

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

Thursday, July 21, 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 May 26, 2016 – Mr. Miller noted a change in the May meeting minutes: the Quad City Bicycle Club was not involved in the program “Lids for Kids.” Rather, it was a collaboration between Mr. Miller and the East Moline Rotary Club. Pending this change, the minutes were accepted as otherwise presented.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – RAGBRAI preparations were underway in Muscatine, where riders will arrive on July 30 to dip their tires in the Mississippi River to mark the end of their cross-state ride.

A lengthy discussion was had over a petition circulated by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition calling for stronger legislation regarding passing laws in Iowa. The petition and the renewed effort advocating for such legislation came after a member of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition was struck from behind by a vehicle and killed on a roadway. The proposed legislation supported by the Coalition would require passing vehicles to give a full travel lane in passing bicyclists. This would allow for more space than most other states, where a three-foot distance is most commonly required though somewhat difficult to enforce. Bicyclist fatalities in 2016 have already surpassed the total in 2015, showing an alarming trend. The Committee proposed drafting a letter to encourage the Transportation Policy Committee’s support of safe passing legislation in Iowa. Mr. Miller moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously. Mr. Mathias shared with the Committee new designs in headlights for bicyclists. A wider spectrum of light from LEDs works to bring drivers’ attention to moving cyclists.

Ms. Bulat discussed the need for trail managers to keep the QCTrails.org website up-to-date once the grant monies run out for the PICH grant. Bi-State will be responsible for smaller governments in the region, but larger governments would be asked to assist in various tasks associated with the website’s maintenance.

4. Committee Member Reports

*Bettendorf*–

The city has installed eight out of ten bike racks in collaboration with the Bettendorf Rotary Club. The racks are being manufactured locally by Crawford Company, who are able to do laser etching for individual communities. Businesses in Bettendorf may apply to request bike racks in front of their locations as part of the city’s cost share program. A Survey Monkey survey was recently sent out to gather input from trail users and nonusers. A hard copy of the survey is being prepared. Surveys will be repeated twice per year. The city has ordered 12 MRT signs to install along the riverfront trail, and may order more to install along the extension on US-67 once it is complete by early next year. Once the MRT extension from Fenno Road to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street Court is complete, users may use the paved shoulders to reach LeClaire. Maintenance on the shoulders is done twice per year between Bettendorf and LeClaire.

*Buffalo–*

Construction of the western extension of the MRT through Buffalo is set to begin August 1. A preconstruction meeting was held in June. A rail will be added between the separated trail and the road. Speed signs were installed along IA-22 this spring and bring attention to the changes in speed as drivers come into town.

*Quad City Bicycle Club–*

The club is preparing for RAGBRAI the week of July 25. The ride will conclude in Muscatine on Saturday, July 30.

5. Other Business – Ms. Bulat noted that Bi-State received a grant to promote Complete Streets in the urban area. The Iowa Department of Public Health is coordinating a walking workshop with the directors of the public health, transportation, and economic development departments in the state. An update was given on the QCTrails.org website. The website currently has 79 trails posted on with more to come in the next year. The site averages just over 450 users per week. A total of 336 user accounts have been created.

Mr. Schmid noted that Bi-State is anticipating a call for applications for urban Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside money this fall. The TA Set-Aside program was formerly called the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) under the previous federal transportation bill, MAP-21. The Scott County REAP Committee will be meeting in early August to review and comment on one application. The application is from Davenport for the next phase of Veterans Memorial Park. A reminder was given that the annual deadline for the Iowa Federal Recreational Trails program was approaching. October 1 is the annual deadline.

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 21, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No \_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title/Representing:</b>	<b>Contact # or Email:</b>
1. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Nick Gottwalt	Village of Carbon Cliff	
3. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
4. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
7. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
8. Donnie Miller	City of Bettendorf	
9. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation – District 6	
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