

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

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 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 November 20, 2014 – Without objection, the minutes from the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
  - a) After a short explanation, Mr. Grimes encouraged the adoption of the Quad Cities Unified Trail Ordinance. The ordinance was kept general enough to allow communities a degree of flexibility when it comes to its adoption. It will be sent out with the next meeting's agenda packet.
  - b) The second annual Quad Cities trail event will take place on May 9. The event will not be marketed as a loop ride, because Illinois communities will be participating this year. Rock Island and Moline will be taking part this year in addition to Davenport, Bettendorf and Riverdale. Similar to last year, there will be a series of booths set up at spots along the trails to offer trail users free refreshments and informational bicycle and recreational materials. The event is meant to encourage riders of all abilities and ages to use the region's trails.
4. Committee Member Reports

*Bettendorf–*

New bike facilities will be installed on Utica Ridge north of Tanglefoot Lane to Veterans Memorial Parkway and Hopewell Avenue east of Middle Road. Forest Grove Park will break ground this year, as will the reconstruction of Forest Grove Road between Utica Ridge Road and Eagle Ridge Road that will include a sidepath.

*Buffalo–*

Construction will begin this year on the extension of the Mississippi River Trail and American Discovery Trail. The extension will be shared road markings and signage from Utah Avenue to Elm Street and a separated trail from Elm Street to County Road Y-40.

*Davenport–*

The Goose Creek Trail has become the priority for new trail building in the city, as Phase II begins to move forward next year. Numerous routes throughout the city will include new paved shoulders. There are also several sidepaths that will be built in the next few years, including along:

- Utica Ridge from 53<sup>rd</sup> Street to Veterans Memorial Parkway;

- Jersey Ridge Road from Cromwell Circle to Veterans Memorial Parkway;
- Elmore Avenue extension to Veterans Memorial Parkway.

*Eldridge–*

Eldridge is hosting a public meeting on Monday, January 26 to seek input on the update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Assessment. The study will provide broad recommendations on the future of alternative transportation and recreation in the city. Eldridge will also add to its current bikepaths next year, as W. LeClaire Road will be reconstructed and have a sidepath on the south side of the road.

*Milan–*

The Optimists Club will be hosting a ride later this year. Details of the event have not been decided yet.

*Quad Cities Bicycle Club/Illinois League of Bicyclists–*

The Quad Cities Bicycle Club will be honored with the Rider Cup Award at the Iowa Bike Summit for best exemplifying the “Ride Right” philosophy. There will be one more meeting regarding the updated Quad Cities Metro Bike Map at the Rock Island Library in the early spring.

*QCCVB–*

The QCCVB continues to support the designation of the American Discovery Trail as a national discovery trail. Both Davenport and Muscatine bid to be this year’s final stop for RAGBRAI. The announcement of this year’s route will take place at the Iowa Bicycle Summit on January 24.

*River Action–*

The First Bridge Project in Davenport is moving forward toward Phase II, as the council approved the conceptual design of the pedestrian bridge. River Action will begin to seek out funding starting in the spring. The bridge will be white painted wood and be designed to the same specifications as one span of the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River. A promotional video has been prepared. River Action is also looking into a bike share feasibility study.

*Rock Island–*

*Activate Rock Island* will host a bike ride through the city on August 15 to promote bicycle use. The ride will take advantage of both on-street facilities and off-street trails.

5. Other Business

Bi-State will soon begin working with three area schools on Safe Routes to School plans. They will most likely include two schools in Davenport and one in Rock Island. School principals must approve working with Bi-State before work begins.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Date: January 22, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:20 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No \_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title/Representing:</b>	<b>Contact # or Email:</b>
1. Taylor Beswick	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Tim Chambers	River Action	
3. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
4. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
5. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
6. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
7. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
8. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
9. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
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