

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 23, 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 July 22, 2021 – Ms. McDonough noted that she would send updates from Princeton after the meeting. With this addition, the minutes from the July 22, 2021 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved.
3. Update on Trail Information App – Mr. Schmid provided an update on the status of the development of the trail and bicycle information smartphone app that has been discussed by the Committee over the past several months. Staff from Bi-State and the Quad City Health Initiative discussed the feasibility of maintaining an online application providing real-time status updates on trail and roadway infrastructure pertaining to bicyclists and pedestrians. Staff concluded that neither agency has enough staff capacity to sustain and maintain the app. A conference call was held with Ben Hermann and Braden Mosley, developers of the prototype app, to share the concerns held by Bi-State and QCHI. Mr. Hermann and Mr. Mosley will reach out to other agencies in the Bi-State Region to gauge interest.
4. TASA Projects Overview – Mr. Schmid detailed the project applications received through the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside call for projects. He reviewed the basics of the TASA program and available funds programmed out to FY2025. Applications were received from the cities of Davenport, Princeton, and Moline in addition to the Big Island Conservancy sponsored by Rock Island County. Princeton’s Mississippi River Trail project seeks to construct a separated trail on the west side of U.S. 67. The City of Davenport submitted two applications. The first was for Phase 1 of the West Loop trail connection between W. Locust Street and W. 11th Street. The second application was to construct Phases 1 and 2 of the same project between Locust Street and Sunderbruch Park largely on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue. The City of Moline submitted an application for Phase 1 of 2 to construct a separated trail through the Morgan Park neighborhood on the south side of 25th Avenue between 10th Street Place and 12th Street Place. The project is constrained by topography issues and will result in an eight-foot-wide path. The Big Island Conservancy submitted an application to mill and reconstruct a portion of the Hennepin Canal Parkway Trail west of Milan. Projects will be presented to the Transportation Technical and Policy Committees in October.
5. IDPH Physical Activity Access Project Update – Ms. McDonough provided an update on the status of the Iowa Department of Public Health Physical Activity Access project that the Scott County Health Department and Bi-State have been coordinating on for three years. This year, the project team followed up on the senior needs assessment from the year before with phone interviews with volunteers living in senior facilities near the Bettendorf Hy-Vee. Interviews helped inform ideas for a temporary pop-up project at Hy-Vee. Project staff worked with the City of Bettendorf, Geifman First Equity, and Young Capital Management to help improve walking conditions on and near the property. The pop-up project will be installed by the end of September and include temporary crosswalk paint throughout the parking lot, painted ledges next to ADA ramps, ten temporary pedestrian yards signs, and spray painted shoeprints on the sidewalk. Traffic mirrors were also installed near blind curves to help make pedestrians more visible to truck and vehicular traffic.

6. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf –

The Bettendorf Trails Committee held a bike safety event at Tangledwood on September 11. The Tanglefoot Trail is closed temporarily for construction access. Mr. Beswick noted the project website for Forest Grove Drive reconstruction, which will include roundabouts with trails. There is also a concept for a pedestrian bridge over Middle Road north of Forest Grove Drive.

Bi-State Regional Commission –

The Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative is sponsoring a plastic pollution research initiative. Volunteers will be documenting plastic pollution at specified locations along the river throughout the Upper Mississippi River, including in the Quad Cities Region.

Buffalo –

Mr. Matthys noted that the city will receive \$1,000 to help jump start an extension of the MRT west to Camp Abe Lincoln.

Davenport –

Mr. Uddin noted that Davenport’s Goose Creek Trail project will be on the IA DOT letting in October.

East Moline –

Mr. Uddin shared that Phase 1 of the Grand Illinois Trail connection is under construction.

Moline –

It was suggested that \$1.5 million be set aside for bikeway installation at the city council work session for American Rescue Plan funds.

Nahant Marsh –

Nahant Marsh is hoping to close out its capital campaign this fall. The proposed Wapello trail will make a loop through the marsh.

Princeton –

The city is currently looking for funding opportunities to help pay for required matching funds of large state and federal grants. The 8th annual Princeton 5K Walk & Run will take place October 1. Proceeds go to the Princeton Recreation Trails, Inc.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

Mr. Mathias shared that the IL DOT will no longer require local municipalities to provide local matching funds for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on state projects.

Quad City Health Initiative –

Ms. Lewis noted that QCHI is marketing QCTrails.org on Facebook. The page received 900 “likes” in a two-week span, which is a large increase over what is typical.

Scott County Health Department –

Ms. McDonough noted that the SCHD met with Maysville to complete the department’s CHANGE tool to help identify community strengths and areas for improvement.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 23, 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. Taylor Beswick	City of Bettendorf	
2. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
3. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
6. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
7. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
8. Liz Schramm	Nahant Marsh	
9. Jeff Uddin	IMEG	
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