

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference

1. Welcome/Introductions – Ms. McDonough opened the meeting by welcoming those on the call and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2021 – The minutes from the January 28, 2021 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on “Spatial Accessibility of Bicycle Routes in the Quad Cities: Impacts for Environmental Justice” – Ms. Parker provided a presentation on her research team’s work investigating the level of accessibility of environmental justice populations in the Quad Cities to the regional trail network. The team reviewed environmental justice impacts, which relate to the hazards and benefits from public infrastructure projects. Bicycling was considered an environmental benefit and transportation benefit. The team analyzed factors such as median household income, minority populations, levels of education, among others and their proximity to the trail network. The team found no environmental injustices in their analysis. Future work could include qualitative surveys of residents and trail users.
4. Strategic Work Plan Update & Updated Infographic – Ms. McDonough noted that an equity benefits category was added to the infographic developed for the previous meeting. The goal is consistent with other efforts around the country and within the Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area. Mr. Mathias motioned to approve the addition of the equity goal to the infographic. Mr. Martin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Member Reports

Bi-State Regional Commission –

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

Eldridge–

The city anticipates construction this year extending the E. LeClaire Road trail east to Scott Park Road.

Moline–

The city will seal the rest of the Ben Butterworth Parkway this year.

Nahant Marsh –

Nahant Marsh has signed a contract to begin preparing for a future trail. Trail improvements will connect the education center to River Drive. Initially, the project will consist of a crushed rock trail, approximately 0.7 miles. A new parcel acquired by the Marsh will include a 0.5-0.75 mile trail.

Princeton –

The city is wrapping up its partnership with the National Parks Service and Iowa State University, who are finalizing concept designs. One item to come out of public input was the high level of popularity of the boat launch.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

The Bicycle Club is assisting River Action in mapping out clues for the latter’s Rider & Seek event for the month of June, taking the place of Ride the River. The club is preparing for group rides again this year, such as TOMRV.

Quad City Health Initiative–

QCHI is continuing to get the word out on QCTrails.org. The Facebook page for the site is a great way to cross-promote events and updates from other organizations and cities that promote healthy living. An update to the Quad Cities Community Health Assessment is due this year. Reaching environmental justice populations will be a priority in soliciting data and feedback.

Scott County Health Department–

The SCHD is in the process of implementing a survey of residents of senior living facilities near the Bettendorf Hy-Vee as part of the Physical Activity Access Project. Input has included a lot of interest in connections to Hy-Vee. A pilot project is anticipated for this summer.

6. Other Business – Mr. Mathias noted that there are a lot of Quad City Metro Area Bike Maps free for distribution.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 25, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
2. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
3. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
6. Sadie Parker	Western Illinois University	
7. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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