

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 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 March 24, 2016 – Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – The annual GOAT (Get Out And Trail) event in early May encountered some brief, heavy rain events, but the day was not lost and many people were out using the trails throughout the morning and early afternoon. There was some miscommunication with the Illinois station sponsors, as there were no stations on that side of the river. The event will continue next year, as more outreach and communication with partners in Illinois will ensure a bi-state event.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

Traffic flow downtown continues to change as prep work for the new I-74 Bridge takes place. Traffic patterns change occasionally as work progresses. The new bridge will include an elevator to take people up to and down from the bicycle/pedestrian crossing. The extension of the MRT from the Riverdale border to 67th Street Court will begin construction this year, with completion planned for early 2017. The Bettendorf Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BBPAC) will be discussing the City's bike rack cost share program for local businesses. The trail bridge in Crow Creek Park has been repaired. The City is exploring a possible extension of the Crow Creek Trail, and looking into potential route alternatives.

Carbon Cliff–

The route for the Grand Illinois Trail will need to be moved from its proposed alignment. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency made a discovery that will prevent the trail construction along its proposed alignment. The route will most likely go through the Mansur Woods development on top of the bluff.

Davenport–

Bike lanes have been painted on the 3rd/4th Street one-way couplet. The number of vehicle travel lanes was retained, along with parking. The immediate future of the extension of the Jersey Ridge Road bike lanes is uncertain after a contentious public meeting in April. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 2, which will begin by addressing the questions and concerns that were raised by members of the public at the previous meeting.

East Moline–

The program Lids for Kids has given out approximately 500 helmets to area children. The program was sponsored by the East Moline Rotary Club and led by Mr. Miller.

Eldridge–

The City's purchase of railroad right-of-way is continuing. The route is along First Street south of Iowa Street. The new Downtown Master Plan includes provisions for bike racks at local

businesses. Public hearings were held, and the public was supportive of the measures put forth in the plan, among which were narrower streets and wider sidewalks.

Geneseo–

The Recreational Trails Program grant application that Bi-State and Missman helped prepare was given preliminary approval by the Illinois DNR. The application was sent on to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for their approval, as the Hennepin Canal is classified a National Historic Landmark.

Princeton–

The City's Sidewalks and Trail Committee will be preparing two grants to help fund a portion of the MRT extension through town. A fundraiser event is set for July as a 5K race as part of the former Princeton Days fest. The City will put \$10,000 per year in a fund to construct the extension of the MRT.

QCBC–

Members have brought up the increased difficulty of contractors for large events, such as the Quad Cities Marathon and Ride the River, to access Arsenal Island due to increased security requirements that were put in place last year. The Quad Cities Criterium will take place Memorial Day Weekend in the Village of East Davenport again this year. Races begin at 9:00 a.m. and kids races begin at 3:30 p.m. The QCBC sponsored a table along the MRT in Davenport during Bike to Work Week. The dynamics of the users of the trail showed a mix of users from recreational users to commuters. One commuter, for instance, drives from Muscatine to Buffalo Shores, parks his car, and rides his bicycle 10-12 miles into work.

River Action–

A pancake breakfast will be held in Riverdale to benefit the construction of the First Bridge project in Davenport. Ride the River will again take place in June on Father's Day.

Rock Island–

Modern Woodmen of America is sponsoring the purchase and installation of 15 bike racks downtown. The City is applying for ITEP funds for the downtown *woonerf* shared street project.

5. Other Business – The QCTrails.org website was the subject of a media event in April to officially launch the new website. The site averages approximately 170 users per week, but that number spiked to almost 1,200 the week of the event. A total of 227 user accounts have been created. A total of 79 trail postings are listed on the site, including 65 land-based trails comprising over 300 miles and 14 water and paddling trails. The next step in the site's development is to identify trail managers who will keep the trail data up to date, approve comments and photos, and edit alerts related to trail closures.

Mr. Schmid noted three upcoming grant deadlines. The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is accepting applications until June 17, the Iowa State Recreational Trail program is accepting applications until July 1, and the Iowa Federal Recreational Trail program deadline will be October 1. The next webinar from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will be by June 15, and is entitled "Economic Impacts of Street Design Decisions." Bi-State will again host this webinar as a service for member governments. The next Committee meeting date was moved up one week from July 28 to avoid RAGBRAI events, as numerous Committee members were planning on being gone that week. The new meeting date is July 21.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 26, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

| Name: | Title/Representing: | Contact # or Email: |
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| 1. Nick Gottwalt | Village of Carbon Cliff | |
| 2. Steve Grimes | City of Bettendorf | |
| 3. Brent Herman | City of Princeton | |
| 4. Brandy Howe | City of Rock Island | |
| 5. James Martin | City of Eldridge | |
| 6. Dean Mathias | Quad City Bicycle Club | |
| 7. Donnie Miller | Bicycle Safety, City of Bettendorf | |
| 8. Sonya Paddock | City of Riverdale | |
| 9. Zach Peterson | City of Davenport | |
| 10. Greg Ryckaert | Missman | |
| 11. Bryan Schmid | Bi-State Regional Commission | |
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