

A Lincoln Highway Timeline

- 1912 Carl Fisher proposes a "Coast-to-Coast Rock Highway" (Sep.) and raises \$1 million in pledges (Oct.); Henry Joy suggests it be named for Abraham Lincoln (Dec.)
- 1913 LHA formed in Detroit (July 1st) with Joy as president; "Appeal to Patriots" & public proclamation of LH route (Sep.); coast-to-coast dedication of LH (Oct. 31st)
- 1914 LHA begins financing "seedling miles" to spur wider road-building, promotes "Lincolnway" street-naming, and begins lobbying effort for public highway funding; LH first marked using bands with "L" painted on poles
- 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco; Emily Post auto trip; LHA *Complete Official Road Guide* published
- 1916 Road Aid Act provides first federal highway funding
- 1918 World War I ends; Frank Seiberling new LHA president
- 1919 U.S. Army truck convoy from Washington DC to San Francisco (July-Sep.); last LHA-funded seedling mile
- 1920 LHA staffer Henry Osterman dies in car crash (Gael Hoag succeeds); Newton Gunn new LHA president
- 1921 Federal Highway Act authorizes \$75 million just for state-designated "primary roads" (7% of total miles)
- 1922 The LH "Ideal Section" completed near Dyer, Indiana
- 1924 Final edition of LHA *Official Road Guide* published
- 1927 Congress approves American Assn. of State Highway Officials (AASHO) plan for numbering U.S. highways; LHA winds up its affairs after approving marker project
- 1928 Boy Scouts mark last LH route using concrete posts with Lincoln's image in rural areas and signs in cities
- 1956 Eisenhower signs Interstate & Defense Highway Act
- 1992 Modern LHA formed to preserve and promote the LH