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Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads

Seminar Overview

Explore the current tools and techniques used for the identification, preservation and management of historic roads. As an emerging area of historic preservation, planning and policy for historic roads presents new challenges for the historic preservation professional. Learn how to apply transportation policies to historic roads, balance safety and function with historic preservation objectives, and build awareness and new constituencies for the legacy of highway design in the United States.

Agenda

Seminar Objectives:

- Understanding historic road types, design, and policy history
- Identifying safety and function needs for a historic road
- Introducing transportation and preservation policy solutions
- Developing inventory skills for historic roads
- Building a vocabulary and knowledge base to communicate effectively with engineers and transportation professionals
- Providing a strategy to work successfully with your transportation agency

Introduction to Historic Roads

- Road definitions
- Road, roadside, and setting considerations
- Materials and construction
- Historic road typologies
- Period of significance

Historic Periods of Road Building

- Introduction of key periods of road design and construction in the United States
- Practical and aesthetic legacies
- Historic and social context for historic roads

Transportation Policy

- Safety and liability
- Federal Highway Administration and AASHTO
- Flexibility in highway design
- Context sensitive solutions (CSS)
- Traffic calming
- Design exceptions

Preservation Policy

- The National Register and historic roads
- Section 106 and Section 4(f)
- Secretary of the Interior's definitions for historic preservation adapted to historic roads

Methods and Strategies

- Considerations for advancing the preservation of historic roads
- Selecting new or replacement features
- Lighting
- Sidewalks and paths
- Street trees
- Road and street signs
- Road surface/pavement
- Barriers

Case Studies

- Historic Columbia River Highway, Oregon
- Arroyo Seco Parkway, California
- Merritt Parkway, Connecticut