

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

Thursday, November 20, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Bulat opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2014 – Ms. Ernst moved and Ms. Howe seconded approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2014 meeting, and they were approved unanimously.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) The Quad City Health Initiative Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant was discussed. Ms. Bulat reported the grant contract had not been finalized between Trinity Health Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Bi-State is involved in two elements of the grant. Bi-State will prepare three Safe Routes to School plans for targeted populations in the Quad Cities in the first year of the grant. Bi-State will also coordinate with a consultant the development of a trail app that will provide current information on trails and public amenities such as restrooms and water fountains along trails. The intent is to keep the information current through public works and park departments with Bi-State staff updating information on trail construction, detours, flooding etc.
 - b) The Committee members discussed the status of the adoption of the Quad City Unified Trail ordinance. It was noted Silvis and Cordova had adopted the ordinance, Bettendorf and Moline would include it in their code update, and Buffalo would defer until they have completed the MRT within their jurisdiction.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The City of Bettendorf is coordinating the effort to hold the second annual loop ride in May. Mr. Grimes will coordinate a meeting early next year to start planning the event. The intent is to have the route be extended to the Illinois Quad Cities if interested.

Quad Cities Bicycle Club/Illinois League of Bicyclists–

The 4th edition of the Quad City Bicycle Metro Map is being sponsored by the League of Illinois Bicyclists and will offer a full color display. Donations are being taken to assist in the printing. The intent is to have the maps finished, printed, and ready to distribute by April. Any input on the new design of the map should be submitted by December.

It was noted that a rail crossing near Muscatine in the industrial area is in need of repair to improve bicycle safety. Two potential long range trail improvements were suggested including creating a corridor from the Quad City Airport to northern Davenport once the I-74 trail is constructed and creating a trail crossing on the U.S. 67 Bridge from Rock Island to Milan.

QCCVB–

The QCCVB continues to support the designation of the American Discovery Trail as a national discovery trail. They attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. in October to discuss this issue.

River Action-

The design plans for a pedestrian bridge over East River Drive to tie to River Heritage Park are being developed. The bridge is intended to be high enough to clear traffic and will meet ADA standards. Comments are welcome, and funding will be sought for the construction.

Clearing of portage areas for the Rock River Water Trail and parking will be occurring. Hennepin Canal dredging costs are being estimated. Signage for portage points along the Rock River Water Trail were suggested along with lighting to guide kayakers.

Rock Island–

Ms. Howe has been appointed to the Quad Cities Bicycle Club. The city is utilizing the trail counters offered by Bi-State Regional Commission on a quarterly basis. The data will be shared with Trails for Illinois to use in their trail promotion efforts.

Port Byron-

It was reported there was interest in organizing a “Will B. Rolling” bike ride from Port Byron, Illinois to Sparta, Wisconsin. The Sparta Chamber had indicated being willing to assist in funding part of the effort. An entity to organize the ride and additional funding is still needed.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Date: November 20, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
2. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
3. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
4. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
5. Bruce Perry	League of Illinois Bicyclists	
6. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
7. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
8. Tim Gilman	River Action Inc.	
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