

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Martin opened the meeting by welcoming those on the call and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2020 – The minutes from the September 24, 2020 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Update on IDPH Physical Activity Access Project – Ms. McDonough provided a brief update on the project. Staff met with representatives from the City of Davenport to review walk audit and senior needs assessment results from Spring Village and Luther Crest facilities in Davenport. Davenport staff shared results with other departments. A meeting was also held with the City of Bettendorf to review results from Luther Heights and Luther Manor. Conversations will continue about how to expand safe pedestrian connections to the neighborhoods nearby and adjacent senior facilities. Infographics were created for each of the cities and facilities.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf –

The city did not have good turnout for Walk and Roll events, and is in the process of rebranding how to market trails to the community. The city would like to tie into the QCTrails.org website and would like to add more information on Bettendorf trails.

Bi-State Regional Commission –

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funds will be programmed in 2021.

Buffalo –

A group met with city officials and IA DOT officials to request that a trail extension of 0.8 miles be investigated. The route would extend from the existing terminus to city limits, past Camp Abe Lincoln.

Eldridge –

The city held its grand opening for the First Street Trail. The trail is a two-mile extension of the existing Eldridge-Long Grove trail. Momentum is building for more trail connections throughout town. The East LeClaire Road Trail will be extended in 2021 to Scott Park Road and a smaller trail in the Townsend Farms area potentially the year after. Connections to Davenport would involve utilizing railroad right-of-way and was included in Davenport's most recent bicycle plan.

Princeton –

The city is in the public input phase of its partnership with the National Parks Service and Iowa State University to extend the MRT and make park improvements. The city was selected to take part in Iowa's Living Roadway Program in 2021.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

Club events are still in flux in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

RiverAction –

RiverAction is applying for a grant to the Scott County Board to help with funding the trail segments in Buffalo and Princeton. The fundraising process is still underway for First Bridge. Clues for "Ride and Seek" will be extended to Cordova and southwest Davenport. The City of Davenport may have to raise the riverfront trail as a result of the railroad increasing the height of the tracks throughout downtown.

Scott County Health Department –

The Change Tool results and recommendations were presented to the councils of Riverdale and McCausland.

Visit Quad Cities–

The Tourism Master Plan, which is available at visitquadcities.com, has begun its implementation phase. A group of local officials are charged with implementing 17 recommendations and 92 action items from the plan. Within the Destination Development section, there are callouts to mobility and connectivity. Discussions are taking place in Galena on how to connect the area to Savanna via trail. RAGBRAI's route through Maquoketa must change as a result of construction. A route through DeWitt is being looked at instead.

5. Other Business – Mr. Mathias requested that the grand opening of the trail on the new I-74 Bridge be kept in mind.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: November 19, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 10:48 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Anderson	Quad Cities Chamber	
2. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
3. Dave Harell	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Rebecca Lovitch	City of Bettendorf	
5. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Kent Royster	City of Riverdale	
11. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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