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U.S. Bicycle Route System in California



The plan and the process for designating USBRs across CA



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*"Nothing compares to traveling
by bike"*



A Collaborative
Effort with:
Caltrans
Local Jurisdictions
Volunteers





USBRS History

The AASHTO Task Force on US Bicycle routes formed in 2005 and represented DOTs, FHWA, plus Adventure Cycling, Mississippi River Trail, and the East Coast Greenway. The task force was charged with the vision to encourage developing a national corridor plan for use in designating potential future US bicycle routes across the country.





U.S. Bicycle Route System is a proposed national bike network that connects two or more states, a state and international border, or one or more US Bicycle Routes. It links urban, suburban and rural areas by using appropriate roads, trails, and streets.

- NOT a construction project!
- AASHTO approves Route Number designation, not the route
- No cost for implementing a USBR
- Route can be designated including paper and electronic maps, signs, pavement markings, GPS coordinates, local maps



The value of designating a US Bicycle Route.

- Bicycle Tourism Benefits
- Promotes & enables interstate bicycle travel
- Connects scenic, cultural and/or historic destinations & attractions, cities and transportation hubs



"Bike travel takes you farther"



The goal of The United States Bicycle Route System is to connect America through a network of numbered Interstate bicycle routes.

NATIONAL CORRIDOR PLAN

December 2016

Adventure Cycling Association
America's bicycle travel experts

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS
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USBRS in California

- Adventure Cycling has five major routes California and is working with Caltrans to designate all of them as USBRs
 - USBR 50: Western Express from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe
 - USBR 66: Santa Monica to Needles
 - **USBR 85: Sierra Cascades from Hornbrook to Tecate**
 - **USBR 90: Southern Tier from San Diego to Blythe**
 - **USBR 95: Pacific Coast from Crescent City to San Diego**
- For information visit: www.adventurecycling.org/routes-andmaps/us-bicycle-route-system/



Corridor Plan Development

Steps to Designating a USBRS

1. Review Corridor Plan
2. Identify stakeholders, roles, and responsibilities
3. Develop & document the route
4. Gain support from local road & trail agencies
5. Sign-off from one adjoining state
6. Caltrans submits the AASHTO application
7. Promote the U.S. Bicycle Routes





Implementation Process

- In California, Adventure Cycling formed volunteer teams for each proposed USBR
- Each USBR is a separate project
- Volunteers have created maps and route logs and are now reaching out to local agencies for support



Plans and Status in California

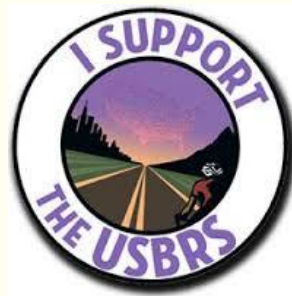
Gaining Local Agency Support

- Volunteers identify jurisdictions along the route
- Make contact with road/trail authorities
- Make changes to draft route as required by and with support from local agencies
- Gain Resolutions or Letters of Support



Follow Up & Finalizing

- Map and route log are updated based on changes required by local agencies
- Support resolutions/letters are sent to Caltrans
- Caltrans combines documentation into an application to AASHTO
- USBR Routes are designated.





Sample Support Resolution

"WHEREAS bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor crossing California to be developed as United States Bike Route 90 (USBR 90), and

WHEREAS the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the California Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 90, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

WHEREAS the proposed route for USBR 90 comes through The City of Santee and can therefore provide a benefit to our residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Santee hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 90, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and authorizes the posting of signs within the City of Santee right-of-way identifying the route through the community once the official designation has been made. "



Thank you for your support. Questions?