

KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
Department of Rural and Municipal Aid
OFFICE OF LOCAL PROGRAMS
SCENIC BYWAYS AND HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

INTENT TO APPLY
KENTUCKY SCENIC BYWAY/HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

OVERVIEW

The Kentucky Scenic Byways and Highways Program is a program that provides a unique opportunity for government, private citizens, and organizations to, through cooperative efforts, protect the Commonwealth's natural scenic resources, promote tourism, foster associated economic development, and maximize the potential of little traveled or bypassed roads.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Only units of state or local governments may apply to nominate a route for State Scenic Byway or Highway designation. The nominating entity is referred to as the "Sponsor". Sponsors may apply for State Scenic Byway or Highway designation at any time throughout the year.

The State Scenic Byways or Highways Program is not a funding program. It is, however, the 1st step of a 2 step process that may lead to subsequent federal funding and/or the designation of the State Scenic Byway as a National Scenic Byway or All American Road.

ELIGIBILITY

Roadways eligible for State Scenic Byway or Highway designation are those that have roadsides or view-sheds with scenic (aesthetic), natural, cultural, historical, archaeological, and/or recreational value worthy of preservation, restoration, protection, and enhancement. Scenic Byways are roads of lower traffic volumes and slower travel speeds. By statute, these roads are locally maintained roadways with safety of travel as a prime consideration. Scenic Highways are roads which meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines for highways and are state maintained as part of the State Primary Road system. These roads carry greater traffic volumes at higher travel speeds than scenic byways.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants shall:

1. Review the State of Kentucky Scenic Byways and Highways Guidelines as found in the Office of Local Programs (OLP) guidelines manual and website, www.tea21.ky.gov.
2. Complete the Intent -to-Apply form and submit it to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet approximately thirty (30) days prior to intended application submission.
3. Submit the completed form to: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Office of Local Programs: Scenic Byways
200 Mero Street, 6th Floor East
Frankfort, KY 40622

If the project appears to meet eligibility requirements, the OLP shall notify the applicant to submit a full State Designation application within thirty (30) days following receipt of the Intent to Apply.

The OLP shall, upon receipt of the full State Designation application:

1. Review applications and conduct site visits to the respective proposed areas of designation with the Scenic Byways Advisory Committee (SBAC).
2. Submit the applications and SBAC recommendations to the Transportation Tourism Interagency Committee (TTIC) for additional review. The Secretary of Transportation shall review the final TTIC recommendations and make the final decision on designation of the State Scenic Byway/Highway.
3. Notify applicants of approval status of their designation application.

An electronic version of this form and the program guidelines for State Scenic Byway/Highway designation are available on the OLP website referenced above.

REGULATIONS

Federal law prohibits new billboard construction along nationally designated scenic byways that are interstate, National Highway System, or Federal-aid Primary Highways. Existing billboards are allowed to remain. Regarding State -designated Scenic byways and Highways, Kentucky law is consistent with Federal law on advertising devices for Scenic highways or those highways which are state maintained. However, Kentucky law is more restrictive including, limited access highways and turnpikes as additional roadways on which advertising is further exempted. Existing billboards that were legal or designated as nonconforming on the date the highway was designated Scenic are allowed to remain on the Scenic Byway or Highway.

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Please provide the following information:

**PROJECT
TITLE**_____

APPLICANT

Government Sponsor

Mayor/County Judge Executive

Signature/Title_____

Date_____

Address_____

City_____ County_____

State ____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Fax_____

E-mail_____

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact

Person_____

Signature_____ Date_____

Affiliation/Agency

Name_____

Address_____ City_____ State ____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Fax_____

E-mail_____

MAPPING REQUIRMENTS

1. The proposed project route shall be clearly marked on a KY State Highway Map. Project maps submitted should be no smaller than 11” x 17” in size.
2. Any and all designated State or National Scenic Byways or Highways on or in close proximity to the proposed project route ***must be clearly identified*** on the project map.
3. All mappings submitted shall be in color.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In the space provided, describe the proposed route, and how the proposed designation relates to the Kentucky Scenic Byway and Highway evaluation criteria found in the Office of Local Programs Guidelines Manual on the website, www.tea21.ky.gov .