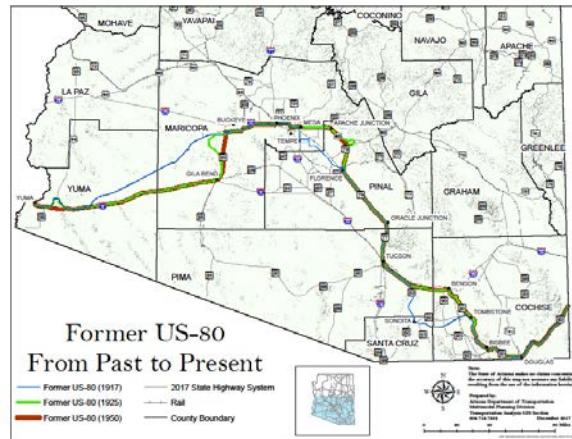


RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE FORMER U.S. HIGHWAY 80 AS A HISTORIC ROAD



Presented to State Transportation Board

December 15, 2017



“HISTORIC ROAD” DEFINITION

- ▶ Established under A.R.S. 41-512
- ▶ A highway, street, road or route that is of historical or cultural importance in the settlement and development of Arizona and is established or designated as a historic road by the transportation board.

THE PHSRAC



- ▶ Established under A.R.S. 41-514
- ▶ Advisory Committee to the ADOT Director
- ▶ Eleven Members, appointed for 3-year terms by:
 - Governor (six members of the public)
 - ADOT Director (one employee)
 - Parks Board Director (one employee)
 - Office of Tourism (one employee)
 - Historical Society (one employee)
 - Tourism Advisory Council (one member)



CURRENT PHSRAC MEMBERS

LeRoy Brady, ADOT (Chairman)

Karen Glennon, Apache County

Rory Hays, Maricopa County

Michael Infranto, Navajo County

Lillian Lopez-Grant, Pima County

Sam Madrano, Mohave County

Harry Hengl, Yuma County

Charles Eatherly, State Parks

Benjamin Stewart, Office of Tourism

John Lacy, Historical Society

Vacant, Tourism Advisory Council

COMPARISON OF PHSRAC and GEOG. & HIST. NAMES BOARD

PHSRAC

- ▶ A.R.S. 41-514
- ▶ ***Advisory*** in nature
- ▶ Recommends (to STB) the ***designation*** of roads as ***historic or scenic*** (provides numerical or scenic designations)

Geog. & Hist. Names Board

- ▶ A.R.S. 41-835 to 41-835.03
- ▶ Has ***statutory authority***
- ▶ Designates ***names*** of geog features and historic places for use in maps/gov docs (but “shall not name scenic or historical highways”).



BACKGROUND

- ▶ **Background:** On June 20, 2017, the Arizona Parkways, Historic and Scenic Roads Advisory Committee (PHSRAC) made the following recommendations to the State Transportation Board:
 - ... designation of the alignment of former US Highway 80 as an historic road...
 - ... as part of the development of the related Corridor Master Plan, segmental evaluation be conducted of the extent and quality of the resources ...and...
 - ... these evaluations be considered in the ultimate Corridor Management Plan.
- ▶ **Purpose:** Upon recommendation from the PHSRAC, the Director shall present it to the State Transportation Board, which may designate or establish a historic road.



