



Executive Summary

Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway Investment Priorities Addendum

The Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway focuses its work around marketing and interpretation. All other investment types are important to the byway to improve the visitor experience.

Investment types	Priority for achieving the vision and goals of the byway
Planning	1
Transportation	1
Intrinsic resource (byway: Natural, Historic)	1
General intrinsic resources: scenic, recreational, archeological, historical, cultural and natural	1
Marketing	1
Trails	1
Interpretation	1

The project list attached includes all byway supported projects. There are a some principal projects for the byway that have significant importance:

Principal Projects:

MRVSB Alliance Planning	Necessary to byway functions
MRVSB Marketing	Implement marketing plan
MRVSB Interpretative Plan Implementation	Implement interpretive plan
Minnesota River Valley State Trail	Connect the entire Minnesota River
Harkin Store Crosswalk from parking lot	Discovery site with significant safety issue.

All investment types and projects on this list fit with the Mission, Goals and Vision of our byway:

Mission of the Byway

To cooperatively enhance the Minnesota River Valley as a travel destination and raise awareness of its nationally important stories in order to provide economic benefits and preserve the intrinsic qualities of the byway.

Goals of the CMP and planning activities of the Byway

This corridor management plan is a community-based strategy for balancing the management and conservation of the Byway's intrinsic qualities with public use and enjoyment of those resources. Planning allows communities to identify and evaluate all the ways they want to use these resources, and more importantly, share these resources with the world. **The ultimate goal is to create a balance between preservation and promotion in a manner that maintains the integrity and value of the Byway's intrinsic qualities, and enhances the livability in the Minnesota River Communities.** This plan is a comprehensive outline of these intrinsic values which will help planning efforts preserve what is important in the valley.

This plan also assists with the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway's **main purpose: link together the Minnesota River as a tourism destination to create economic development for the region.**

The goals for this community based-strategy are the following, all of which fit into livability principles:

Conservation and Preservation:

1. Balance economic promotion and character protection throughout the corridor and in alignment with the desires of local communities.
2. Work to protect and improve the environmental health of the River and its Valley.

Economic Development:

3. Strengthen the municipal finances of our communities through growing property values and more business development.
4. Support existing businesses and encourage new businesses that are complementary to the area.

Interpretation and Education:

5. Market our region more assertively so that people in and out of the state know of the Valley as a good place to live, retire to, visit, operate a business, and manage a farm.
6. Develop interpretive strategies that benefit the traveler and increase our residents' understanding of local history and culture.

Byway Facilities and Enhancement:

7. Improve the recreational facilities and amenities of the Valley.
8. Assure safe travel along the Byway route for the visiting public.

Tourism:

9. Promote the Byway as a tool to create an exceptional visitor experience by coordinating the interpretation and education associated with the themes of the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway:
 - i. Struggles for a Home (The U.S.–Dakota War)
 - ii. River's Legacy (Natural History)

Through partnerships and participation in collaborative opportunities, the Byway will be promoted to visitors in order to extend and enhance the visitor experience, to increase positive economic impact and to improve the quality of life within the region.

Transportation:

10. Promote the creation and maintenance of transportation systems that employ context sensitive design and protect efficient safe and enjoyable travel through the corridor for all modes of travel and types of users (while maintaining character defining features).

Coordination and Management:

11. Encourage community participation throughout the planning and implementation of this strategy.
12. Achieve a sustainable National Scenic Byway organization to help achieve the above goals.
13. Utilize the resources and capacity of the Byway Alliance to manage the Byway, assure that the Byway will be ready for visitors and assure that the Byway experience will be maintained at a high level.

The corridor management plan recognizes that we are in an era of changing programs because of budget and resource constraints. In order to continue to work towards the goals of the byway, the plan suggests the formation of a wide range of unique partnerships and collaborations as a way to overcome these constraints. These necessary partnerships

will help create a sustainable organization to the byway which will ultimately bring more resources to help preserve, maintain and enhance our 287-mile corridor for tourism development.

Vision of the Byway

The result of increased tourism is stronger local economies, stronger municipal tax bases, a greater awareness of the region within the state and the nation with a resulting increase in general business development as the region's image and positive qualities are known by more people.

Visitors follow well-signed roadways, enjoy informative stops at visitor centers in each community, and enjoy a variety of interpretive sites. They will come for weekends to participate in organized events including guided tours, craft fairs, and community celebrations that include ethnic and homestyle cooking you can't find at the shopping malls or chain restaurants. Visitors will enjoy staying in the quaint bed and breakfasts, various motels and the wonderful campsites and cabins in the byway's many State Parks.

