



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway  
Corridor Management Plan Meeting  
Linn County Area**

**April 25, 2015  
Marion Public Library**

**Meeting Notes and Community Member Input**

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

- Interpretive panels, tying in Eagle Scout projects, like the Lincoln Highway Association panels, including at the new Central Fire Station, which has an electronic kiosk inside
- More bike-friendly without taking out trees or widening road. Original plans including lighted bike and walking paths
- South of Highway 100 - kiosk at Squaw Creek to explain the Lincoln Highway. Enhance finding the sign from the road
- Highway 13 and Lincoln Highway - brick and signage
- County right-of-way - need to fill out an application to install signage, or ask the DOT if their jurisdiction
- RAGBRAI along the Lincoln Highway, or with a Lincoln Highway theme
- More motor tours, including international
- A gas station/rest stop/restroom between Cedar Rapids and Tama
- Historical Society/Preservation wants to work with Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway to create and exhibit about the Lincoln Highway

**Intrinsic Qualities Identified**

**Historic:**

- Bridge on Bloomington Road - iron truss - needs to be saved. On National Register of Historic Places
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues crossed river - had bridges, and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge after WWII
- Grant Wood connections
- Abbe Creek School
- Light rail - Mt. Vernon
- Seedling Mile - Iowa's first paved section of Lincoln Highway, between Mt. Vernon and Cedar Rapids
- Marion - Interstate Fairgrounds
- Junction of railroads
- Lincolnshire - curved road, Snake Hill. Historically often needed to back up the hill or needed a fuel pump to get up the hill
- Iowa has more original Lincoln Highway than any other state?
- Walford Road, Johnson Avenue, Mt. Vernon Road has original markers
- Mt. Vernon brick street
- Foundations of old gas stations, including Happy Valley Station
- Old cabin site, southeast of Ballard on Mt. Vernon Road
- In the past, families along the Lincoln Highway would go out to the seedling mile and drive back and forth for entertainment
- Convoys
- Gravel pile

#### Natural:

- Palisades-Kepler State Park
- Squaw Creek Park south of Marion
- Cedar River
- Thomas Park
- Eagles in area
- Indian Creek Nature Center
- County has a strong roadside vegetation program

#### Cultural:

- National Czech and Slovak Museum
- Colleges in Mt. Vernon and Cedar Rapids

#### Scenic:

- View from the Bloomington Road bridge - 120 geese migrate there, art classes and photographers use. Linn Co. replacement to have concrete sides

- View of Mt. Vernon from a distance along Lincoln Highway
- Change of seasons, colors
- Toward Bertram by railroad, a boggy low area

#### Archaeological:

- Arrowhead Road area - Indian village there
- Area historically had experienced friendly relations between Indian and settler groups

#### Recreational:

- Farmers' Markets
- Bike trails, walking trails, etc.
- Agritourism
- Bike rides on gravel roads
- Solar system sculpture
- Mt. Trashmore