

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

Thursday, May 28, 2015 – 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 26, 2015 – Without objection, the minutes from the March 26, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Grimes described the 2015 G.O.A.T. (Get Out And Trail) Event. The event took place on May 9 throughout the Quad Cities. There was no registration or cost for the event and was hosted by the parks and recreation departments of Bettendorf, Davenport and Rock Island. At least several hundred people participated in the event, though certainly not everyone stopped at the designated stations along the trails. Steve Buchtel from Trails for Illinois trained students from the Urban and Regional Planning class at Augustana College to conduct a survey of trail users for the event. It is anticipated that the event will continue next year.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The city will soon begin construction on the expansion of Forest Grove Road. The expansion from a rural road to an arterial on the north side of the city will include a 10-foot separated trail. In downtown, work continues in preparation for the new I-74 bridge, which will include bicycle and pedestrian access across the river. The city is also in the process of updating its Bicycle Friendly Community application for resubmittal in the fall.

Buffalo–

The MRT/ADT project continues to move forward. The city has run into some difficulty regarding right-of-way acquisition for the separated trail portion of the route. The issue will be resolved shortly and is not expected to hinder the project. The westbound portion through town will be painted shared lane markings instead of a bike lane due to inadequate space in the right-of-way. The city also issued a survey requesting input on a piece of city-owned property along Front Street. Responses indicated that a MRT rest stop would be a popular use for the land.

Carbon Cliff–

The 1st Avenue Bridge is still closed. It remains unclear as to whether it will be rebuilt. A fishing tournament will take place in July near the bike trail.

Eldridge–

The City of Eldridge indicated an interest in applying for an Iowa State Recreational Trail grant for the acquisition of railroad right-of-way leading south toward the Davenport Airport.

The segment has been noted as a potential regional route in numerous plans, including the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2015 Eldridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Assessment Update.

QCCVB–

The Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau continues its preparation for hosting RAGBRAI in July. The site of the dip will be Credit Island, where bicyclists will dip their tire in the Mississippi River.

5. Other Business – There was a discussion by the committee about how to increase attendance of the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee, as attendance has fallen recently. Attendees offered to reach out to current members and other potential members to update and increase the size of the mailing list for the Committee.

Mr. Schmid noted three upcoming webinars sponsored by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP). A free webinar entitled *Talking Biking: Language that Defuses Bike Backlashes* will take place on June 3. The next two APBP webinars hosted by Bi-State are entitled *First Mile/Last Mile Connections to Transit* on June 17 and *Health in All Policies* on July 15. Both of the webinars will be hosted at the Bi-State office from 2:00 to 3:00 and all are welcome to watch.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 28, 2015 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. Amber Berge	QCCVB	
2. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
3. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
4. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
5. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
6. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
7. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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