

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 19, 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 September 24, 2015 – Ms. Ernst motioned to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee meeting. Mr. Miller seconded, and the minutes were approved.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Ms. Bulat discussed the issue of trail signage throughout the Quad Cities region. The issue came up at a recent meeting for the Buffalo ADT/MRT extension. The IADOT makes MRT signs available to local governments at no cost, with the local government being responsible for installation costs. Overall in the region, there is a lack of signage pointing visitors toward the trails.

There are a couple of options available for obtaining ADT signage. The Joint Purchasing Council, a service provided by Bi-State, could seek bids for supplying ADT signs to any community who would like to purchase them. Additionally, a number of local governments produce their own road signs, and intergovernmental agreements could be made to produce ADT signs, for which there are already defined specifications.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

Bettendorf was awarded the Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. There will be an official presentation to City Council the following week. The city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BBPAC) is meeting with representatives from Alcoa to assist with their application to be a Bicycle Friendly Business. Cobham plc. in Davenport was recently awarded with the first Bicycle Friendly Business in the Quad Cities region. The city is moving forward with the development of the MRT between Fenno Road and the eastern city limits. The first meeting for planning of next May's GOAT (Get Out And Trail) ride will take place on January 20, with the event scheduled to take place the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend.

Davenport–

Numerous Complete Streets projects are in the bidding phase, with more being vetted and under development. Davenport in Motion, the city's transportation plan, is informing many of the corridor choices being made for Complete Streets conversion. One corridor that called for a road diet was Central Park Avenue. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) along this road is approximately 9,000 vehicles per day. Research now indicates that roads with up to 25,000 vehicles per day may support Complete Streets conversion. The city will reevaluate Phase II of the Goose Creek Trail, due to the necessity of bridges along the trail, which will increase the cost of the trail considerably.

Eldridge–

The city is in talks with the Canadian Pacific Railway to acquire right-of-way running south of town. The acquisition will run to the end of the new spur line to the Davenport Municipal Airport.

Long range plans have that corridor connecting with Davenport and Bettendorf. The city is also redeveloping the streetscaping downtown, and will include more bike racks for people to use at local businesses. New pickleball courts are open along the trail on LeClaire Road. The city received a grant from the Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA) to install lights at the court.

Milan–

The village's grant application for a project at the Steel Dam was turned down again. The village may work with the mayor and administrator to move forward with the project without state funds.

Moline–

Ms. Wilson did not have anything to report, but introduced herself as the new Parks and Recreation Director for Moline.

QCCVB–

The QCCVB was awarded a grant for cameras and wireless microphones to use for promotional materials. The bureau would like to rent out the cameras to bicyclists to use on regional trails. Anyone interested in renting the equipment should contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ride Illinois–

The former League of Illinois has renamed and rebranded itself as Ride Illinois. The announcement was made at the Illinois Bicycle Summit in Champaign in October. The summit itself was well attended. More promotional efforts will be done next year to attract more riders. The Quad Cities Metro Area Bike map will go to print next week. The first Will to Ben ride attracted nine riders in the fall to ride from Port Byron to Sparta, Wisconsin.

5. Other Business – Bi-State's trail counter program is continuing to collect data around the Bi-State region. Mr. Schmid provided a handout of data collected to date for Davenport, Bettendorf, and Rock Island. Reports from the TRAFx Datanet website provide for simplified analysis across numerous sites. Bi-State member communities may request use of the trail counters to get a snapshot of use along area trails. Data can also be shared with communities for use in reports, plans, or grant applications, for example.

The development of the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* is continuing to progress. Bi-State staff is developing cost estimates for the proposed transportation system. Draft maps of the sidewalk network in the Quad Cities have been completed and are ready for review. The Existing and Proposed Trail and Greenway System map as well as the Trail Counts map are being developed.

Mr. Schmid gave a reminder on bicycle and pedestrian applicable grants and their deadlines. Annual deadlines for grants in Illinois and Iowa range from March to October. Bi-State staff are available to assist in grant development. Bi-State is coordinating with its counterparts in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids to develop a strategic plan for the American Discovery Trail Parkway. There are opportunities to partner with Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area. Long range plans have a connected trail or corridor connecting the Cedar Falls/Waterloo area with the Quad Cities where the American Discovery Trail crosses the Mississippi River.

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: November 19, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:40 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
3. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
4. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
5. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
6. Molly Otting Carlson	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
7. Bruce Perry	Ride Illinois	
8. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Lori Wilson	City of Moline	
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