Communities along the Byway will grow in size each weekend as travelers come from nearby metropolitan areas to participate in weekend events held year-round. Spring events like Syttende Mai, canoeing during high water spring run-off, birding festivals celebrating spring migration and opening of fishing season will fill motels and keep the downtowns bustling as guests shop for locally-made crafts.

Summers will provide a constant, but not overwhelming level of visitation as guests return for their annual trip to explore another segment of the Byway. Many guests will stay in one community and take day trips throughout the corridor, while others will return for annual family visits that coincide with annual festivals and community celebrations. More and more casino guests will come back to not only game, but also explore the other facets of the byway. The region will become more and more popular as a biking and horseback riding destination, providing extended trail rides and quiet, safe country roads for touring.

Each fall and winter, groups of hunting and snowmobiling enthusiasts will return to their favorite spots and trails to enjoy the serenity of the cooler seasons. Cross country ski groups will enjoy the quiet trails used by hikers and bikers in the summer. Out-of-town visitors from warmer climates will experience their first snowmobile trail ride and ice-fishing experience through packages offered by local chamber offices.

Marketing efforts will promote the Byway's outstanding historical and cultural resources, including the dramatic events recorded by history of the relationships between the Dakota Indians and European settlers, as well as the U.S. – Dakota War of 1862 between the Dakota and the U.S. government.

The region's outstanding recreational and natural resources will provide a variety of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Bicycling, canoeing and bird-watching enthusiasts will begin to make the Byway an annual destination as more and more sites, trails and events will be developed to host these groups. The Minnesota River Trail will be completed, providing trail access all along the Minnesota River. The charm of small towns and hospitality of residents along the Byway will allow visitors to enjoy a slice of *real* America.

The increased amount of tourism visitations will not destroy the quality of life, as visitors will be spread out along the byway's full 287 mile length. This cooperative effort among communities will improve the image of the region, enhance community pride, and provide new diversity to the local economies.

Annual updates

The Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway would like to keep this document up to date. In order to do so, we will need to keep the contact list up to date, review and resend the survey, correspond with both the alliance and contacts, and updated actual document. We will also need time find out what projects have been completed or changed and need to come off the list.

Update database and correspondence list
40 hrs annually

Meet with the Byway Alliance to review correspondence list
16 hrs

Revise survey and send out. Work with correspondence from contacts. Learn what projects have been completed or taken off the list.
60 hrs annually

Incorporate into CMP addendum
40 hrs annually

Meet with the Byway Alliance to review CMP addendum
16 hrs
(total Byway Alliance Meetings: 2 meetings/year)

Total hours:

