



Project Summary 2012

SB-2012-ID-57360: **Caldwell Rest Area/
Vistor Information Center**

State Submission Date

Dec 21, 2011

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.

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.

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.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway.

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:

Idaho

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 Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway is located in Canyon County, Idaho. Regionally, the byway is in southwestern Idaho and follows the Snake River.

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.

Begins on Highway 45 and ends on Highway 20/26. The byway is mostly on local and collector roads. Gateway cities are Caldwell and Nampa. The byway serves the communities of Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Greenleaf, and Parma.

Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
ID	Snake River Canyon 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)
ID	1	Labrador, Raúl R.

Abstract

Project Description

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

This project will create a rest area/visitor information center in the City of Caldwell that will promote the various features along the scenic byway. Caldwell is the County Seat of Canyon County and is a destination City for people travelling throughout Canyon County. The proposed visitor center will be located in Whittenberger Park, which is a short distance from the Exit 27 interchange of Interstate 84. Whittenburger Park is a popular park that attracts people from various cities in southwest Idaho for soccer matches. The City recently built a restroom in the park. If approved, we will build the visitors information center next to the restroom facility.

Byway Benefits

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

This project benefits the byway traveler by providing a visible location to promote the scenic byway in a gateway city. The proposed location will also help attract new byway travelers while they recreate at Whittenberger Park. It is our goal to spark tourism interest in the scenic byway, Canyon County, and the City of Caldwell. The byway traveler will learn about Canyon County's wine region, historical sites, agriculture industry, and small towns. The Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway is the only agricultural byway in the State of Idaho. We want to promote these features to people who live in and visit Caldwell.

Narrative

Project Summary

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

The rest area/visitor information center will consist of a 16' x 16' covered kiosk that will hold mapboards, information boards, benches, and garbage cans. The roof of the gazebo will be made of steel and match the color and design of the roof of the nearby restroom facility. We also will place eight (8) information panels on the outer wall of the adjacent restroom facility. The panels will contain information on local hotels, restaurants, the wine region, the scenic byway, events in Caldwell and Canyon County, and popular destinations. Approximately 1018 square feet of concrete will be applied to the kiosk area to provide an accessible place to people to congregate and learn about the byway.

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 rest area/visitor information center will benefit the byway traveler by providing helpful information on the scenic byway and the agricultural industry of Canyon County. There are 95 different seed crops grown in Canyon County. The byway's main purpose is to preserve and promote agriculture and open space and educate the public about the importance of the local agricultural industry. The information center will highlight the location of wineries, orchards, and farmstands. The rest area/visitor information center is consistent with the objectives of the CMP. Caldwell, as a gateway city to the scenic byway, is eligible for funding for this project. The CMP recommends placing a mapboard and other byway promotional facilities in Caldwell at a site chosen by the Caldwell City Council. At a recent City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council selected Whittenberger Park as the most feasible site for a visitor information center.

Prior Projects

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 Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway received \$50,000 in funding in FY 2008 for signs, mapboards, and kiosks. Work on this grant is currently underway and we expect it to be complete in 2012.

The scenic byway committee recently adopted a five year work program. The Caldwell Rest Area/Visitor Information Center is listed as a high priority in 2012 (see attachment).

Project Coordinator

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

Name: Brian K. Billingsley

Title: Planning & Zoning Director

Organization: Caldwell Planning & Zoning Department

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Work Plan

Milestone/Task	Start Date	Duration	Responsible Party	Justification
Establish funding agreement with State	AAD*			
Install Building Rail System on Side of Restroom	Jun 01, 2012	2 days	Ken Wien	The first thing we will work on is installing the railing system on the restroom wall. When complete, it will contain information of the byway and visitor facilities.
Install 4" Thick Concrete Patio	Jul 16, 2012	5 days	Ken Wien	The patio will provide a safe and accessible walking area from the parking lot to the kiosk and restroom.
Construct Kiosk	Aug 01, 2012	5 days	Ken Wien	We will construct the kiosk which houses the visitor information center. The roof of the kiosk will match the roof on the restroom.
Install Four Sided Information Panel/Sign	Sep 10, 2012	2 days	Ken Wien	The sign will be contained within the kiosk. The sign will be installed following construction of the kiosk.
Park Equipment	Sep 17, 2012	1 day	Ken Wien	We will install two benches and one trash receptacle.

* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be May 01, 2012)

Budget

Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
1.	Concrete Patio	2,977	2,381	596
2.	Kiosk Structure	12,779	10,223	2,556
3.	Park Equipment	2,184	1,747	437
4.	Signage/Information Panels	5,000	4,000	1,000
5.	Contingency (15%)	3,441	2,753	688
6.	NEPA	2,000	1,600	400
Total		\$28,381	\$22,704	\$5,677

Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
City of Caldwell	Cash		2,500
City of Caldwell	Services (Non-state or Non-federal)	Pour concrete, framing, install information panels	3,177
Total			\$5,677

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:

Attachments

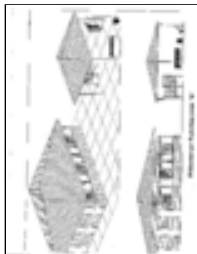
Use this as a checklist to verify that all attachments are provided with your printed application.



Whittenberger Park Photograph

The City of Caldwell recently constructed a restroom facility in Whittenberger Park. We want to build the kiosk and visitors center next to this building.

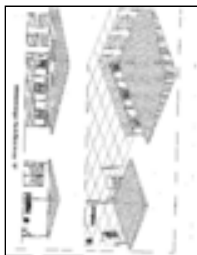
Digital version: [Whittenberger Park Restroom Picture.pdf](#) (207.8 KB)



Site Plan for Rest Area/Visitor Information Center

The site plan shows the proposed layout of the kiosk in relation to the existing location of the restroom. The restroom and kiosk are located next to a parking lot. The eight (8) information panels can be seen on the outer wall of the restroom.

Digital version: [Kiosk Site Plan.pdf](#) (52.3 KB)



Rest Area/Visitor Center Site Plan

This is another view of the proposed visitor center from a different angle. The location of benches and trash cans can be viewed on this site plan.

Digital version: [Kiosk Site Plan B.pdf](#) (52.8 KB)



Cost Estimate for Kiosk, Information Panels, and Concrete Patio

The table outlines cost estimates for constructing this project. We included a 15% contingency fund.

Digital version: [Whittenberger Visitor Center Cost Estimate.pdf](#) (37.8 KB)



□ **Scenic Byway Location and Proposed Location of Visitor Information Center**

The map shows the route of the scenic byway (yellow line). Caldwell is a gateway city to the scenic byway. Visitors can access the byway from Whittenberger Park by taking Highway 20, Highway 19, Highway 55 or Interstate 84.

Digital version: [Byway Map.pdf](#) (289.6 KB)



□ **Aerial Photograph of Whittenberger Park**

The aerial photograph shows Whittenberger Park. The park is very close to exit 27 on Interstate 84. The visitor center is very close to Centennial Way, which is the road that provides access to Interstate 84.

Digital version: [Whittenburger Aerial Photograph.pdf](#) (512.7 KB)



□ **Five Year Work Program**

The Scenic Byway Board of Director recently adopted the attached five year work program.

Digital version: [Five Year Work Plan.pdf](#) (39.2 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: Brian Billingsley	Title: Planning & Zoning Director
Signature:	Date: