

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

Thursday, March 26, 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. Schmid opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Election of Bi-State Regional Trail Committee President and Vice-President – Mr. Martin offered to serve as Vice-President of the Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Taylor moved to elect Mr. Martin as Vice-President. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Gottwalt moved to retain Mr. Grimes, in absentia, as President of the Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2015 – Without objection, the minutes from the January 22, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
4. Input on the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan – Mr. Schmid described the purpose and goal of the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan for the Quad Cities metropolitan area. The purpose of the plan is to guide transportation decisions over the course of 30 years. The plan itself is updated every five years to remain relevant to the communities it affects. Committee members were asked to provide input for the plan by marking up two large, table-sized maps depicting bicycle facilities in the region. Members were asked to consider long-range and short-range goals, in-town and intercity connections, as well as on-street and off-street facilities such as separated or protected bike lanes and recreational trails. Input will also be sought via e-mail throughout the spring.
5. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events

The 2015 G.O.A.T. (Get Out And Trail) Event will take place Saturday, May 9. It will be a free event seeking to raise awareness of and promote the area's trails. A final map has yet to be produced, but it will accompany a press release and a promotional brochure to be distributed by area park and recreation departments. Steve Buchtel from Trails for Illinois is coordinating volunteers for the day of the event in Rock Island. The data collected from this event will be fed into statewide data collected.

6. Committee Member Reports

*Buffalo*–

The city is moving forward with the extension of the ADT/MRT from the Davenport boarder at Utah Street. The letting is anticipated for next spring with construction following that summer. There is currently a survey open seeking input on what to do with a city property adjacent to the ADT/MRT in town.

*Carbon Cliff–*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bridge is still closed. It is unclear as to whether it will be rebuilt due to funding.

*Eldridge–*

The City of Eldridge is currently finishing up its Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Assessment. The study is aimed at guiding alternative transportation development and investment for the next decade.

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

The update of the Quad Cities Metro Area Bike Map is still in progress. The final document will be full color. RAGBRAI will be ending in Davenport this year on July 25. The route is still not finalized, as various options are being weighed. Signs for the Rock River Trail are currently being distributed among participating locations.

*QCCVB–*

The Quad Cities will host what is being called Iowa’s first bicycle friendly business conference. Six hundred of Iowa biggest and most reputable businesses will be present. Participants will be encouraged to bike from hotels to the conference center, and there will be organized rides as well. The Will to Ben Ride will take place from October 3-9 and start in Port Byron. The ride will wind through rural Illinois and Wisconsin to Sparta, Wisconsin.

*Riverdale–*

Construction will begin on the MRT extension around May 1. Construction is expected to take approximately five months to complete. Valley Construction will be the contractor for the project.

*Rock Island–*

There was nothing new to report from Rock Island.

7. Other Business – Bi-State is hosting a series of bicycle and pedestrian-related webinars sponsored by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. Anyone associated with bicycles and pedestrians is welcome to attend. Upcoming webinars include “Legal Rights and Issues for Pedestrians and Cyclists” on April 15 and “Law Enforcement Strategies to Improve Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety” on May 20.
8. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 26, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 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. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
3. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
4. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
7. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
9. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
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