

Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway

Corridor Management Plan Update Project Information Sheet



The Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway extends 88 miles along Minnesota Trunk Highway (TH) 16 from Dexter to La Crescent. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) designated the corridor a State Scenic Byway in 1995 to encourage state travelers to enjoy the scenic beauty, recreational facilities, and cultural attractions along the route.



Currently, MnDOT has contracted East Central Regional Development Commission to update the 2002 Corridor Management Plan for the existing State Scenic Byway. The consultant team at East Central Regional Development Commission will be assisted by community stakeholders along the Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway.

The purpose of the project is to update priorities and goals such as what was identified in the 2002 plan:

- Enhance interest in the scenic byway among communities along the highway
- Identify, prioritize, and encourage additional investment in byway features
- Improve interpretation and marketing along the byway
- Improve safety along the route for the mix of byway users
- Encourage traffic from I-90 to explore the route along the byway

The updated Corridor Management Plan will be used to protect, enhance, and promote the designated route's unique features, such as scenic, natural, cultural, historical qualities and identify the resources that are most supportive of the Byway 'story' and recommend opportunities for interpreting and marketing those resources and the Byway. The Plan will also examine public facilities such as roadways, waysides, and signage along the corridor and make recommendations for improvements.



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