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September 7, 2011

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman
Indiana State House – Room 333
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Subject: State Byway Designation for the Historic Michigan Road

Dear Lieutenant Governor Skillman:

Byways in Indiana are officially designated by order of the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation with the support of the Lieutenant Governor. After an extensive process that produced a byway application, representatives of the Historic Michigan Road Byway are positioned to take the next step.

The Indiana Byway Review Committee recommends that the Historic Michigan Road, from Madison to Michigan City, be designated a state byway.

The route from the Ohio River at Madison to Lake Michigan at Michigan City was commissioned by the Indiana General Assembly in the 1820's as the first state road. The Historic Michigan Road closely approximates US 421 from Madison to Indianapolis and after passing through Indianapolis continues north on US 421 to SR 29 in Clinton County. It then continues along SR 29 to Logansport and on to SR 25. It continues closely along SR 25 to Rochester and then along an alignment approximating old US 31 to South Bend, and after passing through the city, goes west on the US 20 corridor to Michigan City where it travels over Michigan Boulevard to Fourth Street and Willard Avenue near Lake Michigan. The complete route is described in the attached "Order of the Commissioner".

Based on the scenic, historic, natural, cultural and recreational intrinsic qualities exhibited within the proposed byway corridor, I favor designation of the Historic Michigan Road as a state byway. I ask for your concurrence in this designation and have attached is a copy of the byway application, the byway designation "Order of the Commissioner" that I will issue and a byway designation concurrence form for you to sign and return to demonstrate your support for this byway.

Should you have any questions, please contact Randall Walter the INDOT Byway Coordinator at RWalter@indot.in.gov or at 232-5650.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Cline
Commissioner

STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INDIANAPOLIS

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Department of Transportation is urged to designate portions of certain highways under state jurisdiction and local roadways formerly under state jurisdiction as a State Byway to be known as “The Historic Michigan Road Byway”, and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Office of Tourism Development, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Transportation have worked cooperatively to achieve this designation; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

ROUTE FOR THE HISTORIC MICHIGAN ROAD:
To be designated “The Historic Michigan Road Byway”

In Jefferson County:

In Madison – Milton Street, West Street and Michigan Road. Left off West Street onto Michigan Road.
Intersection with State Road 62 straight through.
Intersection with US 421 and turn left onto US 421 and continue north to Ripley County.

In Ripley County:

Divergence of original Michigan Road route and early 1900’s Michigan Road “auto trail” route – both part of the state designation.

To follow the original route:

At intersection with Old Michigan Road turn left.

Straight through New Marion.

Straight through at US 50.

Straight through at Dabney.

Route ends at County Road 850 N and then turn right and then immediately left onto US 421.

At Napoleon cross State Road 229 continuing straight through.

To follow the “auto trail” route:

At State Road 129 go straight through.

In Versailles at US 50 turn left to stay on US 421 and where US 50 and US 421 diverge stay on US 421

At Osgood continue straight through and at Napoleon and State Road 229 continue straight through.

In Decatur County:

Road ends at State Road 46, turn left.

In Greensburg at the courthouse square, turn right onto Franklin Street.

At North Street, turn left.

At Jackson Street turn right and then immediately make a slight left onto Michigan Street. US 421 rejoins the route.

At State Road 3 continue straight through.

US 421 exits to follow I-74, stay on Michigan Street.

At St. Omer continue straight through.

At Middletown continue straight through.

In Shelby County:

East County Road 425 South, slight right onto this original one-lane alignment of the road.

Old US 421, slight left.

Road ends at SR 44, turn left.

In Shelbyville at State Road 9 turn right and drive around the Public Square, staying on SR 9.

At Michigan Road turn left and pass over I-74 and then turn left on Michigan Road.

Road ends at London Road (County Road 700 West), turn left and immediately left again onto I-74 West. (I-74 was built on top of Michigan Road for a few miles starting here.)

In Marion County:

At Acton Road exit, follow it and turn left onto Acton Road.

At Southeastern Avenue, turn right.

At Wanamaker go straight through and then pass over I-465.

Road ends, turn left to stay on Southeastern Avenue.

At Washington Street turn left.

Continue west past Meridian Street and at West Street turn right.

At Indiana Avenue, West Street becomes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street and continue through.

Follow left-hand exit to stay on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street and at 38th Street it becomes Michigan Road, continue on Michigan Road straight through.

At Augusta continue straight through.

Pass under I-465 and roadway becomes US 421.

In Hamilton County:

Continue on US 421 through Hamilton County for less than two miles and then enter Boone County.

In Boone County:

At former State Road 334 and 116th Street continue through on US 421.

At State Road 32 continue through on US 421.

At State Road 47 continue through on US 421.

In Clinton County:

In Kirklin at State Road 38 continue straight through on US 421.

At State Road 28 continue straight through.

