



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway  
Corridor Management Plan Meeting  
Ames Area**

**April 22, 2015  
Ames Public Library**

**Meeting Notes and Community Member Input**

**How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now?**

- Reed-Niland Corner in Colo, at the intersection of the Lincoln and Jefferson Highways
- Dairy Queen on Lincoln Way in Ames has Lincoln Highway-era photographs inside
- The I-35 rest area/interpretive site features the Lincoln Highway
- Original 1928 Lincoln Highway marker at Beech and Lincolnway
- Lincoln Highway Days in Nevada
- Main Street Ames - The Sheldon Munn Hotel was a control point with mileage for travelers to check
- Lincoln Highway links to other byways and to the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers
- Lots of bridges of different types
- Lincoln Highway and its connection to the Iowa Department of Transportation and ISU Engineering
- Briggs Terrace and Evergreen Lane in Nevada
- Lincoln Swing in Ames - was originally part of Lincoln Highway, now ravine is bypassed and route goes on Ontario Street

**What could the Lincoln Highway mean to your community in the future? What ideas do you have?**

- Ensuring communities are welcoming to visitors. How? Hospitality training
- Interpret the transportation story of the area
- DOT includes marking the Lincoln Highway on its statewide maps
- RAGBRAI following the Lincoln Highway route
- Vibrant visitors' bureaus
- ISU Extension assisting smaller towns to expand regional marketing, other extension to communities
- Antique shops - "Junkin' in June"
- Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale enhanced - held in August of each year
- Announcing events via press releases, websites, and Facebook
- Link the Squaw Creek watershed with the Lincoln Highway
- A regional Lincoln Highway visitor center
- Connect Lincoln Highway to bike trails, enable travelers to rent bicycles
- Interpret life in 1913 and how it differed to live along an improved/unimproved road
- Maps include landmarks like churches, schools, rivers
- Electronic apps including Google Maps
- Keep the Tip-Top Lounge
- Work with the Cambridge Heritage group
- Be sure to check zoning for different projects

## Intrinsic Qualities Identified

### Historic:

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### Natural:

- Glaciers/bogs/rich soil
- Live displays like the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
- Wetlands lead to road system and highway
- State Forest Nursery

### Cultural:

- Native Americans - Meskwaki in the Skunk River area
- Norse in the Story City area
- WPA and CCC projects
- Pella tulips

- 13 courthouses in Lincoln Highway counties
- Cannon in Nevada
- Story City amusement park
- Man-made lakes

### Scenic:

- Reiman Gardens and ISU Campus
- Cornfields and other agricultural sites
- Kate Shelley Bridges
- Sunsets
- Agricultural land

### Archaeological:

- Indian settlements
- Artesian well - Story City
- Along the Skunk River
- Archaeological surveys done near scenic overlook
- Barn near Fernald

### Recreational:

- Nevada Lincoln Highway Days
- Huxley Prairie Fest
- Story City carousel and Scandinavian Days
- Bikes
- Water trails
- Boating