



Project Summary 2008

SB-2008-ME-55036: Schoodic Byway:
Prospect Harbor Gateway

State Submission Date

Mar 27, 2008

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

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

State(s) involved in project:

Maine

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 Schoodic National Scenic Byway is located in coastal downeast Maine on US Route 1 and State Route 186 and includes the towns of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor as well as the Schoodic portion of Acadia National Park.

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.

Prospect Harbor is the eastern terminus of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. The proposed gateway scenic turnout will be located within a short walk of the end point on the byway. A map indicating the location is available at www.schoodicbyway.org.

Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
ME	Schoodic 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)
ME	2	Michaud, Michael H.

Abstract

Project Description

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

This project will build a visitor gateway wayside on the eastern terminus of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. Improvements include improved parking, granite benches, interpretive panels and a weather proof brochure dispenser.

Byway Benefits

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

This project benefits the byway traveler by providing an information and interpretation wayside for those traveling from the eastern border of Maine and Canada. This site provides several local amenities, including scenic vistas of Prospect Harbor with it's fleet of local lobster boats and the Prospect Harbor Lighthouse, a public restroom available during regular town office hours, a cultural center used for arts presentations, and a transit stop for the free Island Explorer bus that circulates the Schoodic Peninsula during the summer season.

Narrative

Project Summary

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

The proposed Prospect Harbor Scenic turnout will function as the eastern gateway to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. The design, use of local granite and other materials, interpretive panels and wayfinding brochures will be consistent with other scenic turnouts on Maine's scenic byways.

This project completes an initiative originally proposed in 2002, when a modest amount of funding was granted for planning and permitting. In the years that followed several designs and locations for the eastern gateway have been

tested with residents, elected leaders and local businesses. A recent decision to build a new school near to the heart of Prospect Harbor has created a new alternative that has broad support.

This site, located next to the Prospect Harbor Community Center and Town Office can take advantage of a small scenic parcel that is now in public hands located next to existing parking lots that are lightly used.

\$20,000 in local matching funds for this project have already approved by the Gouldsboro Selectboard to upgrade the community center parking area. This grant will compliment the community center by levelling and landscaping an approximately 3,000 square foot parcel of adjacent land, build a concrete foundation for two granite benches donated by the Cole Transportation Museum, create and install interpretive and way finding signs, construct a weatherproof information rack, and create pathways for parking.

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.

Turnout and parking facilities for the Schoodic Byway provide benefits for visitors and fulfill an important objective in the corridor management plan.

Visitation from the eastern end of the byway is increasing as Canadian tourism to Maine increases. This facility will give visitors to the byway an opportunity to become oriented, view this very scenic Maine harbor, pick up a map-brochure and read about the history of this community.

This wayside will be built next to the Prospect Harbor Community Center, where numerous cultural events are hosted. The first two weeks of August features the Schoodic Arts for All Festival, with many musical and dramatic presentations in the Community Center. The Gouldsboro Town Office is also next door and offers a public restroom during office hours. A new primary school is under construction near to this site, and will also be a venue for community events.

- Visitors will benefit with a better coordinated experience including orientation maps, brochures indicating scenic locations, interpretive signs, a restroom and cultural amenities. Prospect Harbor, a traditional Maine fishing village, is snug up against the coast and has been a challenging location to site a scenic turnout.
- Safety and traffic flow will be improved as this turnout provides visitors with room to pull off, become oriented and thus avoid spontaneous stops along this narrow and winding road.
- The local businesses will benefit as visitors learn more about scenic, cultural, recreational, dining and lodging opportunities available in the region.
- Visitors and residents will also benefit as this kiosk will provide a convenient location to catch the free Island Explorer shuttle bus that circulates between Prospect Harbor, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park's Schoodic section.

Prior Projects

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

The 2001 Prospect Harbor Gateway Turnout grant provided initial planning money for identifying a location and planning services for the gateway facility. These funds were combined by MaineDOT with other gateway and turnout grants, and have been used. The 2003 Gateway Facilities grant was written to create the western Taunton Bay gateway and to contribute to planning and building the Prospect Harbor facility. As planned, the majority of this grant has been applied to creating the Taunton Bay Gateway, which will be completed this spring. A 2005 interpretive sign grant has been used to create more than a dozen interpretive panels that will be installed along the byway this spring. Some funds remain in the grant that will be applied to creating wayfinding and additional interpretive panels for Prospect Harbor.

