

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

Thursday, September 24, 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 July 30, 2015 – Mr. Miller noted a change in terminology related to bicycle facilities in Bettendorf. The correct term should be changed to “sidepath” from “trail.” The minutes were approved with this correction.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Taylor discussed the Will to Ben Ride taking place in early October. The ride covers 443 miles over seven days. Riders will start in Port Byron, Illinois on October 3 and finish in Sparta, Wisconsin on October 9, which coincides with the kick-off of Sparta’s Fall Fest. The City of Sparta is already planning the 2016 ride.

The Bike Share Feasibility Study draft report should be complete in the next seven to ten days. The steering committee will go on a fact-finding trip to Chicago to ride and learn about the Divvy Bike system in Chicago the first week in October. Fund raising will be a major component of any bike share system in the Quad Cities. Any implementation of bike share would need to be completed in at least two phases.

Ms. Miller discussed the on-going development of the interactive trails website, QCTrails.com. The draft version of the website included avenues where users could find and learn more about trails in the Quad Cities Region. A major component of the website will be to encourage website users to log miles in return for badges. There is a working list of bike trails that is being incorporated into the website. Eventually, walking routes, such as historic neighborhood tours, will be added to expand the offering and diversity of trails on the website. After funding through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) runs out, the community will need to sustain the website. Ms. Miller asked for Committee members’ review the list of trails that was passed out, and requested that the cities designate a definitive “trail person” responsible for communicating any updates related to the website.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The City has submitted another application to be a designated Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The previous application led to an honorable mention. The Bettendorf Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BBPAC) are working toward getting appointments from the City Council. The City was not awarded a State Recreational Trails program grant for the extension of the MRT from the Riverdale border.

Buffalo–

The City met with numerous stakeholders, including the engineers and the IA DOT. Final plans will be submitted within the next week. The bid letting is anticipated for January 2016 with construction occurring from May to June. The route will consist of shared-road markings from Utah Avenue to Elm Street through town, and then continue three-quarters of a mile west as a separated trail.

Davenport–

The resurfacing of Jersey Ridge Road will include shared-road markings, also known as “sharrows,” accompanied by a “Share the Road” sign next to the street. Plans are moving forward for complete street upgrades along 46th Street, Tremont Avenue, and the 3rd and 4th Streets one-way couplet. The future of the Goose Creek Trail has been complicated somewhat due to property acquisition issues. The City will no longer be purchasing the pet cemetery property. Cobham plc was named the City’s first Bicycle Friendly Business.

League of Illinois Bicyclists–

The Illinois Bike Summit will take place October 28. Mr. Schmid will be presenting at a session centered around trail data collection. Final drafts of the QC Metro Bike Map have been submitted to the League.

Moline–

The City is currently conducting Phase II of its Riverfront Master Plan, which incorporates an intermodal transportation plan. Among the north-south routes being studied are 12th, 15th and 19th Streets. Their east-west counterparts are 4th or 6th Avenues. There will be a community meeting November 5 to gather input specifically on the multimodal transportation component of the plan. The Sylvan Island Bridge replacement project is currently in its NEPA phase. A mussel survey is being conducted.

QCCVB–

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to designate the American Discovery Trail as a national trail. ADT stakeholders are still strategizing how best to designate the coast-to-coast route.

River Action–

The Upper Mississippi River Conference will take place October 15 and 16. Elected officials are offered half-price registration. Steve Durant from Alta Planning + Design will be addressing design issues of trail infrastructure.

Riverdale–

Construction is complete on the MRT extension. Temporary traffic signals are in place at US-67.

Rock Island–

There was nothing new to report from Rock Island.

5. Other Business –

Mr. Schmid noted that the Non-Motorized Transportation Chapter of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is moving along in its development. Initial comments and feedback given by the Trail Committee have been incorporated into the working draft. A full draft of the plan will be ready in December.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 24, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Jeff Anderson	City of Moline	
2. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
3. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
4. Patrick Lynch	Shive-Hattery, Inc.	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
7. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
8. Lisa Miller	Bi-State Regional Commission	
9. Bruce Perry	League of Illinois Bicyclists; Friends of Hennepin Canal	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Joe Taylor	Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau	
13. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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