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**SUBJECT: New signage to adorn scenic Skyline Parkway**

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[Duluth, MN] - New wayfinding signs now adorn Duluth's most historic scenic byway. The City, in partnership with the Skyline Planning and Preservation Alliance, received a \$79,000 federal grant from the Scenic Byways Program to create wayfinding and stream signs for historic Skyline Parkway, which was dedicated in 1929. A design was selected after a public input process. In all, 127 new signs were installed over the past three days along this scenic byway that spans almost the entire length of the city from Gary-New Duluth to Lester Park.

Consistent and clear wayfinding along the entire length of Skyline Parkway was identified as an immediate priority in the 2003 Skyline Parkway Corridor Management Plan. The Parkway's length, winding character, and differing street names can be challenging and confusing for travelers. The signs were installed to help guide travelers along the route. The wayfinding project includes production of a brochures, which include a map, posters and web site for the parkway, as well as an inventory of cultural resources along the route.

"The wayfinding project is one component of broader enhancement goals for this treasured route. We're making a long term commitment to restore Skyline Parkway and make it a true point of pride for Duluthians once again," said Mayor Don Ness.

Work is currently under way to mill and overlay the section of the road from Observation Road to Piedmont Avenue. Earlier this summer, crews made ditch and storm drain repairs leading up to the reclamation and paving work.

The City's Parks Maintenance staff has made tremendous efforts to clear brush, trim overgrown trees, and fix stonework along the parkway. The recently restored Enger Tower is an added attraction along Skyline Parkway. The newly paved road should be accessible in the next two weeks, depending on weather. The road is accessible but motorists should be aware of possible delays due to the use and movement of heavy equipment.

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