

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 27, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

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 July 19, 2018 – Ms. McDonough submitted changes to the section on the Scott County Health Department in the minutes from the July 19, 2018 meeting. She moved to approve the minutes pending the changes. The minutes were approved as revised.
3. Presentation on Davenport GO (Zach Peterson) – Mr. Peterson provided background information on the development of the Davenport GO multi-modal transportation plan. RDG Planning & Design from Des Moines began plan development in May 2017. Input was received via user input surveys, public open houses, focus groups, a steering committee, and a city council workshop. RDG developed a Level of Stress indicator for city streets, showing how comfortable a given street would be for most cyclists. The proposed basic network estimates approximately 10 to 20 years to build out. Important components of the plan include educating drivers and bicyclists, connecting the Duck Creek Trail to the riverfront trail, and shifting parking to protect cyclists.
4. Grand Illinois Trail Connection Update (Jeff Uddin) – Mr. Uddin explained the history of the GIT project, which began in 2000. The initial goal was to connect the Great River Trail to the Hennepin Canal Parkway Trail, both of which are components of the Grand Illinois Trail. The initial route along the Iowa Interstate Railroad had to be shifted due to changing plans by the railroad. The newer route goes up the bluff in Carbon Cliff and on sidepaths through Silvis and East Moline. The Carbon Cliff section has run into many difficulties with most recent estimates that retaining walls will cost over \$1 million. Archaeological findings, commercial and industrial debris, and changing ADA requirements have led to numerous re-routes of the path. The project is currently in Phase I Planning. The anticipated timeline estimates that construction will begin next year, and continue in at least two phases.
5. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Numerous events hosted by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club will take place in the fall. Among them are the Tailwind Century, Fall Foliage Ride, and the Chili Ride.
6. Committee Member Reports

Henry County Tourism Bureau–

Ms. Osborne introduced herself to the committee. She also noted that Amtrak cars will have bike racks in them.

Port Byron–

There will be another Will to Ben Ride beginning October 7 in Port Byron and finishing October 12 in Sparta, WI.

Princeton–

The city will be applying for a Federal Recreational Trails grant through the Iowa Department of Transportation. It was not successful in State Recreational Trails Program or Iowa Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant applications.

Scott County Health Department –

A final version of the Walk Audit Toolkit is anticipated to be complete in the fall. Health Department staff will pilot the toolkit at three intersections near the River Action office on River Drive in Davenport. The walk audit was conducted as part of River Action's First Bridge project to construct a pedestrian bridge of River Drive. Ms. McDonough offered to present the toolkit to the Trails Committee at a later meeting.

7. Other Business – The Bi-State Regional Trails Committee Vice President, Pat Lynch, has stepped down from his position. The committee will solicit volunteers to step into the role beginning next year.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 27, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:55 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room 320

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Evans	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
3. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
6. Kim Mills	Scott County Health Department	
7. Ray Nees	City of Eldridge	
8. Cheryl Osborne	Henry County Tourism Bureau	
9. Bruce Perry	Ride Illinois; Friends of the Hennepin Canal; Port Byron	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
13. Jeff Uddin	IMEG Corp.	
14. Ray Weiser	Scott County GIS	
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