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Federal Lands Highway provides planning, design, and engineering services to support the highways and bridges that provide access to and within federally owned lands.

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Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



Park Roads and Parkways PRP

What is the Park Roads and Parkways Program? The Department of Transportation's partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) dates back to 1926. This partnership was formalized in 1983 with the establishment of the Park Roads and Parkways (PRP) Program.

DOT's Office of Federal Lands Highway (FLH) and NPS jointly administer the PRP Program, which is part of the Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP). PRP includes approximately 9,550 miles of park roads and

parkways, bridges, and tunnels under NPS jurisdiction, providing access to over 275 million visitors every year. From 2003-06, PRP funded 912 miles of road improvements and 62 bridge repairs. The 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) authorized \$1.05 billion for the PRP program for FY 2005-09.

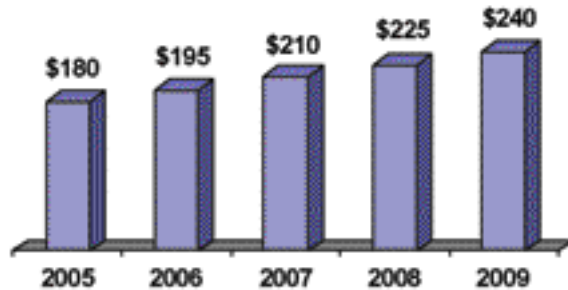


Natchez Trace Parkway

Park Roads and Parkways (PRP) Program

- 4,356 miles of paved park roads
1,100 miles of parkways
4,100 miles of unpaved park roads
1,414 bridges
63 tunnels
110 alternative transportation systems in 90 parks

Park Roads and Parkways SAFETEA-LU Annual Authorizations (\$ millions)



## Park Roads and Parkways Projects

**Grand Loop Road - Dunraven Pass.** The 142-mile-long Grand Loop Road runs around Yellowstone National Park in a figure-eight, allowing visitors to take in the most striking of the park's natural features. It crosses the Continental Divide at an elevation of 8,391 feet above sea level near Old Faithful. The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) reconstructed 9.6 miles of the Grand Loop Road and rehabilitated 15.1 miles of pavement. For this project WFLHD was awarded the Federal Highway Administration 2004 Excellence in Highway Design Biennial Award for Highway Improvements on Publicly Owned Land. The Dunraven Pass project is the latest project completed in an ongoing program to reconstruct many of the park's 310 miles of roads.

**Zion Canyon Scenic Drive,** located in Zion National Park, provides access to marquee attractions like the Emerald Pools, Great White Throne, the Grotto, Angels Landing, Weeping Rock, and the Temple of Sinawava. In 2002, the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), in partnership with NPS, began working on repair of the 7.7-mile segment, along which runs the Zion Canyon shuttle bus. The existing pavement section was recycled and stabilized with asphalt to form a base for a new structural section. The process minimized the costs of reconstruction and the impact to the environment. The project also included safety enhancements such as rumble strips, minor road widening, relocating crosswalks, and eliminating hazardous unplanned pullouts. The segment was completed in 2005 with \$3.8 million in PRP funds.

**Mammoth Cave South Entrance Road.** The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) rehabilitated 6.2 miles of the South Entrance Road and reconfigured two intersections leading to Mammoth Cave National Park, in Kentucky, and the park's visitor-center parking areas. EFLHD constructed a new 0.4-mile-long bus access road linking into a rehabilitated visitor center parking area to improve visitor access and pedestrian flow. Reconstruction of the South Entrance Road has improved park visitor traffic flow, making the road the preferred access route into the park.



Grand Loop Road, Yellowstone National Park



Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, Zion National Park



Visitor Center Parking, Mammoth Cave National Park

