

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 22, 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 May 27, 2021 – The minutes from the May 27, 2021 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Update on Trail Information App – Since the May Trail Committee meeting, Mr. Hermann and Mr. Mosley developed a prototype app for trails in the Quad Cities Region. The goal was to provide real-time status updates on the trail and bicycle network in the Quad Cities. The prototype app offers three types of trails: mountain bike, paved, and gravel trails. Users are able to report issues, such as downed trees or washouts, that would be relayed to the appropriate party. Users would also be able to filter through trail options to find trails suitable to their interests. Trail postings have directions to trailheads linked with Google or Apple Maps. The app would be Android and iOS responsive. The next step in developing and publishing the app is to reach out to other interested parties, such as the Quad Cities Chamber, Visit Quad Cities, and others, to get an understanding of potential support for the app in terms of initial development and on-going maintenance. Grants, intergovernmental agreements, and local sponsorships were discussed as potential options for funding. Further discussions will take place among Committee members.
4. Strategic Work Plan Update – Ms. McDonough reviewed the Strategic Work Plan and noted items that have been addressed and shared with the committee and on various websites. Coordination will continue to keep the Strategic Work Plan current and guide Trail Committee efforts.
5. Committee Member Reports

Muscatine County –

Mr. Saucedo noted that Muscatine City and County initiated a discussion about how to connect to Buffalo.

Princeton –

Princeton trails volunteers are submitting applications to assist with Princeton MRT engineering designs and construction. Community Visioning volunteers will solicit input on concept designs at Princeton SummerFest 7/24/2021.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

Mr. Mathias noted the increased safety concerns among members of the bicycle community after several fatal crashes in the past few months. Sixty-seven bicyclists attended a Davenport City Council meeting seeking to improve crossing safety of Kimberly Road, the site of one of the fatal crashes. An additional safety-focused meeting was held with Alderman Matt Timion of Moline along with 12 cyclists after the alderman was involved in a crash while riding his bicycle. Mr. Mathias noted that keeping track of what projects are completed on an annual basis would be helpful in tracking whether improvements are being made toward safe accommodations.

Rock Island County –

Mr. Schulte indicated that the county may sponsor a grant application on behalf of Big Island River Conservancy District. The project would resurface a portion of the Hennepin Canal Parkway.

Scott County Health Department –

Ms. McDonough provided an update on the Iowa Department of Public Health Physical Activity Access Project. The Scott County Health Department and Bi-State Regional Commission have reached out to target neighborhoods to seek input on the walkability of their surroundings. Project partners have held discussions with six residents of target residential buildings. A meeting is set with the City of Bettendorf, Cardinal Property Management, and Geifman Capital to discuss a pop-up project at the Bettendorf Hy-Vee on Devil's Glen Road.

6. Other Business – There was no other business.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Date: July 22, 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. Colleen Doak	St. Ambrose University	
2. Ben Hermann	FitQuest	
3. Kim Hildebrand	Princeton Recreation Trails, Inc.	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
6. Braden Mosley	FitQuest	
7. Santos Saucedo	Muscatine County Board	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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