

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

Thursday, May 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference

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 January 23, 2020 – Ms. Lewis noted a change that the Quad City Health Initiative was looking to get QCTrails.org endorsed by the Healthiest State Initiative, not the organization itself. The minutes from the January 23, 2020 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved with the change.
3. Updates on Strategic Plan Data – Ms. McDonough noted that a couple conference calls were held since the pandemic began preventing in-person meetings. The Trails Committee voted unanimously to add a trail data collection project to a list of tentative student projects for St. Ambrose University students.
4. Committee Member Reports

Buffalo –

There has been little activity in Buffalo due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Davenport –

Progress continues on Phase 2 of the Goose Creek Trail, as the new pet cemetery owner supports trails for a new residential development. No significant findings were found on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Part of the redesign of 53rd Street is under construction. There is a partial inclusion of a widened sidewalk that is eight feet wide.

Eldridge –

The First Street Trail is currently under construction and is approximately half-way through to being completed. It was observed that trail usage has drastically increased since stay-at-home orders were declared in March.

Princeton –

The Sidewalk and Trail Committee, now called Princeton Recreational Trails, Inc., has articles of incorporation. The group met with Mr. Mencarini with the National Parks Service to develop a strategic plan. The partnership will include concept planning and a community recreation plan.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

Mr. Mathias attended the virtual public meeting for the Interstate 80 Mississippi River Bridge study. The club requested the IL DOT investigate a trail connection as part of the study. Organized club rides will resume in June with a two-state mindset, as Iowa and Illinois are on different paths to reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic. The club is also trying to work out solutions with Riverdale after the city closed a connection between the Duck Creek and Mississippi River Trails. There's a concern that the new I-74 bridge will increase non-motorized traffic utilizing the connection once the bridge's multiuse path is complete.

Quad City Health Initiative –

QCHI is continuing to monitor all local and state websites to offer the most up-to-date information on the pandemic response.

Rock River Trail –

The recent Rock River flood washed out the path by the Centennial Expressway. A connection on the Centennial Expressway would create a 30+ mile loop. Recently a canoer paddled the entire 320 mile-long water trail.

Scott County Health Department –

The Administrative Center remains closed to the public. Visitors are only allowed by appointment. The mayor of the City of Donahue expressed interest in connecting a new residential development with a trail.

5. Other Business – Mr. Schmid gave an update on the recent closure of the sidewalk connecting the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) in Riverdale to Kensington Street. Until recently, many joggers and bicyclists used Kensington Street to connect between the MRT and the Duck Creek Trail. The city installed a temporary fence while construction was taking place on Kensington Street in the spring. The city intends to install a permanent barrier later this year after complaints were received from neighbors. An online petition requesting the sidewalk remain open garnered thousands of signatures. The mayor requested trail and traffic counts to be conducted by Bi-State staff. The traffic count will occur from June 11-18, and the trail count will last from June 11 until approximately July 10. Ms. McDonough offered to conduct a walk audit in the city or provide a health department perspective on the issue.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 28, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 10:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Anderson	Quad Cities Chamber	
2. Taylor Beswick	Scott County	
3. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
4. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
5. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
9. Mike Mencarini	National Parks Service	
10. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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