

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Griffith opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2023 – The minutes from the May 25, 2023 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Update on MPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects. – In anticipation of a call for projects later in the fall, Mr. Schmid provided an update on regional TAP projects that have already been awarded and are in varying stages of the project development process. He gave background information on the TAP program, locally called TASA for “Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside.” TASA funds are typically programmed biennially. This round, more than \$2 million are available for programming in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities urban area through FY2027. Projects must be obligated within five years of their program year. In the Illinois Quad Cities, projects have been completed in East Moline and Port Byron. The City of Moline currently has two projects programmed for FY23 and one for FY25, while Silvis is anticipating construction of their 10th Street Multi-Use Path in spring 2024. In the Iowa Quad Cities, TASA funds have been awarded to Davenport, Eldridge, and Princeton since 2018. Projects include the East LeClaire Road Trail in Eldridge, the Goose Creek Trail and West Loop Trail in Davenport, and preliminary engineering for the Mississippi River Trail in Princeton. Numerous projects in Davenport will be completed during the 2024 construction season.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The Forest Grove Drive corridor project is ongoing. Roundabouts will open this fall. The pedestrian overpass of Middle Road is in the design phase. Construction on Tanglewood Lane should be complete by the end of the year. A multiuse path under the I-74 bridge is being developed, and the Downtown Master Plan will be presented to City Council this week. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update will begin August 1.

LeClaire–

The city is investigating the feasibility of improving land adjacent to Silver Creek with a trail and stormwater improvements. A Request for Proposals was released for two park-specific master plans for Huckleberry and Veterans Parks. The city will submit a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant to pay for clean-up of trails in Huckleberry Park.

Moline–

A consultant will be selected in August for the new park located on the land where the old I-74 bridge and approach was located.

Nahant Marsh–

The marsh is finishing a project on 39 acres that it just bought. The project will include a trailhead facility. The marsh was also awarded a grant from Arconic to improve access to the education center from Concord Street.

Princeton–

An engineering firm has been selected as part of the Request for Qualifications process. There is a possibility of a referendum in coming years for the project. The nonprofit group is continuing its work raising funds for the project.

Quad City Bike Club–

The club will hold a bike safety event on July 22. Buses for RAGBRAI will leave Davenport on the same day.

5. Other Business – Mr. Schmid noted upcoming deadlines for REAP grants in Iowa and Safe Routes to Schools grants in Illinois.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 20, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center, Davenport, IA

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Taylor Beswick	City of Bettendorf	
2. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
3. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
6. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
7. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
8. Ashton Wheeler	City of Bettendorf	
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