

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

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
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 attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2014 – Without objection, the minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) Mr. Grimes told the Committee that Bettendorf will try to develop standards for trail signage and mile markings. Finding a starting point in the mileage marking system has been especially difficult. There was some discussion as to different methods of marking trails miles.
 - b) Mr. Grimes shared that the 28-mile Loop Ride will take place on May 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The route has been approved by Riverdale City Council to go on Kensington Street to connect the Duck Creek Trail to the Mississippi River Trail (MRT). There will be people at rest stops from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are a couple other events happening along trails that day, including the Beaux Arts Fair in downtown Davenport.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

Bettendorf City Council has approved funding for a part-time contractual position of Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the city. The Coordinator will help improve the application for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation. A formal committee is forming to remain current on bicycle planning and development in the city.

Bi-State–

It was noted that Bi-State has trail counters available for use by member governments. Interest was received from the cities of Rock Island and Bettendorf.

Buffalo–

Council Member Meador noted that the preliminary engineering work has begun on the MRT route from Wildcat Den Road to Utah Avenue. He said he anticipates that the council would adopt the Unified Trail Ordinance once the trail has been constructed.

Davenport–

The City of Davenport will have a western connector bike route signed in time for the May 10 Loop Ride from Emeis Park to Credit Island. The route will mark the western-most portion of the loop connecting the MRT to the Duck Creek Trail. It was reported that the

Parks Advisory Committee is in favor of putting an emphasis on trails. There is a proposed project between the City of Davenport and Scott County to pave the shoulders along West Locust Street between Wisconsin Avenue and County Road Y48. The Goose Creek trail segment is proceeding with the acquisition of right of way.

East Moline–

A Safe Routes to School project in East Moline has been submitted for the state's review. There was no timeline as to when notification of the possible award would be given.

Grand Illinois Trail–

Mr. Lloyd mentioned that Missman Inc. is moving ahead with a contract for trail construction in Mississippi Palisades State Park north of Savanna along the Grand Illinois Trail. Missman is working with George Bellovics of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on this project.

QCBC/League of Bicyclists–

Mr. Mathias reported that the Quad City Bike Club will host a table at the Loop Ride event in May. The Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014. The annual Quad Cities Criterium, formerly in downtown Rock Island, will be held on Memorial Day in May in the Village of East Davenport for the first time. Among the other various organized rides sponsored and promoted by the Club are the Tour de Brew to support the Live Strong Foundation, the 30th Annual Ride the River, and various other family and leisure rides. It was also noted that this year's GITAP (Grand Illinois Trail and Parks) ride will include sections from Savanna to Morrison.

QCCVB–

Trails for Illinois will be bringing 150 riders to Rock Island's Sunset Park and Marina to camp before the GITY Up ride June 28-29. The ride will follow the Great River Trail at a leisurely pace to Port Byron and camp in Illiniwek Forest Preserve in Hampton. The ride is being promoted as a family friendly ride.

Riverdale–

Shive-Hattery is moving forward on a project to construct an extension of the MRT in Riverdale on the north side of US-67. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer or fall this year. The project was awarded State Recreational Trail funds and local urban area Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds.

Rock Island–

Ms. Howe said the city is in the process of adopting a comprehensive plan. It is anticipated that the plan will be adopted in April. Public meetings have been held throughout the winter.

5. Other Business

Ms. Millar introduced herself, as it was her first time attending a Regional Trails Committee meeting. She shared that she will be drafting a grant application to promote and encourage the bicycle-riding abilities of people with disabilities. She noted that the Quad Cities Conservation Alliance is willing to donate their exhibition facility for the event.

It was noted that there will be a round of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project grants coming in spring. TAP grants help fund a variety of alternative transportation projects, such as trails and safe routes to school projects. The deadline for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant applications is July 1.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Date: 3/27/14 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
2. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
3. Clayton Lloyd	Missman, Inc.	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
5. Rick McDaniel	Shive-Hattery	
6. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
7. Jody Millar	LeClaire resident	
8. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
9. Bruce Perry	Friends of the Hennepin Canal	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Eric Pobanz	QCCVB	
12. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
13. Joe Taylor	QCCVB	
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