

SESSION 1: DRIVEN: RECENT HISTORIC ROAD PROJECT APPROACHES.

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Session Abstract: As CRM professionals and preservationists increasingly focus on more global solutions for historic road-related resources, transportation planning efforts must broaden the scope of considerations afforded them. Given that the ADC50's audience is fully conversant with the basic tools of these processes, panel participants will focus on innovations developed for recent project methodologies. These discussions will also be presented in the context of the recent NCHRP web publication *Design and Management of Historic Roads*. The three hour session will encompass six case study presentations followed by an open forum inviting audience interaction.

Moderator: Lisa Hart, TxDOT

As a panelist for *NCHRP 25-29A: Design and Management of Historic Roads*, Ms. Hart will establish a framework for the session by highlighting tools that integrate preservation issues into transportation project planning along historic highway corridors.

Methodology tools:

Bankhead Highway in Texas

Texas SHPO staff member Leslie Wolfenden will discuss her agency's current work on a statewide initiative to document the Bankhead Highway route through Texas in tandem with Hardy-Heck-Moore principal historian, David Moore. They will discuss a public involvement campaign geared to identifying and accessing privately held archival materials as a supplement to traditional research methods. They will also discuss using GIS-based analysis of maps and archival materials in the project's planning stages to focus fieldwork efforts on surviving historic alignments and clusters of road-related resources.

GIS-Based Planning Tools for Historic Roads in Northwest Washington State Historic Preservation Specialist Dave Cushman with SRI Foundation and Preservation Planner Spencer Howard with Artifacts, Inc. will discuss regional planning efforts to develop GIS-based tools supporting historic preservation planning and heritage tourism goals in northwest Washington. Analysis and documentation focus on physical elements, historic character, and historic viewsheds for the state's road corridors. The resultant evaluations will inform management plans, facilitate treatment mechanisms for maintaining significant road characteristics and develop recommendations for promoting heritage tourism.

Identification tools:

Route 66 through California

Mead & Hunt historian Chad Moffett will discuss identification and documentation strategies developed for the Route 66 alignment through California. He will discuss the process used to identify and compile data on various alignments for the National Park Service. This process organizes and prioritizes data sources to present the results of research graphically so that historical patterns can be revealed. The National Park Service intends to apply this approach for inventories of other portions of Route 66 to assist in their broad evaluation and management effort.

Evaluation tools:

Historic Roads Infrastructure of Texas MPS

TxDOT historian Bruce Jensen will discuss development of a statewide context focused on evaluating roadway engineering systems as historic structures, rather than the more traditional focus on clusters of roadside elements in historic districts. Specific registration requirements concerning bridges, road corridors, roadside parks and other elements in rights-of-way will be presented, with illustrative examples pulled from case studies for the 1915 Austin-San Antonio Post Road and the 1940-42 State Highway 16 corridor.

Management tools:

Milwaukee Parkways Historic Properties Management Plan

Mead & Hunt principal Amy Squitieri will outline methods and approaches to maintenance, preservation and new construction within the new Milwaukee Parkways Historic Properties Management Plan. She will describe the plan's implementation through collaboration with county maintenance staff, landscape architects, engineers and architects; and the plan's dual purpose as a Section 106 compliance tool and best practices' reference for maintenance and improvement activities done by county forces with local funds. The system includes nine parkways and associated parks and golf courses, originally envisioned by landscape designer Charles Whitnall in 1923 and largely completed through the efforts of federal relief workers in the 1930s.

Programmatic Agreements for Managing California's Scenic Highways

ICF principal Steve Mikesell is working with Caltrans to develop programmatic agreements guiding long-term management of three historic state highways: the Rim of the World in the San Bernardino Mountains; the Feather River Highway in the Sierra Nevada; and the Redwood Highway through state and federal parks in Del Norte County.

Each PA codifies character-defining features identified during fieldwork into protective measures. Compliance procedures for both state and federal laws target the role of state maintenance actions in preserving or harming the character of these scenic historic corridors. The challenges of preserving the natural setting beyond the right of way will also be addressed.

Open Forum:

The session will conclude with a panel discussion with an emphasis on audience interaction. This session is intended to serve as a problem-solving forum for session attendees.