

Background

The National Corridor Plan for the United States Bicycle Route System (USBRS) was established by the *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)* in 2008. The Adventure Cycling Association (ACA) manages the USBRS designation process nationally for AASHTO. To date, nearly 12,000 miles of the USBRS have been established in 25 states. As the AASHTO-designated lead for the state of California, Caltrans leadership and involvement is necessary for official USBRS route designation in California. With growing interest statewide in USBRS route-designation, endorsement letters for route-designation have been received from numerous California communities interested in having USBRS routes in their communities. In order to effectively represent its interests on this issue, Caltrans has developed a State framework and uniform approach regarding USBRS route-designation.

Policy Statement

As an AASHTO-designated lead organization in the USBRS route designation process, Caltrans is committed to actively engaging with the ACA, local communities, and bicycling advocates to establish USBRS routes in the State of California.

USBRS Route Designation Process Steps:

1. Create a turn-by-turn route map.
2. Obtain buy-in from local jurisdictions for their portion of the route.
3. Obtain Caltrans Districts and Caltrans Divisions buy-in to the proposed route.
4. Complete and submit USBRS route designation application to AASHTO

Roles and Responsibilities

The following is a high-level overview of roles and responsibilities as part of the Caltrans USBRS route designation process.

Caltrans Headquarters (HQ)

- Lead AASHTO designation process for USBRS in the State of California.
- Coordinate with Caltrans Districts and Adventure Cycling Association (ACA) volunteers on all USBRS segment designation work.
- Involve local and statewide bicycle advocates in USBRS route designation process.
- Stay in communication with Caltrans Districts on their efforts to work with volunteers, advocates, and local communities along a proposed USBRS route.
- Work with Caltrans functional units (e.g. - legal, Traffic Operations, HQ management, Maintenance) on all issues pertaining to route segment designation.
- Oversee Caltrans District efforts to coordinate with ACA on developing USBRS route cooperative agreements with local communities.
- Collect USBRS community endorsement letters with assistance from Caltrans Districts and ACA.

- Prepare and submit application to AASHTO for USBRS designation including a map, turn-by-turn route instructions, and community endorsement letters. Consultation from Caltrans Districts and the ACA will be obtained prior to submittal of an application to AASHTO.
- Send out periodic Caltrans-wide notices of on-going USBRS efforts.
- Establish and maintain Caltrans website page for on-going USBRS efforts.

Caltrans Districts

- Work with Caltrans HQ and ACA on development of the USBRS.
- Coordinate with bordering states on cross-over points for proposed USBRS routes.
- Work with Caltrans HQ and ACA to identify USBRS corridors for development in the State of California.
- Coordinate with volunteer, advocates and local communities along proposed route.
- Involve local and statewide bicycle advocates in USBRS route designation process.
- Assist ACA with USBRS route cooperative agreements with local communities, as needed.
- Collect USBRS community endorsement letters with assistance from ACA and send copies to Caltrans HQ and ACA.
- Attend community meetings on USBRS issues, as needed.

Adventure Cycling Association

- Lead USBRS efforts in California and nationwide.
- Lead work with communities along proposed USBRS routes.
- Identify USBRS corridors for development in the State of California.
- Manage, train, and coordinate USBRS volunteers.
- Work with Caltrans HQ and Districts to identify USBRS corridors for development in the State of California.
- Work with Caltrans HQ and Districts on border state cross-over points for proposed USBRS routes.
- Coordinate with Caltrans HQ and Caltrans Districts on all USBRS segment designation work.
- Involve local and statewide bicycle advocates in USBRS route designation process.
- Contact and develop working relationships with all local jurisdiction (road “owners”) along a proposed USBRS route to gain support for route designation.
- Coordinate with Caltrans Districts on developing USBRS route cooperative agreements with local communities.
- Propose specific routes (turn by turn listing of roads, streets, & trails) for USBRS route segments.
- Collect USBRS community endorsement letters and send copies to Caltrans HQ and Districts.
- Communicate with Caltrans HQ and Districts about on-going community engagement efforts.
- Attend community meetings on USBRS issues.

USBRS National Corridor Routes in California

Routes with ACA Turn-by-Turn Maps

USBR 50 (SFO to South Lake Tahoe) 17 jurisdictions: South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, Amador County, Plymouth, El Dorado, Hills, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, La Riviera, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Yolo County, Davis, Yolo, Fairfield, Solano County, Vallejo, San Francisco

USBR 66 (LA to Needles) 28 jurisdictions: Needles, Newberry Springs, Barstow, Victorville, Hesperia, San Bernardino, Rialto, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Montclair, Claremont, Pomona, La Verne, San Dimas, Glendora, Azusa, Irwindale, Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica

USBR 85 (Sierras) 18 jurisdictions: Siskiyou County, Shasta County, Truckee, Placer County, El Dorado County, Mariposa County, Madera County, Fresno County, Tulare County, Kern County, Kern, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, Yucaipa, Riverside County, Banning, San Diego County

USBR 90 (San Diego to Blythe) 5 jurisdictions: Blythe, Imperial County, San Diego County, Santee, San Diego

USBR 95 (Pacific Coast) 58 jurisdictions: Del Norte County, Crescent City, Arcata, Eureka, Humboldt County, Mendocino County, Fort Bragg, Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, Larkspur, Corte Madera, Mill Valley, Sausalito, Marin County, NPS Fort Baker, San Francisco, Daly City, Pacifica, Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, Marina, Sand City, Seaside, Monterey, Monterey County, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, San Louis Obispo County, Lompoc, Goleta, UCSB, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, Carpinteria, Ventura County, Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Malibu, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach, Dana Point, San Clemente, San Diego County, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Del Mar, San Diego

Concept Routes (without maps)

USBR 70

USBR 87