



Project Summary 2010

SB-2010-ME-56245: Acadia Byway Visitor Wayfinding and Byway Beautification Project

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.

Gateway monument located at Ellsworth-Trenton line, 2) wayfinding monument at head of Mount Desert Island, 3) visitor information at Bar Harbor turnout, 4) beautification projects between these locations. Map attached.

Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
ME	Acadia All American Road
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 attractive and inviting passage along the Acadia All American Road. The 2009 designation as an extension of the Acadia All American Road will be supported by creating a gateway monument at the beginning of the byway and an additional welcome sign on crossing onto Mount Desert Island. Wayfinding informational maps will provide visitor orientation at the beginning of the byway and again at an existing turnout located close to the entrance to Mount Desert Island next to the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker. The connection between these points will be reinforced through local business and municipal partnerships for the beautification of Route 3.

Byway Benefits

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

This project benefits the byway traveler by instilling the sense of arrival when distant views of Acadia National Park first emerge at the head of the Acadia All American Road and upon crossing into Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island. In the spirit of Lady Bird Johnson's Beautification Committees, improved street-scapes, lighting, signage, bike racks and plantings will encourage drivers to relax and visit local points of interests. Local municipal and business partners will work together to welcome visitors.

Narrative

Project Summary

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

This project will create attractive and inviting passages along the Acadia All American Road with new gateway and way finding signs and village beautification.

The Acadia Byway was first designated an All American Road in 2000. 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 drive south on Route 3. 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.

The new designation requires that we instill a sense of arrival on the byway at the new beginning point, as well as way finding information at the head of Mount Desert Island as well as the Bar Harbor turnout shortly thereafter. The attached byway map indicates these three locations for way-finding projects.

1. Acadia All American Road Gateway – Trenton, Maine – will alert travelers that they have entered the Acadia All American Road. The design of this sign or monument will be designed by a graphic artist and approved by the Corridor Management Committee. A photograph of the site is attached.
2. Head of Mount Desert Island Welcome Sign – A new intersection design at the head of Mount Desert Island has created a new opportunity for a granite welcome monument that will add to the sense of arrival on the island. Preliminary designs have been prepared. One example is included as an attachment. A photograph of the site is attached.
3. Bar Harbor Informational Turnout – Visitors often lose their bearings after passing the intersection of Route 3 and Route 102. An existing historic-site provides a convenient place for visitors to pull out and check their maps. We propose to place a way-finding panel at this turnout that provides a map of the byway and highlights recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking and kayaking. A second panel is proposed to provide information about the Blue Star Highway designation associated with this turnout. A photograph of the site is attached.

The connection between these points will be reinforced through local business and municipal partnerships for the beautification of Route 3. Trenton is more intensely developed than much of the byway. The town government and business owners are prepared to invest in improvements in signage, landscaping and other quality community improvements to beautify the byway. This grant will support local investments through coordinating plant sales by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, providing design suggestions for signage, lighting, landscaping and highway entrances. Voluntary design standards will be published and promoted throughout the corridor.

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 project benefits the byway traveler by instilling the sense of arrival when distant views of Acadia National Park first emerge at the head of the Acadia All American Road. The gateway town of Trenton offers visitors a variety of scenic and recreational opportunities as well as restaurants, lodging, entertainment and retail shops. A byway monument at the start of the byway will encourage visitors to relax and we hope slow down to appreciate the intrinsic values of this heart of vacation-land.

Upon crossing into Bar Harbor and on Mount Desert Island from Trenton, we will reinforce our welcome and encourage disoriented drivers to pull off at a small, unattended information area with outdoor interpretive panels highlighting the byway, regional maps, public resources and recreational opportunities.

In the spirit of Lady Bird Johnson's Beautification Committees, improved street-scapes, lighting, signage, bike racks and plantings will encourage drivers to relax and visit local points of interests. Local municipal and business partners will work together to welcome visitors. The visual experience will reinforce the added information provided in the three specific sites described above.