Project Coordinator

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

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Work Plan

Milestone/ Task	Start Date	Duration	Responsible Party	Justification
Establish funding agreement with State	AAD*			
Plan review, Permitting and Local Planning	AAD + 1 day*	4 months	James H. Fisher, Hanock County Planning Commission	<p>A premise of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan is local participation and control. Town planning boards will provide assistance in assuring that vegetation management, site planning, construction and aesthetics are consistent with Town plans and ordinances and will provide local control over project implementation.</p> <p>MaineDOT will provide review of design and implementation issues to assure that these turnouts meet current access management standards and contribute to safety on the byway. Feedback from MaineDOT and town planning boards will be used in refining the turn-out design. A minimum of two public meetings will be held during the design process in order to clarify local interests and further refine the design.</p>
Design and Manufacturing of Interpretive Panels	AAD + 2 months*	4 months	James H. Fisher, Hanock County Planning Commission	This task is largely funded under a separate scenic byway grant. One sign and required hardware are in hand, three additional signs will be built. Combined, these signs will provide visitors with an orientation to activities found throughout the byway, insight into the life of a fishing village, a picture of life in historic Prospect Harbor and the story of our local sardine cannery, the last on the east coast of the United States.
Construction of Gateway Improvements	AAD + 6 months*	6 months	James H. Fisher, Hanock County Planning Commission	This task is expected to begin when design is complete, preferably in the autumn when soil conditions are drier, but before the ground freezes. We plan to complete the project in the spring of 2009 provided school construction on the adjacent road does not delay the project. Coordination with school construction is essential to assure that proper drainage systems are coordinated. Within this construction phase, activities will include: improving the existing parking lot, filling a low area adjacent to the parking lot, constructing a base for two donated granite benches, installing four interpretive panels, planting the area with local perennials and building a small weather proof brochure rack.

* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be August 01, 2008)

Budget

Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
5.	Permitting and Design	10,000	10,000	0
6.	Easement Acquisition	5,000	5,000	0
7.	Parking Improvements	35,000	15,000	20,000
8.	Landscaping	25,000	25,000	0
9.	Memorial Granite Bench Park Area	5,000	3,000	2,000
10.	Information Kiosk	5,000	5,000	0
11.	Interpretive Signs	10,000	10,000	0
Total		\$95,000	\$73,000	\$22,000

Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
Town of Gouldsboro	Cash	Local funding for parking lot improvements	20,000
Cole Transportation Museum	Materials (Non-federal)	Granite Benches	2,000
Total			\$22,000

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:
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.



Schoodic Byway Map

This map illustrates the entire Schoodic National Scenic Byway. Prospect Harbor is the eastern end of the byway.

Digital version: [sb1map_hi4.JPG](#) (63.9 KB)



Aerial Photograph Indicating Gateway Location

This aerial photograph indicates the location of the proposed gateway, including the adjacent community center and parking facility and nearby scenic and community amenities.

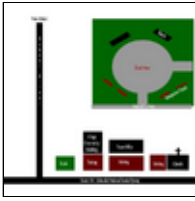
Digital version: [Prospect Harbo Aerial.jpg](#) (78.6 KB)



Close up of Gateway Location

The orange square indicates the proposed facility location. Total area is approximately 3,000 square feet.

Digital version: [gatewaysiteplan4.JPG](#) (65.4 KB)



□ **Prospect Harbor Gateway Schematic**

This schematic provides a simplified view of the project location and an inset indicating benches and interpretive sign locations proposed for this facility.

Digital version: [Prospect_Harbor_Schematic.jpg](#) (36.5 KB)



□ **Prospect Harbor Photograph 1**

This photograph indicates the relative proximity of the Community Center, Town Office and proposed byway gateway. The share parking area eliminates our need to build new parking. The community center hosts arts and cultural events that are a significant attraction to the

Schoodic region.

Digital version: [prospect_harbor_photo1.jpg](#) (204.8 KB)



□ **Prospect Harbor Photograph 2**

This photograph illustrates the scenic beauty and working landscape of Prospect Harbor in the Town of Gouldsboro. This photograph was taken near to the proposed scenic wayside. The Schoodic National Scenic Byway is in the foreground.

Digital version: [prospect_harbor_photo2.jpg](#) (206.0 KB)

Signatures

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: Eve Wilkinson	Title: Gouldsboro Town Manager
Signature:	Date: