

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, September 11, 2015, 11:00 A.M
Bi-State Regional Commission
Rock Island County Office Building
Third Floor Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of March 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Statz. Mr. Burns motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Sanicola seconded the motion, which carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Ms. Hamilton noted a grant funding opportunity through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. The program is geared toward funding retrofits for diesel engines. More information on the program can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/dera.
3. Update for Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) Grant. Mr. Beswick reported on work funded through a PICH grant received from the Center for Disease Control. The program is focused on improving health and wellness in the area by increasing opportunities for active living and healthy food. Mr. Beswick is charged with writing Safe Routes to Schools plans for three schools in the Davenport School District with the intent of providing means for active transportation for young children. In addition, a website (www.QCTrails.org) will be developed as a single location to find information about local trails and bikeways.
4. Presentation on Passenger and Non-Motorized Transportation Chapters for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Schmid provided a presentation regarding the chapter noted. He gave an overview of the three fixed route systems: MetroLINK, Citibus, and Bettendorf Transit providing statistics on fleets, ridership, and projected trips. Mr. Schmid also described transit priority corridors. Future intercity travel options included Chicago to the Quad Cities by rail and direct flights to and from Washington DC through the Quad Cities International Airport.

Mr. Schmid also provided information regarding bicycles and pedestrians. Five percent of all trips in the Quad Cities area are made without a car. Mr. Schmid described briefly issues regarding safety, facilities, and facility use.
5. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Mr. Melton reviewed the status report provided in the agenda packet.
6. Other Business. Mr. Melton noted that Bi-State was in the process of writing an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Grant to promote alternative transportation and bicycle safety.
7. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:40.