ADOT
SCENIC ROADS PROGRAM
PARKWAYS, HISTORIC & SCENIC ROADS PROGRAM

Parkways  Historic Roads  Scenic Roads
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• Program part of state law since 1982 (ARS 41-512 -- ARS 41-518)

• Program administered by ADOT

• Parkways, Historic & Scenic Roads Advisory Committee (PHSRAC)
PHSRAC COMMITTEE

• 6 appointed by the Governor
  - Represent various counties

• 5 from state agencies
  - Arizona State Parks
  - Arizona Historical Society
  - Office of Tourism
  - Tourism Advisory Council
  - ADOT

• Review requests to establish or designate
  - Make recommendations to the State Board
  - Recommend continuation or deletion
PROCEDURES FOR STATE DESIGNATION

For Parkways, Historic and Scenic Roads in Arizona

Steps include:

• Request, review, documentation, recommendation, implementation, establishment and maintenance review

• Rating process
26 state-designated routes

Must be uniquely scenic or historic

Preserve & protect features and resources that define its character, interest and appeal
QUALITIES FOR SCENIC DESIGNATION

- **Vividness**
  Memorable visual impression

- **Intactness**
  Extent landscape is free from visual encroachment

- **Unity**
  Cohesive unique unified experience
QUALITIES FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

- **Impact of the Route**
  Contribution to the cultural heritage of the area

- **Historical Contribution**
  Significance of exploration, settlement &/or development of region

- **Proximity**
  Consider both physical &/or visual access

- **Uniqueness**
  Relative scarcity or abundance of a given type of historic resource
QUALITIES FOR PARKWAY DESIGNATION

- Meets both Scenic Road and Historic Road criteria
- Controlled access
  - One mile minimum distance
- Space available for:
  - Interpretive area
  - Parking & visitor facilities
• Began in 1991

• Administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

• First designations – 1996
Six categories:

- Archaeological
- Cultural
- Historic
- Natural
- Recreational
- Scenic

Must have “regional or national significance”
SIX INTRINSIC QUALITIES

- **Scenic**
  Beauty, whether natural or human-made

- **Natural**
  Minimal human disturbance of the natural ecological features

- **Historic**
  Landscape, buildings, structures or other visual evidence of the past
SIX INTRINSIC QUALITIES

• **Cultural**
  Visual evidence of the unique customs, traditions, folklore, or rituals of a currently existing human group

• **Archaeological**
  Visual evidence of the unique customs, traditions, folklore, or rituals of a no-longer existing human group

• **Recreational**
  The road corridor is used for recreation
NATIONAL DESIGNATION

• **National Scenic Byway**
  Has 1 or 2 of the 6 Intrinsic Qualities

• **All-American Road**
  Has 2 or 3 of the 6 Intrinsic Qualities
  Be a “Destination Unto Itself”
  Has one-of-a-kind features
For National Designation:

- Nomination application – approximately every 3 years
- State designation by the DOT
- Completed Corridor Management Plan
WHAT IS A CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN?

• A “grass roots” level participation project in which local desires and issues are documented to serve as a planning guide for a state-designated scenic or historic road

• Includes a vision, inventory, interpretation, summation
NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS BENEFITS

- Economic Development
- Tap into local, State, Federal, Regional, and National Partnerships
- Community Pride & Cooperation
- Eligible for Grant Funding if Available
PARKWAYS, HISTORIC & SCENIC ROADS PROGRAM

- Must be uniquely scenic or historic
- Preserve & protect intrinsic qualities
- 24 state-designated routes
- Receive $100,000/year for program costs & signing (State funds)
- Entire program is legislated

ARIZONA NATIONALLY-DESIGNATED SCENIC BYWAYS

ALL-AMERICAN ROAD
Red Rock Scenic Road
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ALL-AMERICAN ROAD
Historic Route 66
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NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Coronado Trail Scenic Road
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NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Sky Island Parkway
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NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Kaibab Plateau – North Rim Parkway
ADOT SCENIC ROADS WEBSITE

- Contains guidance on local and national designations
- Contains downloads including application components, maps, and completed Corridor Management Plans
- Website: [www.azdot.gov/scenicroads](http://www.azdot.gov/scenicroads)