172 hours



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MRVSB Alliance Planning	Coordination and planning activites of the byway	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kristi Fernholz	Senior Planner	UMVRDC	x	Byway-wide	x		cultural and natural	x				x	1	\$10,000 annually		
MRVSB Marketing	Ads, collateral pieces and other marketing strategies as identified in marketing plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kristi Fernholz	Senior Planner	UMVRDC	x	Byway-wide	x		cultural and natural	x				x	1			EMT
MRVSB Interpretative Plan Implementation	Kiosk, guidebooks, website and other activieites as identified in interperive plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kristi Fernholz	Senior Planner	UMVRDC	x	Byway-wide	x		cultural and natural	x	x	x		x	1			MHS
Minnesota River Valley State Trail	Entire trail. Can be done in sections	N/A	N/A	N/A				x	byway-wide	x	x	cultural and natural	x	x	x	x		1			
Water trail access	As any bridge is replaced or construction is done, water access should be considere as part of the proeject	N/A	N/A	N/A					byway-wide	x	x	recreational		x		x		1			
Ortonville Art/community Center	Ortonville to create an art and community center. Goal is to connect the city to this facility and extend the MN River Valley Trail access to our facility. In addition, we hope to connect the trail up Highway 75 to the local Museum. We hope to create a regional destination. We are currently working with an architect in the building renovation and design phase. Once we have an	Lakeside Park, Ortonville, MN	Big Stone County		Becky Parker	President	Big Stone Arts Council		Local			cultural				x		1	Unknown	Planning Grant and property has been acquired	MHS, placemaking, regional arts,
Ortonville's Minnesota River Trail	Complete the Minnesota River Headwaters Trail from the existing North Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge entrance to the Auto tour route with pavement for trail users. Then continue the Minnesota River Headwaters Trail to the Big Stone County line by connecting the Auto tour route with the Dam at US Just south of Odessa, MN with a paved trail.	Big Stone National Wildlife refuge	Big Stone County		Alice Hanley/Nick Anderson		Big Stone National Wildlife refuge		Local			natural		x		x		3	3,500,000		TAP/DNR
Wegdahl Park Bathroom	Install public permanent bathroom at the Wegdahl Park adjacent to Chippewa CSAH 15.	Chippewa County near Wegdahl	Chippewa County		Scott Williams, Land & Resource Mgmt. Director		Chippewa County		Local			recreational				x		1	\$15,000		DNR
Watson Roadside Landscaping	Landscaping within City limits in Hwy ROW and along byway to include Welcome to Watson signs, the "Goose Capital of the USA".	Watson	Chippewa County	City of Watson	Susan M Brickweg	City Clerk/Treasurer	City of Watson		Local		x	scenic				x		1	Unknown		
Watson Town Hall Improvements	Watson Town Hall ADA Improvements and Weatherization for Energy Efficiency to serve as location for the performing arts.	Watson	Chippewa County	City of Watson	Susan M Brickweg	City Clerk/Treasurer	City of Watson		Local			historical				x		2	Unknown		MHS
Watson ADA Pedestrian Ramp Improvements	Federally, unfunded mandated improvements to ADA pedestrian ramps to be completed in 2018.	Watson	Chippewa County	City of Watson	Susan M Brickweg	City Clerk/Treasurer	City of Watson		Local		x	recreational				x		1	Unknown		TAP
Watson Park Re-development	Playground Equipment, Picnic Area, Restrooms	Watson	Chippewa County	City of Watson	Susan M Brickweg	City Clerk/Treasurer	City of Watson		Local			recreational				x		4	Unknown		DNR
Interpretation and improvements	Interpretation and improvements at Huggins Site in Lac qui Parle County	Lac qui Parle County	Lac qui Parle County		Barb Redepenning	Director	Lac qui Parle Historical Society		Local			historical			x	x	x	1			MHS
Interpretation and improvements	Interpretation and improvements at Robert Bly Museum	Lac qui Parle County	Lac qui Parle County		Barb Redepenning		Lac qui Parle Historical Society		Local			historical			x		x	1			MHS
Lac qui Parle County Park Trail Development	Develop trails, ADA trails and cross county ski trails in the 200+ acre park.	Lac qui Parle County Park	Lac qui Parle		Dean Solem		LQP County Park Board		Local		x	natural and recreational		x				2			TAP/DNR
Lac qui Parle County Park Bathrooms	Restrooms are needed for the park. Well is currently being dug.	Lac qui Parle County Park	Lac qui Parle		Dean Solem		LQP County Park Board		Local			recreational						1	\$23,000+		DNR
Montevideo Trail Development		Montevideo Area	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo		City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			natural and recreational		x				3			TAP/DNR
Montevideo Depot Area Bike Pedestrian Crossing	Montevideo Depot Area Bike Pedestrian Crossing over TCW RR tracks	Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			recreational		x				1		Applicatio	TAP

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Montevideo Area Pedestrian and Bicycle Signals	general	Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			recreational						2			TAP
Montevideo Area Habitat Vegetation Management		Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			natural						1			TAP
Montevideo Area habitat	Reduce wildlife mortality or to restore connectivity among habitats	Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			natural						1			TAP
Montevideo Area Park and Trails	Acquisition, development, improvement, and restoration of park and trail facilities.	Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			natural	x		x			2			TAP/DNR
Public Arts Projects		Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo	Steve Jones	City Manager	City of Montevideo		Local			historic				x		2			SMAC
Marketing		Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo					Local							x		4			
Camp Release Interpretation	Interpretation improvements at Camp Release.	Montevideo	Chippewa/Lac qui Parle	Montevideo					Local			historic		x		x		5			MHS
Mural for 1400 dugout canoe	a mural to interpret the 1400's dugout canoe that will be on display	Chippewa County Museum	Chippewa	Montevideo	June Lynne	Director	CCHS		Local			historic				x		1			SMAC
Chippewa County Museum marketing		Chippewa County Museum	Chippewa	Montevideo	June Lynne	Director	CCHS		Local			historic	x			x		2			EMT
Timm Park General Improvements		Wood Lake County Park - Timm Park	Yellow Medicine	Wood Lake					Local			natural			x			1			DNR
Timm Park bathroom, shower and rustic camping	Timm Park is one of two county parks. Timm is on Wood Lake. Enhance facilities with bathroom and shower and rustic camping.	Wood Lake County Park - Timm Park	Yellow Medicine	Wood Lake					Local			natural			x			1			DNR
Timm Park - Signage	Additional signage to inform the public of the Park's existence and location.	Wood Lake County Park - Timm Park	Yellow Medicine	Wood Lake					Local			natural				x		1			Signage could be part of a larger project.
Granite Falls Trails	Trails along the MN River - bike, cross country ski	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls					Local			recreational	x		x			3			TAP/DNR
Granite Falls Public Art Project		Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls	Chamber				Local			historic				x		2			SMAC
Granite Falls Chamber Marketing Plan	Marketing plan to develop the Prohibition story and Volstead house	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls	Chamber				Local			historic				x		1			
Memorial Park Regional Park	Designate Memorial Park as regional park	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls	City				Local			recreational			x						
Granite Falls Signage	Signage for downtown/byway	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls					Local			recreational				x		1			Signage could be part of a larger project.
Granite Falls trails	Trails from downtown to Memorial Park and along Hwy 67, signs that direct traffic to downtown, the footbridge and river walk.	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls	unknown				Local			recreational	x		x			1			TAP/DNR
Granite Falls Interpretation	Interpretive panel at the Roebling footbridge, interpretative panels about Prohibition	Granite falls	Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls					Local			historic		x		x					TAP
Wood Lake Battlefield overlook	Wood Lake Battlefield site turnout, overlook, viewing area	Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic			x			2			TAP
Wood Lake Battlefield site trails		Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic	x		x			3			TAP/DNR
Wood Lake Battlefield marketing	marketing and materials available	Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic	x			x		2			DNR
Wood Lake Battlefield Battlefields site - vegetation management - erosion and prairie grass		Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic			x			1			byway
Wood Lake Battlefield Signage		Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic				x		1			TAP if along roadway
Wood Lake Battlefield widen shoulder	Wider shoulder on north side of County Road 18	Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic			x			3			TAP
Wood Lake Battlefield Trail	connect Wood Lake site to Upper Sioux State park	Wood Lake Battlefield	Yellow Medicine						Local			historic	x		x			3			if through a trail
Renville County Parks Trails	Trails in parks to connect to main trail	Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			natural	x		x						TAP/DNR

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Renville County Parks Cross Country Ski Trail		Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			recreational		x		x					TAP/DNR
Renville County Parks OHV park		Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			recreational				x					DNR
Renville County Parks widen shoulder	Wider shoulders to allow for bikes	Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			natural				x					TAP
Renville County Parks Signage	Signage on public lands to visitor	Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			natural					x				part of a project
Renville County Parks Interpretation projects		Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			natural			x		x				MHS
Renville County Parks Public art projects		Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			historic					x				Regional Arts Council
Renville County Parks Marketing		Renville County Parks	Renville County						Local			natural	x				x				
Renville County Parks Master Plan		Renville County area	Renville County						Local			natural					x				DNR
Sacred Heart Playground Equipment	New playground equipment for parks	Sacred Heart	Renville County	Sacred Heart					Local			recreational				x					DNR
City of Franklin Boat landing, bathroom and shower	The primitive campsite located by the boatlanding along the byway is in need of restroom and shower facilities. The site is continually used for camping and the city currently provides a portable toilet at the site, but something more is needed, especially if a trail is developed along the byway.	City of Franklin	Renville County	Franklin	Wendy Peterson				Local			recreational				x					DNR
Trail development along the Minnesota River			Renville County	Franklin					Local			natural		x		x					TAP/DNR
Renville County Pave CSAH 5	widen the shoulders and pave CSAH 5 from Franklin to the Renville/Nicollet County line. This would provide a paved road from Franklin to Fort Rigely. This project is already listed as a priority with Franklin.	Franklin to the Renville/Nicollet County line	Renville County	Franklin	Jeff Marlowe, P.E.	County Engineer	Renville County		Local		x	natural				x		1	\$7 Million - break into two segments.		TAP
Sleepy Eye widen trail near lake		Sleepy Eye parks	Brown County	Sleepy Eye					Local			natural		x		x		1			TAP/DNR
Sleepy Eye park shower	Add showers for camping and cabin area	Sleepy Eye parks	Brown County	Sleepy Eye					Local			natural				x		1			DNR
Sleepy Eye Fishing Pier		Sleepy Eye parks	Brown County	Sleepy Eye					Local			natural				x		2			DNR
Harkin Store Crosswalk from parking lot	A cross walk to get from parking lot across the road to the store.	Harkin Store, CSAH 21	Nicollet County					x	Local		x	historic				x		1			TAP
Harkin Store Larger parking lot	Our parking lot is across from the store and is crossed by 95% of the people that come to see the site. Traffic doesn't slow down much (signage says 30 miles an hour).	Harkin Store, CSAH 21	Nicollet County		Ruth Grewe	Site Manager	Harkin Store		Local			historic				x		1	unknown		TAP
Brown County Bank Stabilization CSAH 10	Large stream bank stabilization project on the Minnesota River along our CSAH 10. The river is encroaching into the road right of way for about 1200 feet. The road has a very low volume traffic count and there are no structures threatened so it has never met a cost benefit ratio of most funding sources.	Brown County	Brown County		Wayne Stevens	Brown County Engineer	Brown County		Local		x	scenic				x		1	in excess of \$600,000		
Interpretive - digitize brochures	Digitizing the Milford battlefield and Shetek historic tour brochure as a attachment on our website	Brown County	Brown County		Bob Burgess	Director	Brown County Historical Society		Local			historical			x		x	1	Unknown		
Cleveland Walking Trail	Walking trail through Cherry Valley Park	Cherry Valley Park	Le Sueur County	Cleveland					Local			natural		x		x					TAP/DNR
Cleveland Playground and Picnic Shelter		Cleveland	Le Sueur County	Cleveland					Local			recreational				x					DNR
Lafayette Bike infrastructure		Lafayette	Nicollett County	Lafayette					Local			natural				x					TAP
Traverse des Sioux Trail Prairie Restoration		Minnesota Historical Society's Traverse des Sioux Trail System	Nicollet County	St. Peter					Local			natural				x		1			DNR
Traverse des Sioux Trail Prairie interpretation and education		Minnesota Historical Society's Traverse des Sioux Trail System	Nicollet County	St. Peter					Local			historic			x		x	2			DNR, MHS

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Pedestrian and bicycle access along 169 out of St. Peter across to the Treaty Site.	There is a need for pedestrian and bicycle access along 169 from St. Peter to Treaty Site. No crosswalks to new network of bike trails. Safety concerns.	Traverse des Sioux Treaty Site	Nicollet County	St. Peter					Local		x	natural				x		1			TAP
The Lake Crystal - Crystal Waters Project Clean and restore lakes and watershed	The Lake Crystal - Crystal Waters Project is working with DNR, MPCA, BEC and BECW in an attempt to clean and restore our lakes and water shed. At this point, we are still working on grant money to get this implemented.	Lake Crystal - Crystal Waters Project	Blue Earth County	Lake Crystal					Local	x		natural				x					DNR
Eagle Lake to Mankato trail	New trail between Eagle Lake and Mankato with highway project. Separated trail from Highway.	Eagle Lake to Mankato	Blue Earth County	Eagle Lake					Local			natural		x		x		1			TAP/DNR
Eagle Lake Marketing study	Marketing. We do not fully understand who is using Highway 14 and what their needs are. Is there an opportunity to draw people off the highway for a bite to eat, etc.?	Eagle Lake	Blue Earth County	Eagle Lake					Local			natural	x				x	3			
Eagle Lake Traffic calming	Traffic calming	Eagle Lake	Blue Earth County	Eagle Lake					Local		x	natural				x		3			TAP
Eagle Lake Safety related infrastructure	Safety related infrastructure	Eagle Lake	Blue Earth County	Eagle Lake					Local		x	natural				x		3			TAP
Arlington Prairie Line Regional Bike Trail	Prairie Line Regional Bike Trail	Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			natural		x		x		1			TAP
Arlington turnout/overlook/view	turnout/overlook/view	Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local		x	natural				x		3			TAP
Arlington Sportman's park improvement	Field and structure improvements	Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			recreational				x		1			DNR
Arlington Cross country ski trail	Cross country ski trail	Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			recreational		x		x		3			TAP/DNR
Arlington OHV trail	OHV trail	Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			recreational		x		x		3			DNR
Arlington Interpretation projects		Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			natural			x		x	2			MHS
Arlington public art projects		Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			natural					x	2			Regional Arts Council
Arlington marketing projects		Arlington	Sibley County	Arlington					Local			natural	x				x	2			
Sibley County CSAH 6 Widening	Shoulder widening of CSAH 6 from CSAH 12 to CSAH 5.	Sibley County	Sibley County		Tim Becker	County Engineer	Sibley County		Local		x	recreational		x		x		2	Unknown		TAP/DNR
Mankato/North Mankato Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects	Variety of projects including Minnesota River Trail, new paved trails, on-street trails	Mankato/North Mankato	Nicollet/Blue Earth	Mankato/North Mankato	Jake Huebsch	Transportation Planner	MAPO		Local		x	recreational		x		x		1	various		local/TAP
Mankato/North Mankato Safety Projects	Bumpout, signage, crosswalk to calm traffic - SRTS	Mankato	Nicollet/Blue Earth	Mankato	Jake Huebsch	Planner	MAPO		Local		x					x		1	various		local/TAP