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.

This project was developed in several stages which draw primarily upon local support, but were in part supported with the three seed grants awarded to the Acadia All American Road.

Project Coordinator

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

Name: Anne Krieg

Title: Planning Director

Organization: Town of Bar Harbor

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Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Phone: 207-288-3329

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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	Hancock County Planning Commission and MaineDOT	<p>Much progress has been made already in determining locations, purpose and need for each of the three installations. Public input and design expertise will be required in order to move toward construction. Engineering will be minimal in all cases, but will require site analysis. The interpretive panels for the Bar Harbor turnout will require professional graphic art consultation.</p> <p>The beautification program will require additional planning and public input to determine protocol for participation and design standards. Input from lighting experts as well as MaineDOT safety analysis will be required.</p>
Construction Engineering	AAD + 1 day*	12 months	Hancock County Planning Commission and MaineDOT	<p>This project will entail developing three permanent installations that will be constructed and maintained to Maine Department of Transportation standards. All work will be overseen by MaineDOT to assure safety and quality of these installations.</p> <p>The beautification program will be less targeted. Oversight of implementation will be provided through local businesses with support from the Hancock County Planning Commission.</p>
Construction	AAD + 6 months*	6 months	Hancock County Planning Commission and MaineDOT	<p>The three installations present relatively modest construction challenges.</p> <p>1) Gateway monument - local materials and artisans will be employed to the extent possible. 2) Head of Island Welcome - preliminary design work suggests engraved granite is a preferred material. This stage will go to bid among local and regional suppliers. 3) Interpretive Panels - the design and construction standard for Maine Scenic Byways will be applied to these signs. An example is attached to this application.</p> <p>The corridor beautification program will engage local volunteers, businesses and contractors to improve business landscaping, signage and lighting.</p>

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

Budget

Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
1.	Planning and Preliminary Engineering	14,000	13,000	1,000
2.	Construction	46,000	35,000	11,000
3.	Construction Engineering	5,000	4,000	1,000
Total		\$65,000	\$52,000	\$13,000

Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
Town of Bar Harbor	Cash		7,000
Town of Trenton	Cash		3,000
Trenton Chamber of Commerce	Materials (Non-federal)	Landscaping materials, lighting equipment and perrineal plans	3,000
Total			\$13,000

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:

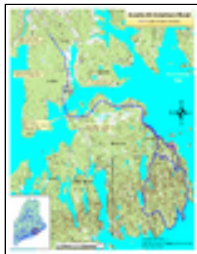
Application Checklist

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 indicates the location of the recently extended Acadia All American Road. The map also notes the locations of the three permanent installations.

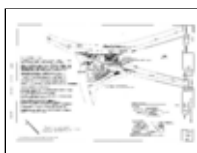
Digital version: [AcadiaBywayLocationMap150.pdf](#) (1.8 MB)



Trenton Welcome Sign

This is the current sign that greets visitors entering Trenton and the Acadia All American Road. This sign may either be replaced or will need to be coordinated with the gateway monument/sign.

Digital version: [TrentonWelcomeSign.JPG](#) (830.0 KB)



Head of Island Design

This head of the island intersection was recently reconstructed, creating space for the proposed welcome monument. This diagram indicates the traffic island where the monument would be located.

Digital version: [Intersection041009.jpg](#) (815.4 KB)



□ **Bar Harbor Turnout**

Two interpretive signs are proposed for the Bar Harbor turnout. These signs would focus on visitor orientation and information about recreational opportunities on the byway. This turnout also features a commemorative Blue Star Memorial Sign.

Digital version: [Turnout_Entrance.JPG](#) (829.5 KB)



□ **Trenton School Entrance Sign**

The entrance sign to the Trenton School is an example of local efforts to beautify an entrance. Note the flower plantings at the base of the sign and lighting that is directed downward from under a roof that shields the night sky.

Digital version: [TrentonSchoolSign.JPG](#) (804.6 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: