

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

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 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 November 21, 2019 – The minutes from the November 21, 2019 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Updates on Strategic Plan Goals – The Trails Committee separated into three groups to discuss the goals of the committee’s strategic plan. The committee updated numerous action steps under the three main goals. The updated strategic work plan is attached to these minutes.
4. 2020 Census Update – Ms. Hansen presented on the decennial census federally mandated to occur by the U.S. Constitution. She noted that \$675 billion was allocated annually based on the results of the census. The states of Illinois and Iowa received \$34.3 billion and \$8.8 billion in FY2016 respectively through federal programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census. Ms. Hansen noted hard-to-count populations including children under the age of 5, seniors, and minority groups. New to the census this year is the option of filling out the form online. Media campaigns have begun to spread the word on the census. Iowa Quad Cities communities received a grant to get the word out and get as robust a count as possible.
5. 2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Mr. Schmid presented on progress of the nonmotorized transportation chapter of the *2050 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* (LRTP). He described numerous maps in the plan: Existing and Proposed Bicycles Facilities, Sidewalk Network, Crash Density, and Average Weekday Household Person-Miles Traveled. Numerous changes to the nonmotorized network have occurred since the previous plan in 2016, including extensions to the Mississippi River Trail in Buffalo and Bettendorf; sidepaths on Spruce Hills Drive and Forest Grove Drive in Bettendorf; sidepaths in Davenport on Veterans Memorial Parkway, Elmore Avenue, and Eastern Avenue; and the repaving of the Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline. Mr. Schmid also highlighted numerous additions that will be completed in coming years in Davenport, Eldridge, Moline, East Moline, and Silvis.

Mr. Schmid introduced the existing Proposed Complete Streets Network map that was included in the 2040 and 2045 LRTPs, and asked for input and comments for the 2050 LRTP. Routes included in Davenport do not reflect the new Davenport Go plan, which was adopted in 2019. A follow-up meeting will take place between Bi-State and Davenport staff. Two routes were proposed for inclusion in the plan: 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Island and the IL 92 corridor from Rock Island to Silvis. The latter was the subject of a corridor study that proposed many nonmotorized and transit-related improvements. It was recommended that snow policies be explored as well.

6. Committee Member Reports

Committee member reports were curtailed due to time restraints.

*Princeton –*

The Sidewalk and Trail Committee, now called Princeton Recreational Trails, Inc., will receive some of the money that had previously been committed by the City for Mississippi Riverfront Trail development. A fundraiser is planned at Go Fish for February 29. The Rock Island County Forest Preserve District offered to donate camping nights for the silent auction.

*Quad City Health Initiative –*

QCHI is looking to have QCTrails.org endorsed through the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative.

*Scott County Health Department –*

Ms. McDonough plans to attend the Iowa Bicycle Summit in Des Moines on January 24. Mr. Schmid and Mr. Mathias also plan on attending.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 23, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 a.m. Minutes: Yes  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 Hansen	Bi-State Regional Commission	
3. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
4. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
5. Becky Lovich	City of Bettendorf Trails Committee	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
9. Mike Petersen	Rock Island County Forest Preserve District	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Ross Smith	Rock Island County Forest Preserve District	
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## STRATEGIC WORK PLAN

### BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE

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#### Purpose Statements:

- Provide for coordination between participating jurisdictions, their trail representatives, community leaders, and other interested parties.
- Encourage communication between participating jurisdictions in order to achieve maximum benefits from trail development.
- Facilitate and review and coordination of projects which impact trail development.

#### Members:

**James Martin**, President/City of Eldridge; **Christina McDonough**, Vice-President/Scott County Health Department; **Bryan Schmid**, Bi-State Regional Commission; **Lynn Hunt**, Visit Quad Cities; **Tanner Osing**, MetroLINK; **Taylor Beswick**, Scott County Planning & Development; **Dean Mathias**, Quad Cities Bicycle Club; **Jim Matthys**, City of Buffalo; **Brent Herman**, Princeton Sidewalk & Trails Committee; **Becky Lovich**, Bettendorf Trails Committee; **Cheri Lewis**, Quad City Health Initiative

**GOAL: The Bi-State Regional Trails Committee will explore private-public partnerships, resources, and funding opportunities by X/X/20XX.**

Action Steps	Member(s) Responsible	Narrative Description of Results
Research other examples and best practices of private-public partnerships, resources, and funding opportunities	Hunt	
Identify partnerships, resources, and funding opportunities based off nearby locations	Osing	<i>1/23/2020 – John Deere, large employers, health insurance companies</i>
Explore partnerships to align with nearby jurisdictions and agencies	Schmid	
Identify and list projects in each jurisdiction to provide to potential partners	Osing	
Create a map with identified projects to share with potential partners	Schmid, Beswick, Osing	

**GOAL: The Bi-State Regional Trails Committee will develop and launch a Quad Cities region toolkit for communities to use by X/X/20XX.**

Action Steps	Member(s) Responsible	Narrative Description of Results
Identify gaps in Quad Cities trails and connecting to rural communities	Mathias, Schmid, Matthys, Herman	<i>1/23/2020 – Need to define “a gap in trails” and then create a map using existing data</i>
Develop a media toolkit that includes sample press releases and social media posts, media contacts, calendar of events, etc.	McDonough, Schmid, Hung, Lovich, Lewis	Lewis has an updated list of media contacts.
Develop a bicycle and pedestrian handout	McDonough, Schmid	McDonough presented a Bike & Ped Highlights Infographic from the 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan at the 7/18/19 meeting. Attendees approved the document and Schmid volunteered to share the infographic with Transportation Technical and Policy Committees. At the 11/21/19 meeting, Schmid shared that the infographic was approved. McDonough shared with her community contacts on 11/21/19.
Include existing trail maps	Mathias, Lewis	QCTrails.org and the Quad Cities Metro Area Bicycle Map continues to receive ongoing updates.
Develop a handout that includes the health, economic, environmental benefits to sidewalk and trail development	McDonough	Collaborate with Colleen Doak, St. Ambrose University <i>1/23/2020 – Augustana College or University of Iowa</i>
Publish the toolkit online	Schmid	
Submit a press release launching the toolkit	Lovich, McDonough	
Address misconceptions and explain laws regarding cycling on the roadway and define types of bicycle facilities ( <i>bicycle lane, shared use path, sharrow, etc.</i> )	Schmid, Martin	<i>1/23/2020 – Add myth busting misconceptions to the March agenda; collaborate with Drivers Education Programs to increase awareness and knowledge</i>

**GOAL: The Bi-State Regional Trails Committee will increase meeting attendance and participation by X/X/20XX.**

Action Steps	Member(s) Responsible	Narrative Description of Results
Provide a conference call option for those that cannot attend the meeting	Schmid	<a href="http://freeconferencecall.com/">freeconferencecall.com/</a>
Reach out to previous attendees	Martin	
Reach out to jurisdictions not currently represented	Martin	
Survey members on preferred meeting days, times, and location	Schmid	<i>Consider rotating meetings to each jurisdiction to spark engagement          1/23/2020 – Consider meeting at Crawford Brew Works, Coffee Shops, etc.; take turns bringin food to share</i>
Offer jurisdictions an opportunity to present transportation and trail plans at a regularly scheduled meeting	Schmid	
Reach out to other organizations that might be interested in joining	All Members	<i>St. Ambrose University, Cobham Mission Systems, etc.</i>