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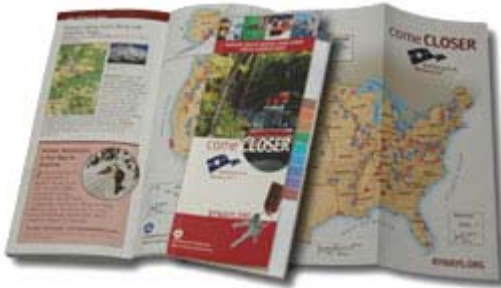
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New America's Byways® Booklet published

The Federal Highway Administration recently published a new America's Byways Map Booklet that features all of the National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads that have



been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The booklet is 124 pages in length and provides a description, map and picture of each nationally designated byway. There are currently 27 All-American Roads and 99 National Scenic Byway designated nation-wide.

Three byways in Alaska are included in the booklet: the Alaska Marine Highway System All-American Road, the Seward Highway All-American Road and the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway.

Copies of the booklet can be requested through the following website:

http://www.byways.org/map_request.html

2007 National Scenic Byways (NSB) grant applications are now available

Applications for 2007 National Scenic Byway grants by public and non-profit organizations are now being accepted at www.byways.org/grants/. Grant proposals must be received by ADOT&PF electronically and in hard-copy by **Noon on February 20, 2007** and fall within one of the following categories: Corridor Management Plan, Safety Improvements, Byway Facilities, Access to Recreation, Resource Protection, Interpretive Information and Marketing. A schedule of when the 2007 grants will be awarded or funded is not available at this time.

Since 1993, Alaska has received nearly \$6 million in federal funds for 47 scenic byway projects. For complete details on the 2007 grant submission and evaluation process, please visit: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/scenic/org-funding.shtml>

Corridor planning process launched for the Parks Highway State Scenic Byway

A Corridor Partnership Plan (CPP) is now being prepared for the Parks Highway State Scenic Byway. The Parks Highway, between milepost 132 and 248, was designated a State Scenic Byway in 1998. The first public meeting will be held at the Community Center in Healy from 5:30-7:30 pm on February 12, 2007.

The purpose of a CPP is to identify and assess key resources along a state byway and identify methods to enhance and promote those features over time. A key advantage to completing a CPP is that it enables public and non-profit organizations along the corridor to solicit Scenic Byway Grant funds for projects directly related to the byway. A CPP also enables local residents to pursue designation as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road when and if there is strong local support.



View of Mt. McKinley from the Parks Highway State Scenic Byway, 2006

Although the project is being funded by FHWA and the ADOT&PF, the plan is being prepared by the Alaska Division of State Parks. To learn more about the project or to become involved, please contact Penny Bauder at 907-269-8889 or penny_bauder@dnr.state.ak.us.

Byway Spotlight: The Prince William Sound Museum

Contributed by Sue Cogswell, Prince William Sound Economic Development District

There is a relatively new point of interest along both the AMHS All-American Road and a short-drive from the Seward All-American Road: The Prince William Sound Museum in Whittier.

Listed on America's Registry of Historic Places, Whittier was originally designed and built to be a secret military port early in 1941 during WWII. As an ice-free port, the U. S. Army could transport troops and supplies, following the rapid construction of the Anton Anderson Tunnel and Alaska Railroad through Mt. Maynard, linking Whittier with military bases in Anchorage and Fairbanks. The new museum tells the exciting story of these events and more, highlighting Alaska's role in military history during WWII and the Cold War . . . bombing of Dutch Harbor, battles on Attu and Kiska, history of the Alaska Railroad and Alaska Steamship Company are all represented in the museum's thirteen exhibits.



Funding for the Prince William Sound Museum was provided by the Denali Commission, corporate and private sponsors. For additional information: www.visitprincewilliamsound.com

National Scenic Byways Conference scheduled for May

Registration is now open for the 2007 National Scenic Byways Conference. The conference will be held May 20-23, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The National Scenic Byways Conference is a great place to share ideas with hundreds of byway supporters and professionals during four nonstop days of exciting networking and learning opportunities. This years conference explores the latest strategies and best practices in fundraising, organizational development, corridor management, visitor experience and marketing.

More information is available at: <http://www.bywaysonline.org>

Upcoming byway events & meetings

For current listings of byway events around the state, please visit the Alaska Byways [News & Events](#) webpage at:

5:30 – 7:30 pm
February 12, 2007
Parks Highway State Byway Corridor Planning Meeting
Healy Community Center, Healy
For information contact: Penny Bauder at 269-8889 or
penny_bauder@dnr.state.ak.us

7:00 pm
February 21, 2007
Glenn Highway Scenic Byway Association Quarterly Meeting
MTA Building in Palmer
For information contact: Debbie Rinckey, at 862-0319 or
drinckey@mtaonline.net

3:00 pm
March 21, 2007
Glenn Highway Scenic Byway Association Meeting
Mat-Sue Convention and Visitors Bureau Office
For information contact: Debbie Rinckey, at 862-0319 or
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