

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

Thursday, May 22, 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 March 27, 2014 – Without objection, the minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) There was no update on trail signage. An inventory of existing signage could be made in the near future with the Duck Creek Trail acting as the pilot trail.
 - b) Mr. Grimes shared that the City of Bettendorf was awarded an Honorable Mention as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The City has not received feedback as of yet, but will share with the Committee once it is received. The City's application required lots of statistical research, and the application process itself offered lessons on how the City can become more bicycle friendly. Bettendorf would be willing to share the information it used in its application with other communities wishing to apply to the Bicycle Friendly Communities program.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

In early May, Bettendorf, Davenport and Riverdale hosted the first Loop Ride along the Duck Creek and Mississippi River Trails. There were 11 stations along the route. The comments following the event were positive, especially the fact that the event was free. In the future, the Ride may expand to become a community-wide trails promotion event, incorporating the trails in Illinois as well.

Buffalo–

Ms. Bulat shared an update on the Buffalo MRT. Once the project commences, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), it must be completed within ten years. With this new information, the City is investigating modifications to the original plan.

Davenport–

The City of Davenport has installed wayfinding signage from Emeis Park to the Credit Island Bridge. The route links the Duck Creek and Mississippi River Trails. The City is partnering with Scott County to install bike facilities on Locust Street west to West Lake Park. The City is looking into becoming a STAR Community (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities), which will require in depth research and data collection in order to determine targets and strategies for improving and the City's sustainability planning efforts.

Grand Illinois Trail–

Mr. Lloyd mentioned that Missman Inc. is working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for trail development in Mississippi Palisades State Park north of Savanna. There is interest from organizations in Galena to connect that City via trail to Palisades State Park and the Mississippi River Trail.

Moline–

The City of Moline was awarded just under \$1.2 million for the replacement of Sylvan Island Bridge from the Illinois Transportation Alternatives Program. It will most likely be a two to three year process to open Sylvan Island back up to all users. Currently the only access to the island is via personal watercraft. The City may seek private donations to help pay for the \$300,000 required match.

QCBC/League of Bicyclists–

The 49th Quad Cities Criterium will take place on Memorial Day, May 26. This year, the race moved from downtown Rock Island to the Village of East Davenport. The new track will offer riders a more varied topography compared to previous years. One difficulty in putting the race on in East Davenport is the lack of automobile parking for spectators. Race organizers are seeking out various options for visitors. The race this year will benefit the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

QCCVB–

Mississippi River Trail, Inc. is considering establishing a partnership with National Geographic to market the entire river corridor on a national level. There is also legislation in the U.S. Congress to name the American Discovery Trail a part of the National Trail System.

Rock Island–

There was nothing to report from Rock Island.

5. Other Business

Mr. Buchtel introduced himself as Executive Director of Trails for Illinois and described the GiTy Up ride that his organization is sponsoring. The ride will be a family-friendly ride that will start in Sunset Park in Rock Island and stop in Port Byron before camping in Illiniwek Forest Preserve. Participants are asked to save receipts of purchases made during the ride to help measure the impacts of trails on the local economy. Mr. Buchtel also noted that he is seeking to fund the Illinois Trail Corps to improve the maintenance of trails in Illinois.

It was noted that applications for the current round of local Transportation Alternatives Program funds are due June 20. TAP grants help fund a variety of alternative transportation projects, such as trails and safe routes to school projects. The Iowa State Recreational Trails Program recently saw an increase to \$6 million dollars from its usual \$3 million. It was also noted that there was a public meeting for the Long Range Transportation Plan Thursday evening in west Davenport at the Roosevelt Community Center.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Date: May 22, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Steve Buchtel	Executive Director, Trails for Illinois	
2. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
3. Laura Duran	City of Moline	
4. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
5. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
6. Amanda Kay Kester	City of Moline	
7. Clayton Lloyd	Missman, Inc.	
8. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
9. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
10. Bruce Perry	Friends of the Hennepin Canal	
11. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
12. Eric Pobanz	QCCVB	
13. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
14. Sam Shea	Iowa DOT	
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