

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, June 29, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Rock Island County Office Building
Third Floor Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of August 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Statz. Ms. Ventris motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Statz seconded. The motion carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Resource agencies had no significant changes to report.
3. Presentation on MetroLINK's New Electric Buses. Mrs. Hohensee provided a presentation on MetroLINK's new electric buses. She began the presentation by sharing a summary of MetroLINK as an organization including their previous sustainability initiatives and alternative fuels projects. She went on to describe the specifications of the electric buses purchased as well as the charging infrastructure for them. Ms. Hohensee shared that the buses purchased from Proterra were funded through FTA funds, Illinois DOT Capital Assistance, and local funds. Each bus was purchased for \$559,000 with batteries being leased separately for a 5-year term. The District will own the batteries at the completion of the lease period, and Proterra in turn guarantees at least 80% battery life performance during the lease. She went on to show cost per mile operation savings for the busses, which outperforms their diesel and CNG buses. MetroLINK is continuing with a public education campaign. The buses have been very well received by the public thus far.
4. Presentation on QC Rideshare. Mr. Melton provided a presentation on QC Rideshare, an online rideshare program developed through the Iowa Department of Transportation. Mr. Melton explained the benefits of carpooling including reduced road congestion and better air quality in the Quad Cities. He then walked task force members through the process of creating an account, setting up trip profiles, and finding potential candidates with whom to share rides. Mr. Melton also pointed out features such as real time traffic data and a benefits tracker built into the rideshare system. Any Iowa commuter can sign up for the program at IowaRideshare.org.
5. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Mr. Melton reviewed the status report provided in the agenda packet.
6. Other Business. None
7. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Statz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ventris seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF
(Please Print Legibly)

Meeting of: Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Date: 6/29/18 Time: 11:00 a.m To 1:40 Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Third Floor Conference Room 320

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Brandon Melton	Senior Planner/ Bi-State	(309) 793-6300
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23. Sam Shen	IA DOT	
24. Matthew Johnson	IA DNR	
25. Betsy Tracy	FHWA	