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**Memorandum:**

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To: Walton Road Scenic Byway Committee

From: Jim Klein

Date: 27 February 2013

Subject: Proposed revisions to the draft plan (including changes from February 26 meeting, shown in blue)

In response to the comments received as of February 26, 2013, the following are the recommended changes to the draft plan:

General - change the name of the route to “Walton Road Historic Byway” when referring to the travel route most closely associated with the “Walton Road” which refers to the actual location of the historic road (traces, etc.

Add the following to the “Acknowledgements” Page

The development of the Walton Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan was a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Upper Cumberland Development District and the Alliance for the Cumberlands. Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byway Program through the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Matching funds were provided by Smith, Putnam, Cumberland and Roane Counties, the cities of Carthage and Crossville, and the Roane Alliance in support of the project.

The plan’s recommendations were developed through a series of five committee meetings and two public meetings and from contributions from the following agencies and organizations throughout the corridor:

The Mayor’s and Commissions of:

- Cumberland County
- Putnam County
- Roane County
- Smith County
- Carthage
- Cookeville
- Crossville
- Kingston

With contributions from the following agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals

- Alliance for the Cumberlands
- Dr. Michael Birdwell, Professor of History, Tennessee Tech
- Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce
- Crossville-Cumberland Chamber of Commerce
- Crossville Depot

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- Downtown Crossville
- Dr. Calvin Dickinson, Professor Emeritus, Tennessee Tech
- Eads Museum
- Garden Inn Bed and Breakfast
- [Monterey Depot Museum](#)
- Roane Alliance
- [Rockwood Events Center](#)
- [Rockwood Merchants Association](#)
- Smith County Chamber of Commerce
- Smith County Heritage Museum
- [Standing Stone American Indian Cultural Center](#)
- Tennessee Department of Tourism Development
- Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation
- Upper Cumberland Development District
- Upper Cumberland Tourism Association
- Walton Hotel

**Fix various typographical errors on:**

- page 4 (consistent capitalization of goals);
- page 8 (capitalization and line spacing);
- page 9 and 10 (Watts Bar Lake)
- page 10, (punctuation);
- page 15, (typo in Caption of Figure 21);
- page 23 (delete 2<sup>nd</sup> to last sentence, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph);
- page 34, last sentence, repeated word)

**Page 1 (sidebar note) change to read:**

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the context *and process* for the planning effort, the significance of the Walton Road, and the overall ...

**Page 3 (change description of AC #3 at top of page):**

AC #3 Visitor experience – provided an opportunity for each county and municipal mayor or their representative *to develop* a list of ...

**Page 11 (last paragraph) and on to page 12, add the sentence:**

Captain Walton came to Tennessee to claim his land grant earned from service in the Revolutionary War, eventually settling on his land on the north side of the Cumberland River at the mouth of Caney Fork in what became Smith County.

**Page 15, Figure 21**

Add arrow or highlight location of Walton Road

**Page 21, 1<sup>st</sup> full sentence**

Add “pearling industry” to the list of businesses in Smith County

**Page 22: description of Smith County Court House:**

Stop sentence at rehabilitation; leave off museum.

**Page 24, last sentence should say**

“Figure 44 shows the present day view of the Southern Motel”

**Page 34: last paragraph, “mountain views” –**

Change “mountain views” to “scenic views” and delete “to the mountains”

**Page 41: Cordell Hull Lake: Insert after Cumberland River**

“is home to trophy winning Rock Bass and surrounded by breathtaking scenery. The lake was created when a dam was constructed supporting a hydroelectric plan ...”

**Page 51: Cordell Hull Lake:**

Delete first sentence and replace with “Cordell Hull Lake (see page 41) was named after ...”

Add “bicycle trails, horseback riding trails” to list of activities

**Page 62: Smith County Chamber of Commerce:**

Add “and Community Center” in title and the following additional information

telephone: 615-735-2093

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,

[email:info@smithcountychamber.org](mailto:info@smithcountychamber.org)

**Page 71 - Item 3, add last sentence**

The exhibit panels should also be developed for as a traveling exhibit for use at events throughout the corridor.

**Page 80 - Cordell Hull Dam**

Refer to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary “of the start of construction”

**Page 84 - Adopt-a-Highway – add the following to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph**

Form a subcommittee as part of the Alliance for the Cumberlands entitled “Friends of the Walton Road” that will serve as the coordinating committee for adopt-a-highway groups and use “Friends of the Walton Road” on adoption signs as a means of increasing awareness of the road.

**Page 97 - add bullet to “Web Site and Rack Card**

- Add a link on the web site and an address on the rack card indicating where to “Help Preserve and Enhance the Walton Road connecting with a newly established donation program for the Alliance for the Cumberlands entitled “Friends of the Walton Road”

**Page 104 - Insert new paragraph at end**

In addition to the hospitality training, the materials developed can and should be used for cross-marketing at related events throughout the corridor as part of the traveling exhibit (see page 71).

**Page 107, under Establishment Phase, add a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> priorities**

5. Develop an interpretive trail for the section of old Walton Road roadbed at the existing I-40 rest stop at Crab Orchard taking advantage of the fact that this is a state-owned site with a great opportunity to introduce visitors to the historic roadbed. It is within walking distance of the parking area and TDOT could readily clear out at least one hundred yards or more of road for the interpreted walking trail.
6. Develop a front-line hospitality training program that is tailored to the Walton Road to include curriculum on Walton Road history and its sites and attractions as well as basic fundamentals of visitor services. A standard program should be augmented with specific Walton Road curriculum (see page 103).
7. Develop a “traveling” exhibit for use at events and festivals that can also be placed in visitor centers as an introduction to the Walton Road (see page 71). As part of the traveling exhibit, include information about the Walton Road (rack card, tear-off map) and wear and give a way buttons that say “Ask Me About The Walton Road”

**Page 107, insert “Next Steps”**

1. Organize the Walton Road Committee - formalize the county-based Walton Road committees using Smith County’s Walton Road Committee as the model. The Alliance for the Cumberlands will serve as the coordinator of each of the county-based committees
2. Pursue funding for high priority projects (exhibits at visitor centers, I-40 at Kemmer’s Stand, Walton’s gravesite) - ASAP
3. Share the plan with agencies, counties, cities, and partner organizations - ask for their endorsement – Spring 2013
4. Final approval/endorsement from TDOT to complete state byway designation – Spring 2013
5. Coordinate with State Tourism Office and County Visitor Bureaus prior to launch – Summer 2013
6. Media and website launch – cut the ribbon! – Fall 2013 (as part of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Walton Days Festival in Carthage).

**General Question about events –**

There is not a comprehensive listing of events occurring along the Walton Road in the CMP. That listing should be created as part of the web site.

**Add the following bibliographic items to last page:**

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