

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 27, 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 March 25, 2021 – The minutes from the March 25, 2021 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on QC PastPort – Ms. Linville-Mass provided a presentation about the QC PastPort, which officially launched at a press conference May 27. The idea behind the mobile app is to share the diverse history of the Quad Cities and the exact locations where people are. People may scan a QR code on PastPort signage and be taken to the app that shares the histories of the people and places nearby including pictures, maps, and subpages. The page for the Rock Island Arsenal, for example, includes the descendants of Union soldiers stationed on the island providing interpretive information. Signage will be posted throughout the Quad Cities, and the first was posted at the Channel Cat dock. The QC PastPort is on various social media and will coordinate various contests throughout the year. Supporting nonprofit organizations is also a goal of the effort, and users may click on “donate” buttons on certain pages.
4. Discussion of Real-time Trail Information – Ms. Doak introduced the idea of a website or app that would convey up-to-date information on bike closures, routing, and detours. The access to real-time information would help transportation riders make the best choices for their commutes in regard to flooding, construction, and wintertime maintenance. The Trail Committee discussed options and possibilities including integrating with Google Maps and Strava. A QC Trails group may be set up in Strava to share this kind of information. The group discussed a potential new trails app as well. Mr. Hermann offered to look into what would be required to build an app and provide an estimate of costs. Committee members volunteered to reach out to Ride Illinois, the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, and the Active Transportation Alliance for examples of other regions who have implemented similar applications.
5. Strategic Work Plan Update & Updated Infographic – Ms. McDonough briefly discussed the strategic work plan and its purpose. The Committee has addressed some of the items listed as “action steps” in the work plan, and will continue to advance the goals set out during the planning process.
6. Committee Member Reports
 - Bi-State Regional Commission* –
Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funds will be programmed in 2021.
 - Buffalo* –
Mr. Mathias and the group promoting the extension of the MRT to Camp Abe Lincoln have been exchanging correspondence with the mayor.
 - National Parks Service* –
The NPS received an application from the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to study an extension of the Great River Trail to Galena, IL.
 - Princeton* –
The city received finalized concept designs for the Mississippi River Trail from the National Parks Service and Iowa State University. The city hopes to meet with representatives from

Canadian Pacific to discuss pedestrian crossings in town. The Princeton 5K fundraiser is scheduled to take place July 24.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

The Tour of the Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV) will be a local tour this year. The Ride of Silence, in honor of bicyclists who have been killed, had 21 riders take part. The rainy ride traversed Rock Island and Moline and included riders of varied ages at different segments of the route. The QCBC is also assisting with scattering 36 clues throughout the region for River Action's Ride & Seek in June.

Quad City Health Initiative –

QCHI is continuing to get the word out on QCTrails.org. *Healthy Cells* magazine will feature QCTrails.org on its cover for the June edition.

Scott County Health Department –

The Health Department has free workplace posters detailing availability of COVID-19 vaccines.

St. Ambrose University –

Business school students organized bikes on campus.

7. Other Business – Mr. Hermann introduced himself to the committee and offered to create a prototype app for the group to review. Ms. McDonough and Mr. Schmid offered to meet at a subsequent time to go over creating an app.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 27, 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. Chris Ball	City of LeClaire	
2. Colleen Doak	St. Ambrose University	
3. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
4. Ben Hermann	WQAD	
5. Jim Kelly	Henry County Economic Development Commission	
6. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
7. Natalie Linville-Mass	QC PastPort	
8. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Mike Mencarini	National Parks Service	
11. Santos Saucedo	Muscatine County Board	
12. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
13. Jim Thompson	Henry County Board	
14. Freddy Vasquez	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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