

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

Thursday, July 18, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Ms. McDonough opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2019 – The minutes from the May 23, 2019 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Strategic Plan Action Items – Ms. McDonough gave a recap of the previous meeting’s discussion about setting goals put forth by the strategic planning process. She noted the three highest-rated goals were exploring public-private partnership (PPP) opportunities for trails, preparing a trails-related toolkit for local governments, and increasing meeting attendance. The Trail Committee proposed the following strategies for implementing the corresponding goals:
 - Explore PPP opportunities
 - Review best practices from around the country
 - Identify opportunities based on location
 - Assist member governments with easements and land donations
 - Create trails toolkit
 - Include sample press release regarding trail development
 - Include media contacts
 - Increase meeting attendance
 - Explore a call-in option
 - Share e-mail list with the committee

The list of strategies will be explored and discussed at future meetings.

4. 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Input – Mr. Schmid passed out three large, table top-sized maps of Map 5.1: Existing and Proposed Bicycle Facilities and Greenways from the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. He asked committee members to provide comments and updates to include in the next plan update.
5. Bike & Ped Highlights Infographic – Mr. Schmid passed out copies of the infographic created by Ms. McDonough depicting input received through the public input process for the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* (LRTP). The committee voted unanimously to share the infographic with Transportation Technical Committee members once updated input has been received in the next round of public engagement for the LRTP this fall.

6. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf –

A Walk and Roll event took place last week and another one is coming up on Sunday, July 21 at Crow Creek Park. Bettendorf is looking for more options for posting events on Facebook.

Nahant Marsh –

The rail spur near the marsh has been abandoned by the railroad. An offer has been submitted by the marsh to acquire a piece of land that its owners did not know they owned.

Princeton –

The city passed the first reading of its sidewalk ordinance specifying that sidewalks are to be five feet wide, not four. The city has inquired about the idea of shifting the MRT from U.S. 67 to River Drive. It would be less expensive but need a new price quote. The Princeton Trail and Sidewalk Committee received approval from the city to work with the city attorney to form a nonprofit organization to raise funds for the trail.

Quad Cities Bicycle Club –

The Quad Cities Metro Bike Map was passed out to committee members. Numerous club rides are coming up, as well as RAGBRAI. The club has three trucks leaving on Saturday, as the statewide ride begins on Sunday.

Scott County Health Department –

The Walk Audit Toolkit has been launched on the Health Department website. The department met with Park View and will provide technical assistance to become a healthy community through initiatives such as tobacco free parks and others. The department is also working with Bi-State on the Physical Activity Access Project to examine the accessibility of senior group meal sites at two locations in the Iowa Quad Cities.

7. Other Business – Mr. Schmid noted that the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy will host an event in the Quad Cities on August 22. The event will include gatherings at the LeClaire Park Bandshell in Davenport and Bass Street Landing in Moline to highlight the Great American Rail Trail, which crosses through the region. The City of Long Grove received TASA funds from the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee for a trail extension along First Street to Pine Street.

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

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 18, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Taylor Beswick	Scott County	
2. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
3. Lynn Hunt	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
5. Becky Lovich	City of Bettendorf Trails Committee	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
7. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
8. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Brad Wylam	Scott County	
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