



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

**April 23, 2015
Tama County Courthouse, Toledo**

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

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

- Wayfinding signs - for King Tower, Lincoln Highway bridge, tourist cabin, pictures on walls of visited locations
- Auto tours - identifying and knowing about them ahead of time
- Develop walking tours, brochures, driving tours, other itineraries
- Restore Lincoln Highway Bridge and enhance Bridge Park, work on an interpretive kiosk
- 1947 Montour gas station needs to be repaired, has signs and gas pumps willing to be donated
- Area resident Ken Carson has a variety of antique cars - could be a good connection
- Create a development group in a town/around a property along the Lincoln Highway
- Tama as a "junction byway" town
- Specialty shops in both Tama and Toledo
- Wayfinding and DOT brown/blue signs from Highway 30, I-35, I-80 to the Lincoln Highway
- Replica of one of the depots
- Lincoln Highway promoted through the schools
- Tama/Toledo/Meskwaki join together to increase involvement in each community
- DOT/Byway/Iowa Tourism continue to support and help communities
- Connect downtowns - theaters, similar businesses along the whole byway
- Presentations on the byway project to city councils
- Preserve the original Lincoln Highway and not lose it after 4-lane Highway 30 is built
- Museum with international connections. Preserve history of the Lincoln Highway and the area. A place where people can gather, sit down, explore. Talk to legislators and others about supporting, not closing down, museums.

Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:

- Meskwaki Tribe came from the east and have been here 140 years, the only Indian tribe living directly along the Lincoln Highway
- Trails followed the hills and river
- Meskwaki Tribe has acquired more land as two railroads and two major roads have used some existing land; as the Highway route shifted north, were able to open the truck stop and provide services for travelers
- King Tower sign - iconic
- Wietting Theatre
- Historical museum
- Cherry Mansion - connection to paper mill
- Clock on courthouse
- Many pioneer cemeteries
- Historic Haven School
- Lincoln Highway Bridge

Natural:

- Cherry Lake
- Otter Creek Park and riparian diorama

Cultural:

- Increasing the importance of Meskwaki history
- Meskwaki Powwow August 9-12
- Stone House - Powwow grounds
- D&D Rodeo at same time
- Agriculture, tractor traffic
- Czech community - Czech Point
- Tama was called Little Chicago and hid lots of bad people in the early part of the 20th century
- Railroad roundabout

Scenic:

- Otter Creek
- Iowa River valley and other nearby views

Recreational:

- South Tama Trail
- Local food and entertainment
- Trails - walking, hiking, biking
- Lincoln Highway Bridge Festival
- Lincoln Highway Bridge Park
- Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale August 13-15
- Rube's Steakhouse
- Chelsea - Periwinkle Funeral Home does murder mystery, Christmas shop, antiques, car shows