

**DATE:** April 10, 2008

**TO:** Oregon Transportation Commission

**FROM:** Matthew L. Garrett  
Director

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda G** ~ Designation of a new Scenic Byway and a new Tour Route

**Requested Actions:**

Approve the following Scenic Byway and Tour Route designations:

- Umpqua River Scenic Byway
- Vineyard and Valley Scenic Tour Route

Approve an amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan. The OHP revisions made by adoption of this proposal are:

- Figure 11: Designated Scenic Byways, page 71, is revised to show the new Umpqua River Scenic Byway and the new Vineyard and Valley Scenic Tour Route.
- Appendix D on page 215 is revised to include the following state highways as part of the Umpqua Scenic Byway:

<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Route Number</u>	<u>Begin Milepoint</u>	<u>End Milepoint</u>
045	Oregon 38	0.00	36.44
231	Oregon 138	0.00	25.39

- Appendix D on page 215 is revised to include the following State Highways as part of the Vineyard and Valley Scenic Tour Route:

<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Route Number</u>	<u>Begin Milepoint</u>	<u>End Milepoint</u>
029	Oregon 47	21.81	22.31
140	Oregon 219	10.05	10.88

**Background:**

The purpose of the Scenic Byways Program is to identify, preserve, and enhance Oregon's most outstanding scenic transportation corridors. The program has two categories of routes: Scenic Byways and Tour Routes. Byways are longer than tour routes with features of national as well as local significance. Tour routes, by contrast, are shorter in length and emphasize local features. The state currently has 15 Scenic Byways and nine Tour Routes. By Oregon Administrative Rule, both Scenic

Byways and Tour Routes require Tourism Commission and Transportation Commission approval. The request is for designation of a new Scenic Byway and a new Tour Route.

The routes being proposed for designation were reviewed and recommended by the Oregon Scenic Byways Advisory Committee and approved by the Oregon Tourism Commission.

State designation results in placement of state Scenic Byway and Tour Route signs, recognition of the route and its attraction in state publications, and eligibility to apply for Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byway Program discretionary funds. Subject to Transportation Commission approval, these routes will be included in the next printing of the Discover Oregon Scenic Byways and Tour Routes Driving Guide.

*Attachments*

Copies (w/attachments) to:

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