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Madison County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 608
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SUBJECT: Mississippi Scenic Byways Program
2020 Call for Nominations

Dear Madison County Board of Supervisors:

In July 2002, the Mississippi Legislature established the Mississippi Scenic Byways Program through the passage of Senate Bill 2098. The intent of the program is to identify and designate highway, road, and street corridors as scenic byways in an attempt to preserve, enhance, and protect the state's intrinsic resources for visitors and residents of the state. The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is announcing its 2020 Mississippi Scenic Byways Call for Nominations.

Attached is a copy of Appendix A from the Mississippi Scenic Byways Program Guidelines. Please use this outline as a guide in preparing your nomination. Each item of this outline should be addressed in your nomination. For more information on the Mississippi Scenic Byways Program and on preparing a nomination, please visit our website to view the ***Scenic Byways Guidelines at <http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/Programfiles/ProgramGuidelines.pdf>***. Each procedure in the Scenic Byways Guidelines has been designed to support you with your 2020 nominations.

Twenty (20) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the nomination are due to the MDOT Planning Division by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020**. If you have any questions, or need additional information, you may contact Mrs. Lindsey Killebrew, Scenic Byway Coordinator, at telephone number 601.359.7685, or email at lkillebrew@mdot.ms.gov. We look forward to reviewing your nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evan Wright".

Evan Wright, P.E.
State Planning Engineer

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APPENDIX A

PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR STATE SCENIC BYWAY DESIGNATION

I. ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION PACKAGE

A. Title Page

- a. Name of proposed byway (ex. Grand Gulf – Raymond Scenic Byway)
- b. Contact information
 1. Name, title, and organization
 2. Mailing address
 3. Phone and fax numbers
 4. Email address
- c. Date

B. Table of Contents

C. List of Tables, Figures

D. Background Assessment (See Section 2.6 of the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)

- a. Physical Route Description (including the length in miles)
- b. Location map
 1. Proposed byway route
- c. Roadway information
 1. Discuss current and future conditions of the roadway.
 2. Discuss roadway and right-of-way physical characteristics, traffic volumes, accident locations, and level of service.
 3. Discuss current and future land use and zoning along the proposed byway.
 4. Include copy of local, regional, and state land use plans.
 5. Include an inventory of existing outdoor advertising along the proposed byway. (Only commercial billboards and their locations)
 6. Include an inventory of any incompatible elements along the byway (ex. junkyards, etc.)
- d. Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) information (See Section 2.4 of the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)
 1. Has a CAG been formed for the proposed byway?
 2. If no, please indicate future plans for organizing a CAG.

E. Intrinsic Resource Assessment (for each resource along the byway)

- a. Identify and name resource(s)
- b. Photograph(s) of resource(s)
- c. Location of resource along the byway
- d. Significance of resource to the byway story

- e. Indicate the intrinsic quality or qualities represented by each resource.
(See Section 1.4 of the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)
 - 1. Archaeological
 - 2. Cultural
 - 3. Historic
 - 4. Natural
 - 5. Recreational
 - 6. Scenic
 - f. Ownership and management of the resource
 - g. Recognition of the resource (ex. National Register, etc.)
- F. Minimum Criteria Assessment (See Section 2.8 in the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)**
- a. Address and discuss each criteria listed in the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines.
 - b. Include any necessary documentation to support the criteria
 - c. Specifically address any outdoor advertising and segmentation issues (#9 and #10 in Section 2.8)
- G. Corridor Vision and Initial Goals (See Section 2.9 in the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)**
- a. Resource protection, maintenance, preservation, and enhancement
 - b. Transportation planning and safety
 - c. Community support and perception
 - d. Education and corridor story
 - e. Economic development and tourism
- H. Community Participation Program (See Section 2.10 in the Scenic Byways Program Guidelines)**
- a. Include a copy of the public notice published in newspaper.
 - b. Include any documentation and comments received at public hearing.
 - c. Include documentation of endorsements from local governments that have jurisdiction along the byway.

II. SUBMISSION

- A. One original and 20 hard copies of the application**
- B. One electronic copy of the application**
- C. Mail to the State Planning Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850.**
- D. Applications are due to the State Scenic Byway Coordinator by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the set deadline.**