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Pulama reached a milestone in 2008 by being selected a pilot applicant for designation as a Hawaii State Scenic Byway by the Hawaii department of Transportation. The designation as the state of Hawaii's first scenic byway was achieved in 2009 but the groundwork was initiated in December.

As Pulama looks forward to calendar year 2009 many challenges need to be overcome. There is a need to increase our membership, finances and community involvement.

Pulama's next step is to gain National Designation for the Mamalahoa Kona Heritage Corridor, the name selected in consultation with the Hawaii Department of Transportation. In 2009, Pulama will seek a Federal Highway Administration grant to plan a Corridor Management Plan in 2009-2010.

The implementation of this Corridor Management Plan will be the focus of a grant application in 2010. In turn, the Corridor Management Plan will be the basis for future grants from the Federal Highway Administration for specific projects such as safety measures along Mamalahoa Highway.

Pulama extends a mahalo nui loa to our management team who developed, facilitated and presented the annual informational workshops that led to this eventful year. Informational meetings for the community will not cease.