

Testimony for House Bill 159

Taking the “road less travelled” is not just trendy, it is the most authentic way to experience the state. In Ashtabula County, our popular coastal byway takes travelers along Lake Erie through the nostalgic Geneva-on-the-Lake strip, down the shoreline with breathtaking views, and through a residential area past the local University. It then passes shops and quaint restaurants through historic Bridge Street over one of the few working Bascule Bridges in the United States. The perspective changes with the sight of giant freighters docking at the industrial factories, then past a manicured beach and beautiful park before narrowing into a tree-lined street. The byway departs Ashtabula County through the sleepy town of Conneaut, where bird-watchers gather on the mudflats of the area’s longest beach to spot rare species whose migration patterns bring birds in large numbers. Ohio’s byways are an unsung treasure in our backyards and the most affordable, accessible way to fall in love with Ohio. Ashtabula County supports the initiative to designate May as “Drive an Ohio Byway” month!

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