Byway Investment Priorities 2015

The following are the types of projects you may have to enhance the byway experience:

1. **Construction projects** along the byway or in the byway corridor, esp those that would improve the byway visitor experience or increase the number of byway travelers. This could include construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas, and increased parking in designated areas.
2. **Trails projects** including pathways or trails along the byways or to connect to town amenities from the byway, cross-country ski trails, OHV trail development and maintenance, conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails
3. **Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure projects**, including signals.
4. **Safety improvement projects**. Examples include wider shoulders, ruble strips/stripes, chevrons, intersection lighting, and traffic calming techniques
5. **Americans with Disabilities Act** of 1990 transportation projects
6. **Vegetation management projects** (invasive species control, erosion control, etc) or projects that reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.
7. Acquisition, development, improvement, and restoration of **park and trail facilities** of regional or statewide significance projects.
8. **Interpretation** projects
9. **Public art** projects
10. **Marketing** projects
11. Other projects

For each project identify:

1. Project name and Description.
2. Project location.
3. Who is the project manager?
4. What stage is this project at?
 - a. Only a concept
 - b. Planning stage
 - c. Design stage
 - d. Construction stage
5. Rank the project in importance. (High Priority or Low Priority).
6. Approximate cost (if known).
7. What funds (if any) are procured?

POTENTIAL SCENIC BYWAY FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Responsible Entity	Infrastructure	Non-Infrastructure	Notes
Scenic Byway Solicitation	MnDOT	X		Final solicitation occurring in CY 2015
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	ATPs / MnDOT	X		http://www.dot.state.mn.us/map-21/tap.html
Regional Sustainable Development Partnership	U of M		X	http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/
Community Development Funding	DEED	X		http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/community-funding/
Greater Minnesota Public Infrastructure Program	DEED	X		http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/business-funding/infrastructure-grants.jsp
Explore Minnesota Grant Program	Explore MN		X	http://www.exploreminnesota.com/industry-minnesota/ways-to-get-involved/grants/
Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program	DNR	X		http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/pt_legacy.html
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	DNR	X		http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Rail-Crossings	MnDOT	X		
General transportation programming	MnDOT; Counties; Cities	X		Share Byway needs with responsible roadway entities; some may be able to be accommodated through standard transportation programming processes.
Minnesota Geospatial Information Office	MnGeo		X	Not a funding source but may be used as an information resource http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/
Minnesota State Demographic Center	Admin Minnesota		X	Not a funding source but may be used as an information resource http://mn.gov/admin/demography/
State Health Improvement Program (SHIP)	MDH	X	X	http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/ship/
County Fair Arts Access and Cultural Heritage Grants	MDA		X	http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/grants/grants/countyfair.aspx
Recreational Trails Program	DNR	X		http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html
Local Trail Connections Program	DNR			http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html

Regional Trail Grant Program	DNR	X		http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html
Other DNR Grants	DNR	X		Depending on the project, other DNR grants may be appropriate http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/index.html
Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	MHS		X	http://legacy.mnhs.org/grants
RDC Transportation Planning Grants	MnDOT / RDCs		X	
Private Foundation Grant Opportunities	Varies			http://www.lmc.org/page/1/private-grant-sources.jsp
Chambers of Commerce	Varies		X	Local chambers may have funding available to assist with byway activities related to economic development
Byway Membership Fees	Byway groups		X	Consider charging a byway membership fee to accomplish small projects and/or provide match to other grant opportunities
Advertising Revenue	Byway groups		X	Sell advertising in byway publications to cover costs
Regional Arts Councils			X	http://www.arts.state.mn.us/racs/
Hazard Mitigation Assistance	FEMA	X		https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance
Federal Land Access Program (FLAP)	FHWA	X		http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/
Minnesota Design Team	AIA Minnesota		X	http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/minnesota-design-team/
SHPO Grants	MHS		X	http://www.mnhs.org/shpo/grants/