

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Martin opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2018 – Without objection, the minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Review of Trail Counter Data – Mr. Schmid detailed Bi-State Regional Commission’s trail counter program. Trail counters are loaned to member governments upon request, who assume responsibility for them while they are deployed in the field. The counters are installed by Bi-State staff with input from member government staff. The counters are usually deployed for approximately one month at a time. Data is downloaded from the counters at the end of the time period and given to partner agencies to use in planning documents, grant applications, or other quantitative purpose.

Mr. Long noted a potential need to use the counters near where the Duck Creek Trail and Mississippi River Trail (MRT) intersect in Riverdale. He said he would like to get an estimate of users at a number of points in town, for instance at the Duck Creek-Kensington Street Trailhead and the sidewalk connecting the MRT to Kensington Street. Ms. McDonough offered to conduct a walk audit similar to one done in Princeton discussed below.

4. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – The RAGBRAI dip site, where riders dip their tires into the Mississippi River, will be at Marquette Street, and RAGBRAI Village will be at LeClaire Park. It’s assumed that many riders will leave town after their week-long ride, but others will stay and attend Street Fest in downtown Davenport after the Bix 7 that morning. River Action events are listed below.
5. Committee Member Reports

Bi-State Regional Commission –

There are a number of grant deadlines approaching. Among them are Iowa REAP, Federal Recreational Trails (Iowa), ITEP (Illinois), RDA (Iowa), and SCRA (Iowa). Bi-State has numerous planning documents and updates that are either finishing up or will begin the planning process soon: *Henry County Trails and Greenways Plan, Muscatine County Trails Plan, Quad Cities Traffic Safety Plan, Rock Island County Greenways Plan, and the 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. The Iowa Department of Transportation has released its *Bicycle and Pedestrian Long-Range Plan* for public comment. The plan can be downloaded from the Iowa DOT’s website.

Buffalo –

The MRT project is nearly closed. There have been issues between the DOT and Stanley Consultants regarding paperwork. Additional ADT and MRT signage may be installed in the future.

Eldridge –

The city will begin engineering on its 1st Street Trail after October 1, which is the start of the next federal fiscal year. The Moonlight Chase and Summer Festival both went well.

Quad City Health Initiative–

The week of July 23 will be a special social media week for QC Trails. New trails in Henry County will be highlighted, as well as other trails in the region. Muscatine County trails will also be added to the site in the near future.

River Action –

A number of events are coming up that are hosted by River Action. Floatzilla is August 18. Registrations are up 40% this year over last year, and River Action is looking for more outfitters to handle the larger number of participants. The Cops, Kids, Kayaks and Canoes program takes kids to West Lake Park for water vessel lessons. Participants will paddle with police officers on the day of Floatzilla. The Sylvan Island Explorers Program gets children from the Boys and Girls Club in Moline and the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island out to Sylvan Island for half-day programs introducing them to the island. Golf cart tours will take place September 6, with locations on the Davenport and Bettendorf riverfronts and Arsenal Island. The Taming of the Slough will take place September 15 in Moline, which is the same day as the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Riverfront Pops Concert. Paddlers must get through the lock and dam by 1:00 p.m. and make their way to Lake Potter in Rock Island. Shuttle service will be provided from Lake Potter, and a lot of beginning paddlers are expected to take part in the event.

Riverdale –

The city and Bi-State will coordinate the installation of trail counters to examine the use of the MRT and Duck Creek Trail.

Scott County Health Department –

The Scott County Health Department currently uses two walk audit tools, Walkability and Bikeability Suitability Assessment (WABSA) and/or AARP Walk Audit Toolkit. The WABSA is a highly quantitative tool that measures sidewalk width, buffer width, surface condition, etc. While the AARP Walk Audit Toolkit is a qualitative tool that evokes walk audit participants to observe driver behavior, safety, and appeal. Together, the WABSA and AARP Walk Audit Toolkit complement each other well. However, it's not always ideal to complete two separate walk audit tools and both are lacking ADA sidewalk slope and cross slope measurements. Ms. McDonough is developing a Scott County Walk Audit Toolkit that combines the best attributes of the WABSA and AARP Walk Audit Toolkit, and includes ADA slope and cross-slope measurements. Ms. McDonough is also working with Scott County GIS to create a mobile app to streamline the documentation created on walk audits. This would be an improvement over the current pencil-and-paper method of gathering data and information.

6. Other Business – The group discussed the recent pedestrian-cyclist crash on the MRT in Davenport that resulted in the death of the pedestrian. While the details are not yet fully known, a revisit of the Unified Trail Ordinance that was passed by Bi-State Regional Trail Committee in 2013 would be helpful for communities as they assess the safety of their trail infrastructure.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 19, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Nicole Carkner	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Tim Long	City of Riverdale	
3. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
4. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Dept.	
6. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
7. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
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