At State Road 29 continue north on State Road 29 which follows Michigan Road alignment.

At Boyleston continue straight through.

At Michigantown continue straight through.

At Middlefork cross State Road 26 and continue straight through on State Road 29.

In Carroll County:

In Burlington at State Road 22 continue straight through on State Road 29.

In Wheeling at State Road 18 continue straight through.

At Sycamore Row the original alignment is on the left of State Road 29.

Continue straight through on SR 29 at SR 218.

At Deer Creek continue straight through.

In Cass County:

State Road 29 exits left. Continue straight onto Burlington Avenue.

In Logansport, Third Street at State Road 25 (Market Street) turn right.

At Sixth Street turn left.

At Michigan Avenue (State Road 25), immediately following bridge over Eel River turn right.

At Metea continue straight through on State Road 25.

In Fulton County:

In Fulton at State Road 114 continue straight through.

Pass under US 31.

At SR 14 continue straight through on State Road 25.

In Rochester, at courthouse, Main Street (Old US 31) at Ninth Street, State Road 25 turns right; continue straight onto Main Street and continue north on Old US 31.

In Marshall County:

At State Road 110 continue straight through.

In Argos at State Road 10 continue straight through.

Road ends at US 31 turn right onto US 31.

At Michigan Road turn left off of US 31.

At SR 17 continue straight through.

In Plymouth on Michigan Street at Jefferson Street continue straight through on Michigan Street (State Road 17).

Follow ramp onto US 31 North.

At LaPaz continue straight through on US 31.

In Saint Joseph County:

At Quinn Trail (original road alignment) turn left off of US 31.

Continue until road ends at Magnus Drive and turn right and then immediately left onto US 31.

In Lakeville continue straight through on US 31.

At State Road 4 continue straight through.

US 31 exits right under St. Joseph Valley Parkway (US 31 and US 20) continue north into South Bend.

At State Road 23 and State Road 933 continue straight through.

At Western Avenue, where Michigan Street curves and becomes St. Joseph Ave, turn left and immediately right back onto Michigan Street.

At Michigan Street and Washington Street continue straight through on Michigan Street.

At Colfax Avenue turn right and then immediately left onto St. Joseph Street and then left again onto LaSalle Avenue.

Bear right onto Lincoln Way West.

At the roundabout follow it and stay on Lincoln Way West.

At the second roundabout bear right onto State Road 123 (Mayflower Road) which becomes Lincoln Way West.

Pass under the St. Joseph Valley Parkway and the roadway then becomes US 20.

At New Carlisle continue straight through on US 20.

In LaPorte County:

At the fork follow Boot Jack Road on the right leaving US 20 behind.

Road ends at Wiley Road turn right.

Road ends at Michigan Street turn left.

In Rolling Prairie continue straight through.

Road ends at US 20 turn right onto US 20.

Pass over the Indiana Toll Road (I-80 and I-90).

At Wilhelm Road turn left and follow the original alignment.

At fork follow Springville Road on the right.

Springville at State Road 39.

Road ends at US 20 turn left onto US 20.

US 35 enters from the left. Continue straight through on US 20 and pass under I-94.

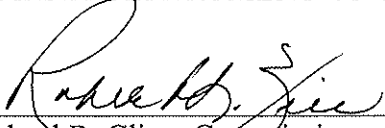
US 20 exits at State Road 212, pass under and continue on Michigan Blvd (former US 35) into Michigan City.

At US 12 turn left onto US 12.

End of Historic Michigan Road at Fourth Street and Willard Avenue.

In testimony whereof, and with the concurrence of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Indiana Department of Transportation this 9th day of September, 2011.

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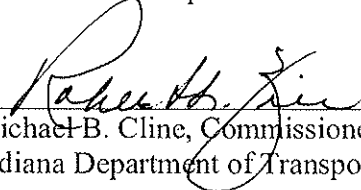


Michael B. Cline, Commissioner

INDIANA STATE BYWAY DESIGNATION

CONCURRENCE FORM

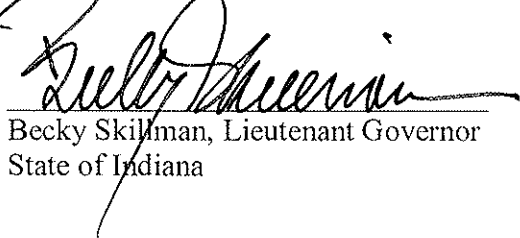
I, Michael B. Cline, do hereby officially designate the Historic Michigan Road, as defined in the December 2010 application, as an Indiana State Byway. This byway is recommended for designation by the Indiana Byway Review Committee for its scenic, historic, natural, cultural and recreational qualities.



Michael B. Cline, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation

9/9/11
Date

I, Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby concur in the designation of the Historic Michigan Road as an Indiana State Byway on behalf of the residents of the State of Indiana.



Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor
State of Indiana

9/9/11
Date