

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2016 – 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 January 28, 2016 – Without objection, the minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Grimes discussed the upcoming GOAT (Get Out And Trail) event taking place May 7. This is the second year that the event will have the name “GOAT” and the third year for the ride overall. There has been a question of how to measure the participation for the event. Trail counters have been deployed along the trails in the urban area for the event the past two years and will be again installed prior to the day of the event. There will be 12 rest stops with hosts this year. Requirements of rest stop hosts is simply to be present at their stop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and have liquid refreshments available to trail users. The mayors of the major cities in the Quad Cities Area will be filming a promotional video. Maps will also be available on city websites.

Ms. Wine gave an update on bringing bike share to the Quad Cities. The feasibility study was completed in the fall by Alta Planning + Design and given out to numerous stakeholders. There was a luncheon for potential stakeholders in late January to further explain the system and how it would operate. The initial estimate to launch the system was approximately \$2.5 million. The study advised against starting small in order to have the requisite mass of bikes necessary for users to have enough origins and destinations.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that he and other members of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) in addition to other stakeholders met with Zagster, which is a company that specializes in small-scale bike share systems on corporate campuses and other mid-sized cities and urban areas. The meeting was for gathering information, and the CVB is not pursuing anything further.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The Bettendorf Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BBPAC) is investigating a cost share program with businesses to increase the amount of bicycle parking in the city. The city is working with Western Illinois University to create a survey to be taken along trails and sidepaths. The trail bridge along the Crow Creek Trail will have repairs completed by the end of April. Discussions have been had with Davenport regarding contiguous directional, safety, and wayfinding signage.

Davenport–

Phase I of the city’s Complete Streets program will start in May with the 3rd and 4th Streets one-way couplet. In addition, bike lanes will be added to Jersey Ridge Road north of Kimberly Road to Jersey Meadows Drive, 46th Street through the U.S. 61 one-way couplet from Marquette to Tremont Avenue, and Tremont Avenue from 46th Street to Veterans Memorial Parkway. More Complete Streets conversions may be implemented in the fall. Phase II of the Goose Creek Trail development

has been suspended due to the prohibitive costs resulting from bridges that would be required. The city's Sustainable Environment Methods & Technology Advisory Commission (SEMTAC) has officially been disbanded.

Eldridge–

The city is moving forward with purchasing two miles of railroad right-of-way from Canadian Pacific. The city will have to purchase the existing tracks and ties and be responsible for tearing them up. The city is also looking into including bike racks in new downtown developments.

Geneseo–

The city applied for Recreational Trails Program funding for access to the Hennepin Canal Trail northeast of town. Bi-State and Missman provided technical assistance for the application, which was due March 1, 2016.

Princeton–

There has been some turnover on the Sidewalk and Trail Committee, as three of the five seats have changed members.

QCCVB–

The headquarters of the American Discovery Trail Society will be moving to the Quad Cities. Both locations of the Convention and Visitors Bureau will serve as headquarters, as both will be travel centers. There are two pieces of federal legislation that affect the ADT: HR 2661, the National Discovery Trails Act of 2015; and S2608, The American Discovery Trail Act of 2016. The National Parks Service has stated that it does not oppose S2608, which would allow the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to place acceptable signage along the American Discovery Trail.

Riverdale–

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on April 9 for the city's extension of the MRT. Alcoa became the Quad Cities' second Bicycle Friendly Business, achieving the Silver level by the League of American Bicyclists.

West Liberty–

The city is looking into developing a comprehensive plan. As a component of that plan, a bicycle and pedestrian component could find suitable locations for trail development.

5. Other Business – The issue of bike parking was raised. The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) has published Bicycle Parking Guidelines. Bi-State has a hard copy of the guidelines and can loan it out to anyone who is interested. Moline had done a bicycle parking inventory a few years ago. Individual efforts are being made to expand bicycle parking options within cities and at specific destinations.

Mr. Schmid shared that Grand Illinois Trail Signs are available from the Illinois DNR at no cost. Interested parties should contact George Bellovics to have them delivered. Bi-State is anticipating a round of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants for the urban area to take place in the fall. The next APBP webinar hosted by Bi-State will take place on April 20 and is entitled Shared and Separated Off-Street Paths.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 24, 2016 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. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
2. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
3. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery, Inc.	
4. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
6. Lawrence McNaul	City of West Liberty	
7. Donnie Miller	City of Bettendorf, Bicycle Safety	
8. Molly Otting Carlson	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
9. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
10. Greg Ryckaert	Missman	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Sam Shea	Iowa DOT	
13. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
14. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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