

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room 605B
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached sign-in sheet).
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes. – Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the November 8, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events. –

Members of the committee reported on the Iowa Bicycle Summit. Attendance at the summit included engineers, planners, and other bicycle advocates. One of the tracks on the first day covered the new AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities. Among the items discussed in the various AASHTO break-out sessions were bike lanes, sharrows, bicycle boulevards, and side paths. Topic addressed the differences between old and new facilities and looking at measurements to accommodate bike lanes, sharrows, and side paths. Discussed the varying levels of comfort for cyclists. Engineers attending the summit were mostly Level C cyclists. The summit also had a break out session for grants. Groups were formed pertaining to different grant programs and each group discussed best practices and ways to write grants specific to the funding source.

It was reported the Bettendorf city attorney is of the opinion the draft ordinance outlines a lot of things covered by existing ordinances. The attorney suggested anything in a community's existing ordinances should be left blank in the uniform trail use ordinance and the existing ordinance should be referenced instead. The committee decided to review existing ordinances and to modify the uniform trail use ordinance accordingly. The following members of the trails committee offered to serve on a uniform trail use ordinance subcommittee: Mr. Donnie Miller, Mr. Clayton Lloyd, Mayor Bill Fox, and Mr. Steve Grimes.

The committee discussed a uniform signage and trail marking system. The following trails committee members agreed to serve on the subcommittee for uniform trail signage: Mr. Dan McNeil, Mr. Chris Ball, Mr. Zach Peterson, and Mr. Donnie Miller.

4. Committee Member Reports. –

City of Buffalo–

Awaiting word from Iowa DOT to proceed with the MRT project. Mr. Dean Mathias has been helpful in promoting the area.

City of Davenport–

The subject of converting 3rd and 4th Streets to two-way traffic with roundabouts was discussed. Complete streets and road diets not mentioned. The message needs to change to emphasize benefits to be received from these treatments.

City of Moline–

Stoney Creek and the Boat House now have permanent connections and the first sharrows have been placed by the water plant.

City of Princeton–

Economic Development committee is working on destination Princeton for outdoor living and recreation. A shoulder widening project along Highway 67 will provide paved 6 foot shoulders between LeClaire and Princeton. The Rock Island Clean Line route through Princeton will provide some revenue to the City.

City of Riverdale–

By February 19, 2013 should have pretty good idea of where the trail will go. It may be on the north side of 67, but all in Iowa DOT right of way.

City of Silvis–

Received \$1.9 million in ITEP funding for the GIT project. Still have \$455,000 remaining for the project from TEA-21.

City of Wilton–

The city council has expressed an interest in trails and sidewalks in Wilton.

QCBC–

March 16, 2013 the first MRT function will be a tour of the Celtic Isles from the east end of Ben Butterworth Parkway to Front Street. Moving along on the Bikeways Plan for East Moline. Mr. Harrington mentioned this was the first meeting of the committee he has been able to attend but plans to return. RAGBRAI for Rookies will held Saturday, February 9, 2013.

River Action–

2013 is the Year of Cycling along the MRT. Considering half day mini-summits to raise awareness to projects in Buffalo, Riverdale, Bettendorf, etc. Mr. Matthys offered to help.

5. Other Business. – None.
6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.