



# Project Summary 2009

SB-2009-MN-55360: **Lady Slipper Scenic Byway Pedestrian Walkway**

State Submission Date

not submitted

Division Submission Date

not submitted

State Priority

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This application must be completed online at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>, and submitted electronically and in printed form.

## Project Category

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Which category best describes the location of this project?

- Project that is associated with a highway that has been designated as a National Scenic Byway, All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway that is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway, an All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project that is associated with the development of a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program.

Choose from the following categories of eligible work the type that best fits your project.

- Byway Programs
- Corridor Management
- Safety Improvements
- Byway Facilities
- Access to Recreation
- Resource Protection
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing

Is this application a resubmission of an unfunded project from a previous year?

- Yes
- No

## Project Location

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State(s) involved in project:

Minnesota

Indicate the byway's regional location within the State. Reference prominent landmarks such as parallel major highways, natural features, counties, or large cities, that makes the byway(s) easy to locate in a road atlas.

The Lady Slipper SB begins at the Jct of US Hwy 2 and Cass Co. 10 and ends in Blackduck MN. at the jct. of State Hwy. 71 and Beltrami Co. 39.

Briefly describe the project's location(s) on the byway using references to route numbers, byway gateway communities, project location communities and landmarks so any reviewer can identify the project sites.

The project is in Beltrami County T 146 N R 30 W Sec 22, adjacent to the Mississippi River highway bridge. It is located approximately 3 miles south of Pennington, 1/4 mile NE of Knutson Dam Campground and in the Cass River local indian community.

### Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
MN	Great River Road - Minnesota
	Lady Slipper Scenic Byway

Is this project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan(s) for the byway(s) involved?

- Yes
- No / CMP not available

### Congressional Districts

State	District	Representative (at time of application)
MN	8	Oberstar, James L.

### Abstract

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#### Project Description

Complete the sentence "This project will..." before adding remaining information.

This project will: 1. Enhance the qualities of the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway. 2. Create a safe alternative to cross the Mississippi River for byway travelers and local residents. 3. Provide an opportunity for byway travelers and residents to learn about, view and experience the Mississippi River at the Interpretive Site and on the walkway.

#### Byway Benefits

Complete the sentence "This project benefits the byway traveler by..." before adding remaining information.

This project benefits the byway traveler by: 1. Createing a safe alternative to cross the Mississippi River for Byway travelers and local residents.

1. Allows travelers and residents the opportunity to learn about, view and experience the Mississippi River An Indian community center and housing exists south of the bridge and the walkway would allow safe crossing to those residents. The Forest Service has visited with the local Indian community and they have expressed interest in a walkway on the upstream side of the bridge.

### Narrative

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#### Project Summary

Completely describe all the major elements of your proposed project in a concise but complete summary.

This project will implement goals and objectives listed in the 2005 Corridor Management Plan. New portal signs were placed in 2007 and are inviting the traveler to experience the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway. The Byway board has been working with Beltrami County to create safe parking areas along the Byway so travelers can park and view the byway's features. The Mississippi River Interpretive site is one of the major stops along the Byway. To be able to connect the Interpretive site with the river and have the pedestrian walkway would allow travelers to discover the value, inherent beauty and recreational resources in a safe manner. The construction of the trail and walkway will improve the overall quality of experience to the Byway and National Forest visitor. The estimated costs of the bridge project are between \$400,000 and \$600,000, based on costs incurred from building two bridges similar to this (MNDNR engineers estimate). The costs for this project would depend on the bidding climate and concrete prices.

## Benefit to Byway Traveler

Describe how the proposed project will benefit a byway traveler, add to their travel experience or fulfill an important objective of your CMP.

The walkway would be a benefit to the Byway visitor by providing a safe way to view the river and the resources around it. It would allow residents of the local community to fish from the bridge in a safe manner. The Mississippi River provides a wide range of recreational opportunities for canoeing, fishing, boating, waterfowl hunting, and other related water related sports. The recreational opportunities along the Byway are numerous and provide opportunity for a wide range of interests. The walkway will allow the Byway visitor safe access to the 6 foot wide paved bike lanes that start in Pennington, MN and continue along the shared Lady Slipper Scenic Byway /Great River Road segment that ends at Cass County Road 91.

## Prior Projects

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Describe any relationship between this project and previously funded National Scenic Byways Program grant projects. In addition, discuss how the proposed work relates to any multi-year work plan byway leaders have developed.

The project relates to funding received in 2002 Corridor Management Plan for the Byway. The CMP identified that transportation improvements would include reconstruction of a part of Highway 10/39 to improve safety and maintain the scenic and aesthetic quality of the Byway. The CMP also talked about developing a wayside stop or interpretive site about the Mississippi River and placing it at either Knutson Dam or along the Scenic Highway where it crosses the river. For years the Chippewa National Forest has been a destination for recreational pursuits. The Byway provides eleven campgrounds, eight established hiking trails, two paved bicycle trails, one ATV trail, two snowmobile trails, three swimming beaches, thirteen boating access points on more than seventeen lakes, six carry-in boat access points, and two golf courses as well as opportunities for lake and river fishing, shopping, gambling and scenic driving. There is truly something for everyone. A transportation proposal was submitted by Beltrami County for 2012 to provide the stops and parking to give the public an opportunity to learn about the Byways special features such as wetland resources, lady slippers and the Mississippi River. The Byway Board, USDA Forest Service and Beltrami County wish to undertake these efforts.

## Project Coordinator

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Please provide contact information for a person responsible for this project.

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Title: Recreation Technician

Organization: USDA Forest Service

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## Work Plan

Milestone/ Task	Start Date	Duration	Responsible Party	Justification
Establish funding agreement with State	AAD*			
Bridge/trail planning	AAD + 120 days*	6 months	USDA Forest Service Engineering or LLBO Engineering	This task will complete the preliminary project planning for the trail leading to the pedestrian walkway and the preliminary project planning for the pedestrian walkway. This is the first step leading to construction and completion. The NEPA and public involvement requirement has been met for the project (Decision Notice: FH3 August 2007). The planning will identify the project components and interdisciplinary consideration. This will provide the Forest Service with project specific information needed to complete subsequent design and implementation tasks. The pedestrian walkway would be a 12' wide steel spanning wood deck bridge (185') with abutments on either end. A 10' wide, 100' long hardened trail would lead from the parking lot to the bridge.
Comprehensive Site Design	AAD + 12 months*	12 months	USDA Forest Service Engineering or LLBO Engineering	This is the second phase of the project that would design a professional, technical and comprehensive site plan for the trail and pedestrian walkway. This site plan will allow for improvements in accessibility, overall site sustainability and will reduce implementation costs associated with the project.

\* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be August 01, 2009)

## Budget

### Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
1.	Bridge/Trail Planning	60,000	45,000	15,000
2.	Comprehensive Site Design	60,000	45,000	15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

### Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
LLBO	Services (Non-state or Non-federal)	Design and planning services	30,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$30,000</b>

### Funding Allocation

Do the byways involved in the project cross any Federal Lands? (Check all that apply)

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

If this project is selected for funding, please indicate your preference for carrying out the project (check one):

- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to the State DOT
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to one of the Federal Land Management agencies marked above (provide contact information below)
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to an Indian tribe or tribal government (provide contact information below)

If funding should be allocated to a Federal land management agency or Indian tribal organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Name:

Title:

Organization: LLBO

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

## Application Checklist

The following statements are for informative purposes. Please read and check each statement.

- I understand that this is a reimbursement program - funds are not available up-front.
- I have reviewed and responded to the Complete Application statements as outlined in the Grants Guidance.
- I have been in touch with the State scenic byway coordinator and have responded to recommendations or requirements of the State.
- I have verified with the State byway coordinator that this proposed project can receive authorization to proceed from the State and FHWA division before the end of the fiscal year for which the application is made.

## Attachments

Use this as a checklist to verify that all attachments are provided with your printed application.



**Vicinity Map**

This map shows the current location in relation to the rest of the State of Minnesota

Digital version: [Vicinity map.pdf](#) (85.6 KB)



**Byway Map**

This map shows the location of the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway.

Digital version: [Byway map.pdf](#) (63.6 KB)



**Pedestrian Walkway location**

This map shows the location of the Highway bridge and the proposed Location of the Pedestrian Waalkway.

Digital version: [MISSISSIPPI INTERP.pdf](#) (27.0 KB)



**Bike Lane Location**

This map shows the location of the 6' bike lanes from the Pedestrian Walkway to CR 9 (Great River Road).

Digital version: [Location of 6' Bike Lanes along Forest Highway 3.pdf](#) (3.4 MB)

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## Signatures

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### Application Completeness

I certify that this application is complete and correct, and is eligible for National Scenic Byways funding. (This should be completed by the State's scenic byways coordinator.)

Please print name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

### Matching Funds Certification

I certify that the matching funds for this project are available for use at the time of application.

Please print name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

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