

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

Thursday, October 03, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Scott County Administration Center  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Room  
600 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2013 – The minutes from the July 25, 2013 meeting were approved as written and accepted by the Committee.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
  - Ms. Bulat said that the Village of Cordova was the first municipality in the area to adopt the Uniform Trail Use Ordinance. Currently, the City of Buffalo has no trails, but has expressed an interest in adopting the ordinance in anticipation of the MRT extension through the city. The City of Bettendorf will be updating the entire city code, and no problems are anticipated with the adoption of the ordinance. Likewise in Moline, the Parks Department is updating its code with no problems expected for the uniform usage of trails. Mr. Grimes noted that the ordinance was kept as general as possible to be adopted by as many communities as possible. He also stated it could be resent after 12 months or so to remind local governments of its availability.
  - Mr. Grimes said it would be helpful to add an expanded and uniform signage system, which would be an advantage for local tourism.
  - Mr. Olson gave a presentation on the TRAFx Trail Counters, which Bi-State loans as a service to member governments. Counters may be placed along trails and paths and can supply raw data with timestamps or in an hourly count. There are inherent problems with the rough data, such as counting wildlife and other variables, but the data provides valuable information regarding the use of area trails. The data can be compiled into reports by Bi-State staff. It was noted that similar equipments is used in Illinois for trail counting, and an algorithm has been developed to remove anomalies.
4. Committee Member Reports

*City of Bettendorf-*

Construction of trails along Middle Road and Devils Glen Road is nearly complete. Reconstruction of Tanglefoot Lane is approximately half complete, which will consist of a three-lane road with bike lanes and a trail. The city is extending sidewalks along River Drive and finalizing an extension of the Crow Creek Trail at a distance of approximately 1.5 miles. Neighboring Riverdale received a grant to extend the trail along U.S. 67 to its city limits. The City of Bettendorf has spent more than \$8 million on trail-related projects over the past few years. The city is considering applying to become a Bike Friendly Community, which will require substantial data collection. Mr. Grimes noted that the city is unsure how many

businesses have installed bike racks, which would be part of the data collection required for becoming a Bike Friendly Community.

*Bi-State-*

Ms. Bulat noted that Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants were awarded to the cities of Riverdale and Rock Island. Riverdale's project will extend the MRT along the north side of U.S. 67 east to its city limits. Rock Island's project is a Safe Routes to School project along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will include the installation of a crossing beacon at 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Buffalo-*

Council Member Meador said that the City of Buffalo has an alignment study in progress and is working with Stanley Engineering and Shive-Hattery to complete the section's alignment study for the MRT to Wildcat Den Road. The next meeting with the consultant will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Muscatine.

*Cordova-*

Mayor Moyer said the village is considering adding a trail route along IL-84 and is looking to gather more information on guidelines and interest for the alternative route to the MRT. Mr. DeLille noted that there was a grant written over 10 years ago that may have information on this particular route. Ms. Bulat added that sharrows may be fitting in this case.

*Davenport-*

Mr. Peterson said the City Council has accepted adding painted bike lanes onto Pine Street. The Phase Two design process of the Goose Creek Trail, which runs from 46th Street and Tremont to 53rd Street, has been approved and will extend to Goose Creek Park. Work on River Heritage Park is progressing. Mr. Peterson noted that a river walk will be built.

*Illinois DOT-*

It was reported that the Illinois Bicycle Transportation Plan was scheduled to be completed by December 2013. Public input meetings were held, and the draft should be available for review in October.

*Milan-*

It was reported that the village had agreed to allow the Village Hall parking lot to be used for long term parking for the Rock River Trail.

*QCBC-*

Mr. Mathias spoke about the Rock River Trail Initiative, which is a proposed trail route from the Quad Cities to Beloit, Wisconsin along the river corridor. Mr. Mathias will be working to identify the best route following the river and will submit his ideas to Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists. The corridor has been named a National Water Trail, and currently has scenic and historic drive designations.

*Rock Island-*

It was reported that the city had used a low cost program to place decorative bike racks throughout the city.

5. Other Business

Ms. Bulat said there are currently no open local grant programs for trails. She mentioned that TAP grants were awarded to Riverdale and Rock Island, and the City of Moline submitted a grant to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) to rebuild the Sylvan Island Bridge.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD  
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**

Meeting of: Bi-State Trail Committee

Date: 10/03/13 Time: 10:00 a.m To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No     

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Geoff Olson	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
3. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
4. Laura Duran	City of Moline	
5. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
6. Rick McDaniel	Shive-Hattery, Inc.	
7. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety and League of Illinois Bicyclists	
8. Clayton Lloyd	Missman, Inc.	
9. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
10. Jim Matthys	Buffalo, Iowa	
11. Doug DeLille	Illinois DOT	
12. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
13. Dean Moyer	Village of Cordova	
14. John Myers	Village of Cordova	
15. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
16. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
17. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
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