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August 24, 2011

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

Subject: State Designation of Added Loop Routes – Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway

Dear Lieutenant Governor Skillman:

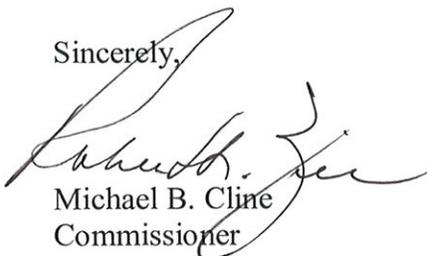
Byways in Indiana are officially designated by order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation with the support of the Lieutenant Governor. In June 2008, following considerable local discussion and effort in the Counties of Wayne, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley and Dearborn and an extensive application process, the initial byway application was produced. The application was reviewed by the Indiana Byway Review Committee and with your concurrence the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway received state byway designation.

During the three years since the state designation, it became apparent to the byway organization that state designation of the three loop routes, noted in the original application and mentioned in the June 16, 2008 letter to you from former INDOT Commissioner Karl B. Browning, would further enhance the opportunities for tourism and related economic development and tie Union and Ripley Counties into the byway. It would also allow signage to direct the tourist off the currently designated primary route to the three loop routes where additional tourist attractions exist. Earlier this year a presentation was made by the byway organization to INDOT that supported the need for designation of the loop routes.

The three loop routes complementing the primary route are known as the “East Fork Loop” in Wayne, Union and Franklin Counties, the “Oldenburg-Batesville Loop” in Franklin, Ripley and Dearborn Counties and the “Dearborn-Ripley Loop” in Dearborn and Ripley Counties. Detailed descriptions of the routes are listed on the attached “Order of the Commissioner” which shows INDOT support for designation of the three loop routes. I ask for your concurrence in the designation of these loop routes.

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

Sincerely,



Michael B. Cline
Commissioner

STATE OF INDIANA

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Department of Transportation is urged to designate three added loop routes for highways under state and local jurisdiction as part of the state byway known as the "Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway" to further support tourism and economic development in East Central and Southeastern Indiana; and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Office of Tourism Development, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Transportation worked cooperatively on the June 2008 designation of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway, which did not include these loop routes; although, they were discussed and depicted in the byway application under "Regional Looping Opportunities"; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

The following loop routes are added to the designated Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway:

Loop One (East Fork Loop)

Loop route begins at the intersection of US 40 and SR 1 and continues east of US 40 to Richmond, Indiana and the intersection of US 40 and US 27. Loop continues south on US 27 to Liberty, Indiana and the intersection of US 27 and SR 101. Route continues south of SR 101 to Brookville and to US 52 where loop one ends.

Loop Two (Oldenburg - Batesville Loop)

Loop route begins near the west edge of Metamora, at the intersection of US 52 and SR 229 and then travels south on SR 229 to Batesville and the intersection with SR 46. Then it travels east on SR 46 to St. Leon and the intersection of SR 1 and continues north on SR 1 to US 52 where the loop two ends.

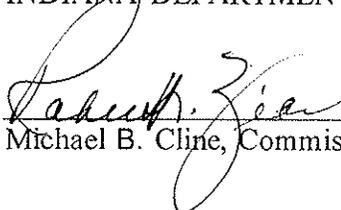
Loop Three (Dearborn - Ripley Loop)

Loop route begins in Lawrenceburg at the intersection of US 50 and Walnut Street. Then it travels southwest on US 50 to Aurora and the intersection of US 50 and SR 350 and continues west on SR 350 to Milan and the intersection with SR 101. From that intersection the loop continues north on SR 101 to Sunman and the intersection of SR 101 and Eastern Avenue/East County Road 1100 North. From that intersection this loop route continues east on Eastern Ave to County Line Road and then south on County Line Road to North Dearborn Road then continuing east on North Dearborn Road to Dover

and the intersection with SR 1 . The loop route then travels south on SR 1 to Lawrenceburg where loop three ends at US 50.

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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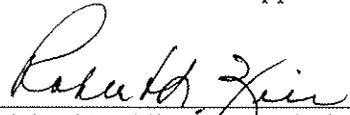


Michael B. Cline, Commissioner

INDIANA STATE BYWAY DESIGNATION

CONCURRENCE FORM

I, Michael B. Cline, do hereby officially designate the three Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway loop routes, the East Fork Loop, the Oldenburg-Batesville Loop and the Dearborn-Ripley Loop, as additions to the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway that was designated a state byway in June 2008. These loop routes were presented in the March 2007 application but not included in the June 2008 designation of the primary route as a state byway. They will further enhance and support the primary route's qualities.

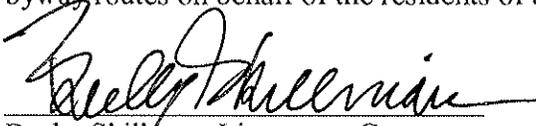


Michael B. Cline, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation

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Date

I, Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby concur in the designation of three loop routes as additions to the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway as state byway routes on behalf of the residents of the State of Indiana.



Becky Skillman, Lieutenant Governor
State of Indiana

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Date

Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway



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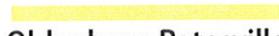
Presidential
Pathways
Scenic Byway



Loop
Routes



East Fork
Loop



Oldenburg Batesville
Loop



Dearborn-Ripley
Loop