)

Budget

Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
1.	Preliminary Engineering	14,000	9,000	5,000
2.	Construction	151,000	120,000	31,000
3.	Construction Engineering	5,000	4,750	250
Total		\$170,000	\$133,750	\$36,250

Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport	Cash		28,000
Town of Trenton	Cash		8,250
Total			\$36,250

Funding Allocation

Do the byways involved in the project cross any Federal Lands? (Check all that apply)

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

If this project is selected for funding, please indicate your preference for carrying out the project (check one):

- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to the State DOT
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to one of the Federal Land Management agencies marked above (provide contact information below)
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to an Indian tribe or tribal government (provide contact information below)

If funding should be allocated to a Federal land management agency or Indian tribal organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:

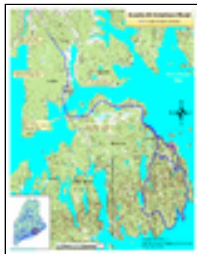
Application Checklist

The following statements are for informative purposes. Please read and check each statement.

- I understand that this is a reimbursement program - funds are not available up-front.
- I have reviewed and responded to the Complete Application statements as outlined in the Grants Guidance.
- I have been in touch with the State scenic byway coordinator and have responded to recommendations or requirements of the State.
- I have verified with the State byway coordinator that this proposed project can receive authorization to proceed from the State and FHWA division before the end of the fiscal year for which the application is made.

Attachments

Use this as a checklist to verify that all attachments are provided with your printed application.



Acadia All American Road Location Map

This map shows the entire length of the Acadia All American Road. The location of the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport is highlighted.

Digital version: [AcadiaBywayLocationMap150.pdf](#) (1.8 MB)



Aerial Photograph of Airport and Seaplane Locations

This aerial photograph indicates the locations for the Airport and Seaplane kiosks.

Digital version: [AirportSeaPlaneAerial.jpg](#) (3.0 MB)



□ **Airport Seaplane Detailed Budget**

This budget provides a more detailed account of the sources and uses of funds in this proposal.

Digital version: [AirportSeaplaneBudget.pdf](#) (20.4 KB)



□ **Panoramic View from Airport**

This photograph illustrates the dramatic views that greet visitors arriving at the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport.

Digital version: [airport_panorama.jpg](#) (9.0 KB)



□ **Seaplane and Boat Ramp View**

This photograph illustrates the dramatic views from the seaplane and boat ramp.

Digital version: [SeaplaneRampView.JPG](#) (124.1 KB)



□ **Aerial Photograph of the Seaplane Ramp**

This closer photo shows the sea plane and boat ramp.

Digital version: [SeaplaneRamp.JPG](#) (44.2 KB)

Signatures

Application Completeness

I certify that this application is complete and correct, and is eligible for National Scenic Byways funding. (This should be completed by the State's scenic byways coordinator.)

Please print name: Frederick L. Michaud	Title: Maine State Byways Coordinator
Signature:	Date:

Matching Funds Certification

I certify that the matching funds for this project are available for use at the time of application.

Please print name: Anne Krieg	Title: Planning Director, Town of Bar Harbor
Signature:	Date: