

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

Thursday, July 30, 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 May 28, 2015 – Without objection, the minutes from the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Taylor noted that the reaction to RAGBRAI's final stop in Davenport was overwhelmingly positive. The Bix 7 race was held the morning that RAGBRAI riders rolled into town and, in spite of these two very large events occurring the same day, the day went extremely well. The final dip site into the Mississippi River at Credit Island worked very well, as there was no wait time for riders to dip their tires in the river. Scott County emergency services did not receive any RAGBRAI-related ambulance calls.

4. Committee Member Reports

*Bettendorf*–

The Bettendorf Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be active over the next year. Bi-State will be drafting the document. The City will be resubmitting its Bicycle Friendly Communities application with the hope that it will be awarded with a Bronze level designation. The City also submitted a State Rec Trails grant application for construction on an extension of the MRT on U.S. 67 from Riverdale east to Criswell Street at the Bettendorf border. Preliminary engineering has already been completed. Bicycle facilities along the Forest Grove Road corridor will be extended to Eagle Ridge Road and will include bike lanes and a sidepath. Next year, a sidepath will be added to the west side of Middle Road from 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Hopewell Avenue. In the future, the sidepath will extend to Forest Grove Road.

*Buffalo*–

Construction is expected to begin next spring on the ADT/MRT extension through Buffalo. The City met with the County, Bi-State, and the IA DOT to discuss the engineering along the route.

*Carbon Cliff*–

Bike signs for the Rock River Trail have been delivered and will be installed in August.

*Davenport*–

Four segments of bike lanes were approved by City Council and will be added to roadways. The four segments are: Jersey Ridge Road between Kimberly Road and Jersey Meadows Drive north of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tremont Avenue between 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Memorial

Parkway, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Marquette and Telegraph Road. Included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) are numerous other trail extensions including the Eastern Avenue, Jersey Ridge Road, and Utica Ridge Road corridors. Construction funds will be made available for the Goose Creek Trail extension in October. The City is looking to purchase property along the trail.

*Moline–*

The City received Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to realign the Riverfront Trail downtown. The connection will better align with the new I-74 Bridge and is in the CIP for FY2017. A separated path will be constructed on 27<sup>th</sup> Street south of the SouthPark Mall to 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Coaltown Road. This is the first leg of the River-to-River Corridor that will eventually provide an alternative transportation connection from downtown Moline to the Rock River. Moline Centre Main Street purchased 37 bike racks to promote bicycling and is looking into maintenance stations similar to the one outside of Great River Brewery in Davenport.

*Quad City Bike Club–*

Work is ongoing to clear a path for the confluence of the Hennepin Canal Trail and the Mississippi River. Currently, the path is mowed four times per year. There is a possibility in the future of adding a cantilevered bridge along IL Route 92 in Rock Island that would connect the MRT and the Rock River Trail/Hennepin Canal Trail.

*QCCVB–*

Efforts are continuing to designate the American Discovery Trail as a national trail. An act has again been introduced in the current congress. Possibilities exist to tie parts of the trail to National Heritage Areas, such as the Silos and Smokestacks in eastern Iowa. The National Parks Service cooperates with the National Heritage Areas, which are run by nonprofit organizations.

*River Action–*

The replica of the First Bridge, proposed to span River Drive, was deployed during Ride the River for participants to visualize what the bridge would look like. River Action is waiting to hear back regarding its application for an IA DOT recreational trails grant. A draft of the bike share feasibility study from Alta Planning + Design will be delivered soon. Initial reactions were positive that a bike share system in the Quad Cities could work. The DNR is currently inspecting the Hennepin Canal Trail. A grant was submitted for a 600-foot long boardwalk in the park. Trails at Green Valley Park will receive improvements, and River Action is working with the Fish and Wildlife service. Lost Grove Lake now offers a crushed stone trail around the lake that is maintained by the DNR. Water testing is being done on the 176-acre lake, but overall the watershed is healthy. The Upper Mississippi River Conference will take place this year at the River Center in Davenport from October 14-16.

*Rock Island–*

Activate Rock Island will host a family bicycle ride on August 16 called Rock the Ride. There will be a bike rodeo accompanying the ride.

5. Other Business – Mr. Miller gave an update on the Quad City metro area bike maps commissioned by the League of Illinois Bicyclists. He requested input from the Committee

on the drafts that were presented. He also discussed a program through the Children's Therapy Center called I Can Bike Camp that teaches children with disabilities how to ride bikes over a week-long camp.

Mr. Schmid noted that the Passenger Transportation chapter of the Long Range Transportation Plan was under review, and the Alternative Transportation chapter would be completed soon. He was in the process of compiling information from various municipal bike plans. Future facilities will be added from input given by the Trails Committee and the bike plans.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 30, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 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. Jeff Anderson	City of Moline	
2. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
3. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
4. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
5. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
9. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Joe Taylor	Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau	
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