

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Ludwig opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2023 – Ms. McDonough noted a misattribution under Item 1 of the minutes. The minutes should indicate that “Mr. Griffith” opened the meeting. With this correction, the minutes from the March 23, 2023 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved.
3. Presentation on Quad Cities Bike Safety Maps. – Dr. Doak introduced the background of the project she and Dr. Strunk have been coordinating on for over a year. The issue of bicycle and multimodal safety is of paramount importance, and the two professors agreed that it would be a worthy topic of research for their students and the Quad Cities Region. Students in Dr. Strunk’s Introduction to GIS class used data that is publicly available in addition to an online public survey on locations where bicyclists felt unsafe. The survey yielded 66 responses to date with good geographic representation. The results of the survey and the locations of crashes yielded patterns and concentrations where people felt unsafe. Routes to the Mississippi River Trail on the Illinois side were viewed as problematic. Rock Island’s 11th Street was an interesting case. The corridor was the site of numerous crashes, but it was not identified in the survey as being unsafe. North-south connectivity was identified as one of the areas that could be improved in the overall regional network.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The city’s application to become a Silver-rated Bicycle Friendly Community was denied, so the city will remain at the Bronze level. Construction work on Forest Grove Drive, which includes bicycle infrastructure, is ongoing. The elevator structure on the new I-74 Bridge is on hold, following price increases. Plans for the area around the TBK Bank Sports Complex include a pedestrian bridge over Middle Road to connect the two sides of the development. The city is going to be updating its Comprehensive Plan, and an online survey will be opening up soon.

LeClaire–

The city approved its new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The city purchased an additional 10 acres near Huckleberry Park to expand its current offerings. Sidewalks along 8th Street will be repaired as part of the city’s sidewalk program. The Wisconsin Street Trail is being reviewed for congressional funding.

MetroLINK–

MetroLINK offered “Bike as Fare” as part of Bike Month, where riders’ bikes counted as their bus fares to promote multimodal transportation. MetroLINK applied for grant funding for an implementation study for an Illinois-based bike share program.

Princeton–

RFQs for the Mississippi River Trail engineering project are due June 2. A Pre-submittal meeting is scheduled for later in the day on May 25.

Quad City Bike Club–

Response to Bike to Work Week events was very positive, overall. The club will be assisting with the Quad Cities Criterium that will take place on Memorial Day.

Scott County Health Department–

SCHD is taking part in the planning for LeClaire's Great Places application.

St. Ambrose University–

SAU continues to provide students free bikes on campus as part of its Bee Bikes program.

Visit Quad Cities–

Visit Quad Cities continues to offer free bike rentals out of its Davenport and Moline visitor locations.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 25, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 10:55 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Bi-State Regional Commission, Rock Island, IL

| Name: | Title/Representing: | Contact # or Email: |
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| 1. Taylor Beswick | City of Bettendorf | |
| 2. Ben Castro | MetroLINK | |
| 3. Colleen Doak | St. Ambrose University | |
| 4. Greg Ludwig | City of LeClaire | |
| 5. Dean Mathias | Quad City Bicycle Club | |
| 6. Christina McDonough | Scott County Health Department | |
| 7. Nicki Parmelee | Scott County Health Department | |
| 8. Mark Phipps | HR Green | |
| 9. Bryan Schmid | Bi-State Regional Commission | |
| 10. Chris Strunk | Augustana College | |
| 11. Brittany Wells | Visit Quad Cities | |
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