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Section 4 Name of Byway impacted by the project:

The Battle Road Scenic Byway

Section 5 Type of byway impacted:

All-American Road, Massachusetts Scenic Byway (dual designation)

Section 6 Title of proposed project

“Improve Safety, Access, Identity and Resource Stewardship along the 14-mile Battle Road Scenic Byway/All-American Road for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution”

Section 7 Abstract

The Byway follows the path of British soldiers on April 19, 1775 during the opening battles of the American Revolution. Increased visitation is expected in 2025-the 250th anniversary of those events.

The project will advance a central recommendation of the Byway’s Corridor Management Plan (add exact quote) . . .to follow context sensitive roadway design guidelines that preserve the intrinsic qualities of the Byway while improving safety and mobility along the roadway.

Safety/Access:

- Evaluate existing speed limits along the Byway, identify target speeds and develop context sensitive treatments for traffic calming and speed reduction in specific sections to improve safety, access, resource protection and visitor experience.
- Identify and develop connections along the Byway to safely and appropriately link MMNHP with adjacent roads and paths.

Resource Protection:

- Improve historic landscape features and views along or adjacent to the Byway including: repair of overgrown/damaged stone walls, replacement of wood fencing and landscape rehabilitation

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Visitor Experience:

- Increase recognition and appreciation of the Byway by adding interpretive elements, directional signage and distinctive markers a
- Develop a comprehensive 'smart phone' guide to assist visitors in navigating and learning about the Byway's diverse themes, sites and resources.

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Together, these components will improve safety and accessibility for people of all ages and abilities and for all transportation modes; greatly increase resource protection and more clearly convey to visitors and daily users the importance of the Byway and its evolving meaning.

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Estimated project cost: \$600,000

The project could be scaled back by reducing the number/extent of new elements, historic protection measures and simplification of the 'smart phone' guide

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Section 8 ... goals

#1. Safety and #2. Equity/Accessibility

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Section 9 ... project type

#2. CMP implementation

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Section 10 – additional project types

#4. Construction - pedestrians/cyclists; #6 Resource Protection - adjacent areas

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