

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

Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 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 July 18, 2019 – The minutes from the July 18, 2019 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. IDPH Physical Activity Access Project – Ms. Bruce and Ms. McDonough presented on a joint project between Bi-State and the Scott County Health Department on Physical Activity Access. Funded by a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health, the project goal is to increase opportunities for older Iowans with low incomes to be physically active in neighborhoods and communities. Ms. Bruce presented a project overview, including planned actionable project steps and progress through Year 1 of the grant. Target neighborhoods/sites are located in Davenport and Bettendorf and were selected based on percentage of low income seniors living within those areas. The target sites at Spring Village, Luther Manor, and Luther Crest are also meal sites for seniors and are optimal locations for potential improvements to pedestrian access and walkability. Bi-State developed a survey related to healthy activity access and will be deploying the survey at each meal site, along with an optional walk audit for seniors. Ms. McDonough presented the results from the preliminary walk audits done by Bi-State and Scott County Health Department staff. At each site, the county’s walk audit tool was used to take detailed measurements and observations of the sidewalk conditions and general walkability of the surrounding environment. Some recommendations for improvements from the three sites include improving curb ramp slopes, improving overall sidewalk conditions, installing curb ramps with ADA-detectable warning pads, painting more visible crosswalk markings, providing benches and/or places to rest, and removing obstacles that block or interrupt sidewalks.
4. Strategic Work Plan Review – Ms. McDonough gave a recap of the goals established by the strategic work plan and reviewed the action steps for each goal. Volunteers were assigned to specific action items based on interest and/or skill sets. See attached copy of the work plan for action step assignments.
5. Committee Member Reports
  - Quad Cities Bicycle Club* –  
The Quad Cities Metro Bike Maps have been distributed throughout the region and are available to the public at numerous locations, including the Scott County Administrative Center and St. Ambrose University. Mr. Mathias attended the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy event on August 22 and reported that it was an informative and productive event. QCBC’s Fall Foliage ride to Mt. Horeb, WI is the second weekend in October.
  - Scott County Health Department* –  
In conjunction with public health technical assistance outreach work, Park View, IA has expressed interest in moving forward with recommendations to establish themselves as a tobacco/nicotine-free community, as well as making improvements to community walkability. The Scott County Board will have to pass any ordinances on behalf of Park View. Ms. McDonough noted that the Iowa Trails Summit is October 10-11 in Pella, IA.

*Buffalo –*

The ribbon cutting event for Buffalo’s section of the Mississippi River Trail was very successful and widely attended. Leaders from throughout the community attended, as well as Congressman Dave Loebsack.

*Bettendorf–*

The final Walk and Roll event took place on September 8. Bettendorf will continue to host these events, and is also looking to engage other areas of the community.

*Princeton –*

The Princeton Trail and Sidewalk Committee is working on their 501c3 designation. The city’s new sidewalk ordinance will require 5 ft. wide sidewalks and ADA-detectable warning pads. Princeton city council will be able to make exceptions to the 5 ft. rule when appropriate. The proposed shift of the MRT to River Drive near Chestnut has gotten a positive response, especially because it is more cost efficient than the alternative.

*Scott County –*

LeClaire published a new downtown plan that includes a proposed trail system. Mr. Beswick reported that there are opportunities for Scott County to assist in funding connections between LeClaire and Princeton. Mr. Beswick will be reaching out to Ed Choate about a Trails Committee representative from LeClaire. The county had its annual strategic planning session, and among the goals discussed was connecting trails to county parks. The last three developments submitted to the county included pedestrian trail systems from the private developments, and the Planning Commission looks favorably on developments that consider connections to the existing trail system. In response to a question from Mr. Mathias about a potential trail or widened shoulder to Lost Grove Lake, Mr. Beswick noted that the county is willing to implement widened shoulders wherever possible. Mr. Beswick also noted that the American Planning Association Iowa Chapter Conference is October 9-11 in Iowa City and includes a session on healthy neighborhoods/communities and shared mobility.

*Quad City Health Initiative –*

QCHI is increasing posts on the QC Trails Facebook page and is continuing to monitor other groups’ pages in order to share events and other posts. Quarter three this year saw the highest percentage of returning visitors to the QC Trails site.

*MetroLINK –*

Mr. Osing reported that as of July, the MetroLINK fleet includes five new electric buses, each with room for three bicycles. The Channel Cat will have a Friday schedule going forward because of increased demand. Mr. Osing will look into potential for QC Trails advertising on the Channel Cat.

*Eldridge –*

Eldridge is working with Bi-State on a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant for continuation of a separated trail. Work on an additional two miles of trail to Blackhawk Trail Road will begin in the spring.

6. Other Business – Mr. Mathias handed out Rock River Trail informational cards. He also noted that there is an effort to make the bridge at Lock 31 to Big Island ADA accessible, and that the region should work towards a goal of making all trails ADA accessible.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 26, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 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. Taylor Beswick	Scott County	
2. Rachel Bruce	BSRC	
3. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
4. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
5. Becky Lovich	City of Bettendorf Trails Committee	
6. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
7. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
8. Jim Matthys	Buffalo Trails	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Tanner Osing	MetroLINK	
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