

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 28, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Taylor opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2015 – Mr. Miller noted that the average annual daily traffic (AADT) threshold for road diet and complete street conversions is now up to 25,000 vehicles per day, and not approximately 9,000 as stated at the meeting. The minutes will be amended to reflect this. Ms. Ernst motioned to approve the minutes as amended of the November 19, 2015 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee meeting. Mr. Miller seconded, and the minutes were approved as amended.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Schmid shared the background of Bi-State's Joint Purchasing Council, which coordinates purchases of supplies and equipment. All Bi-State member governments are eligible to participate under their membership dues in Bi-State. If there is sufficient interest from the Trail Committee, a joint purchase could be made for bike racks, so that member governments could get a better price than if each member government would purchase bike racks independently. The Trail Committee indicated that there was interest, and more information on particular facets of such a joint purchase would be helpful, for instance regarding branding for different cities. Mr. Schmid will investigate the previous effort to do a joint purchase for bike racks in 2008, as well as possible vendors who may be interested in bidding on a possible joint purchase.

Mr. McNeil and Mr. Hansen discussed the website they had been working on, GreatRiverTrail.org. The website seeks to promote the 11 communities along the trail along the Mississippi River in Illinois from Rock Island to Savanna. The site is live, but still in development, and is mobile friendly. The effort to create the website was partially driven by trying to get communities along the trail to think of trail users as valued visitors. Mr. McNeil and Mr. Hansen said they were taking input on the website in hopes of increasing its value to the communities along the trail.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

An extension of the MRT will be built this year with a separated trail along US-67 from Fenno Road to Crow Creek and with a widened shoulder from Crow Creek to the City's eastern border. An extension of the Middle Road sidepath from the roundabout at 53rd Avenue to Hopewell Avenue will also be constructed this year. Forest Grove Road will also include a separated in addition to on-road bike lanes. The City's BBPAC (Bettendorf Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) is looking into barriers to increasing bicycling's modeshare within the city. As part of this effort in coordination with Western Illinois University, the city is also undertaking a project to install more bike racks throughout Bettendorf. This year's G.O.A.T. (Get Out And Trail) event will take place Saturday, May 7 throughout the Quad Cities. The free event will include about a dozen booths spread throughout the area to share information on area trails, healthy living, and other parks and recreation related activities.

Buffalo–

The City Council has met and approved bids. The MRT/ADT extension project will be let in March.

Milan–

The Village is working on installing signage along the Hennepin Canal Trail, and will partner with Bi-State to draft a bicycle plan later this year. The Village has also worked with River Action to create Steel Dam Park along the canal.

Princeton–

The effort to build the segment of the MRT through the City of Princeton is gaining steam. The alignment study and preliminary engineering has already been completed. The trail will run along the west side of US-67 for 1.5 miles. The City Council has designated \$10,000 for the project, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$1.5 million. Recreation can be a large part of Princeton's development with its proximity to Lost Grove Lake, the river, Prince Wildlife Management Area, and kayak rental opportunities.

QCCVB–

The Convention and Visitors Bureau will have bicycle rentals available this year beginning April 15. The Friends of the Hennepin Canal will host a hike on February 21. The designation of the ADT as a national trail is once again making its way through Congress. In the House of Representatives, it is associated with HR 2661, and Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois will introduce similar legislation. National Geographic will launch its Mississippi River Geotourism website in June.

Ride Illinois–

The Quad Cities Metro Bike Map will be delivered soon. The map has been submitted to the printer and 20,000 copies have been ordered.

River Action–

River Action will be developing pop-up parks this year. The Bike Share Feasibility Study has been sent out to a committee. A luncheon will be held January 29 to present the study to area stakeholders, in the hopes that a local group will develop and champion the project.

5. Other Business – The QCTrails.org website will launch over the weekend of January 30-31. The project to create the website was funded by the Centers for Disease Control with the goal to get more people active. Once funding for the grant runs out, Bi-State will look to create a subgroup of the Trail Committee to be the administrators of the site, making updates and controlling which content is published. A media event will be held in the spring, possibly associated with the GOAT event or National Bike Month. Year Two of the PICH grant will focus on strategic planning for the site, adding more trails such as water trails and historic tours.

Mr. Schmid noted that the full draft of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan could be viewed and downloaded from the Bi-State website, and that any further comments could be submitted before the plan is officially adopted at the end of March. Bi-State will be hosting six webinars sponsored by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. The first webinar will take place on February 17 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 28, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:20 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
2. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
3. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
4. Devin Hansen	Borderless SEO / Great River Trail	
5. Brent Herman	Recreation Trail Chair, City of Princeton	
6. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Dan McNeil	Trail user / Great River Trail	
9. Donnie Miller	Bettendorf Bike/Ped Coordinator/ QC Bike Safety	
10. Lisa Miller	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Molly Otting Carlson	Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	
12. Sonya Paddock	City of Riverdale	
13. Greg Ryckaert	Missman, Inc.	
14. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
15. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	
16. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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