PHSRAC, ADOT and STB Responsibilities

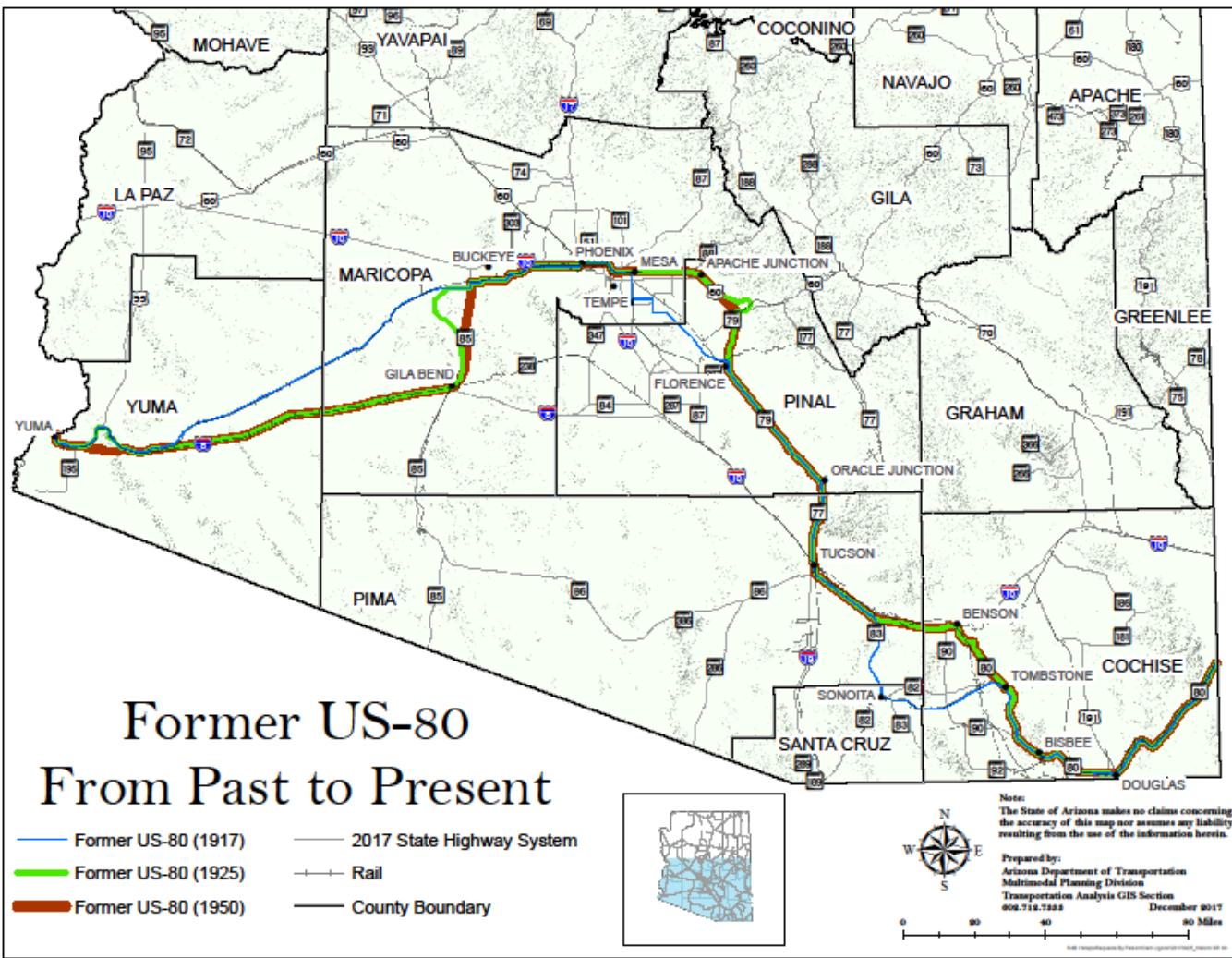


- ▶ PHSRAC:
 - Review requests for parkways or historic or scenic roads
 - Prepare recommendations to the STB for designations/deletions
- ▶ ADOT:
 - Director shall adopt rules/regs/guidelines (AAC R17-3-801 et seq)
- ▶ STB:
 - Sole authority to designate a parkway or historic or scenic road
- ▶ Other Agencies:
 - For non-state highways, a local jurisdiction IGA with ADOT is required



CURRENT PHSRAC MOTION

- ▶ The PHSRAC recommends to the Arizona State Transportation Board the designation of the primary and secondary submissions for the alignment of (former) U.S. Highway 80 as an historic road with the further recommendation that as part of the development of the related Corridor Management Plan, segmental evaluation be conducted of the extent and quality of the resources and that these evaluations be considered in the ultimate Corridor Management Plan.



The Arizona Parkway, Historic & Scenic Roads Designation Process

Completed Actions

1. Request

Written request by agency, group, or individual for designation of Parkway, Historic or Scenic Road.

2. Review

PHSRAC reviewed request, prioritized & initiated processing.

3. Endorsement

ADOT Roadside Development requested endorsement of proposed designation.

6. PHSRAC Action

6/20/17: PHSRAC made recommendation to the Director/Board to designate former Route 80 as a historic road with conditions.

5. Evaluation

6/20/17: PHSRAC reviewed report requesting designation of former Route 80 based on cultural- historical resources of the route.

4. Documentation

A report of pertinent information developed by ADOT / agency having jurisdiction.

The Arizona Parkway, Historic & Scenic Roads Designation Process

Future Actions



7. Fulfill the PHSRAC Conditions

“Further recommended that as part of the related corridor management plan, segmental evaluation be conducted of the extent & quality of resources...”

8. Conditional Review

“...and that these resources & evaluations be considered in the ultimate corridor plan for designation.”

11. Vote

AZ Transportation Board votes Yes/No to designate former Route 80 Sections.

10. Resolutions

As significant section evaluations are completed, those sections that meet criteria will be brought to the Transportation Board as Right-of-Way Resolutions for designation.

9. Final Process Action

ADOT will initiate extent & quality of resources evaluation of the alignments of former Route 80 at Yuma & progress eastward.



RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

- ▶ No Board action is needed today
- ▶ ADOT and the PHSRAC will proceed with the next steps in the overall designation process:
 - Proceed with the former U.S. 80 historic road Corridor Management Plan, including the segmental evaluation as recommended by the PHSRAC; and
 - Upon completion of the required evaluation, return to the Board with specific recommendations for the Board's consideration to officially designate individual road segments as historic, as the Board deems appropriate.