

Chaffee County Collegiate Peaks Scenic & Historic Byway (CPS&HB)
Corridor Management Plan (CMP) 2023 Update
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APRIL UPDATE TO CHAFFEE HERITAGE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: 4/13/2023

Meeting Attendees: Kent Wood, Art Hutchinson, Melanie Roth, and Susanna Spaulding (Chaffee Heritage Board), Greg Laudenslager (Chaffee County), Scott Lindbloom (Guest), Dominique Naccarato (GARNA), and Jodie Snyder (FHU)

Not Available: Andrea Coen, Kathryn Dunleavy, Suzy Kelly, Katie Davis, Ryan Short, Keith Baker, Beth Helmke

Focus for Meeting Update: Discuss engagement update, driving tour coordination, CMP update document, and next steps/schedule

Engagement Update:

Engagement has been going really well, and the number of connections being made is about where Jodie would expect it to be for an effort of this type and size. Here is an overview of recent progress:

- Week of 3/13 – [Webpage](#) and press releases/project info were distributed to share info about Byway and CMP Update. Thanks to all who helped us spread the message within the community.
- [Webpage and Webmap](#) – 11 participants have logged input on the map so far
- [Webform](#) – 8 participants have logged written comments so far
- 4 participants so far have emailed comments directly
- 3 people so far have made phone calls to share comments with Jodie
- Stakeholder interviews - three of four have been completed:
 - History of the Byway Designation and Establishment of the Chaffee Heritage Board – **Melanie Roth, Kathryn Wadsworth, and Allison Ramsey**
 - Stage and Rail Historic Route and History of the Byway and Chaffee Heritage Board – **Alan Robinson**
 - Land conservation along the Byway – **Wendy McDermott (Central Colorado Conservancy)**
 - Business community connections related to the Byway – **Jake Rishavy (Chaffee County Economic Development Corp)**

Jodie also had an informal conversation with Katy Grether and discussed whether we have a record of accomplishments that the Chaffee Heritage Board has made since 2008? Yes! Per Dominique, it is here: <https://garna.org/chaffee-heritage/>.

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- Held two advertised (through the press release/project update) pop up events: one in Buena Vista at City Market and one in Salida at Safeway. Had 16 conversations in BV and 18 in Salida. Focused on the Byway in terms of sharing info about the CMP Update and requesting/gathering input from the community.

Driving Tour Coordination

- The tour will be about 3 to 4 hours and will include travel all around the County, on the Byway.
- The itinerary is being developed with safe stop locations. In general, goals for the tour include:
 - input gathering from attendees to support the CMP update
 - sharing about the Byway and CMP update through roadside conversations
- Group will pick a tour date soon, based on additional input from invitees and availability of the vans and staff for transportation.
- End of April or early May is generally preferred.
- Input on availability is being collected through this online schedule coordination poll: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ej08O2yb/vote>. Please complete the poll or email Jodie (jodie.snyder@fhueng.com) with availability.
- Following the meeting, Jodie sent the Doodle poll to the following individuals:
 - Scott Lindbloom
 - All three County Commissioners
 - Joseph Tiepel at BV
 - Lisa new BV Town Administrator
 - Katie Davis
 - **ACTION ITEM: Dominique** will forward to GARNA Board
- **ACTION ITEM: Jodie, Dominique, and Greg** will coordinate on logistics and van availability/staffing.

CMP Update Document:

- The Team is following [CDOT's Guidebook and Template](#) to ensure we meet state and federal requirements for our CMP update.
- A couple different options were considered for how to consolidate and package the document relative to the original management plan. In summary, we are working toward a standalone document that includes some base material from the original 2008 document (as copy over), but the 2023 CMP will highlight updates that have occurred since 2008, will integrate CDOT requirements from the template/guidebook, and will include a Byway action plan for the next 10 years.

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- As background, the original 2008 plan is for the entire County and heritage area. This 2023 CMP update is a plan for the Byway which is tied in closely with the County heritage area but does not correspond wholly in terms of scope and coverage.
- In the spirit of the producing a plan that is easy to use and reference, we are formatting it like a plan and not a highly technical document. It includes a lot of tables, lists, graphics, formatting, etc. that makes it easier to read and easier to use.
- The CMP will end up being a longer document compared to some CMPs. Chaffee County has a robust foundation from all the prior work and accomplishments. Based on a high-level review of some other Byway plans, not all of these other plans get into as much detail, but they also don't have as much backstory/history as the Collegiate Peaks Scenic & Historic Byway.

Schedule:

- Late April or early May – Driving Tour
- 5/11 – Next Chaffee Heritage Board Meeting
- Late May or Early June - Draft CMP Submittal to County/ Chaffee Heritage Board
- Mid-June – Draft CMP Submittal to CDOT
- June 30 – Project must be complete
- Document can continue to be a living/working document going forward.

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