

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 27, 2022 – 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 November 18, 2021 – The minutes from the November 18, 2021 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. State of Bicycling in Illinois – Mr. Simmons discussed recent initiatives of Ride Illinois to improve bicycling conditions around the state. Mr. Simmons has been executive director of the organization for two years. The organization is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and one of its goals is to make Illinois a top-five bike friendly state. It is reviewing the state DOT's Multi-Year Program (MYP) for bicycle and pedestrian friendly projects. Ride Illinois provides input and expertise in plans around the state. It receives two-to-three requests per week for input on projects in Phase 1 engineering. The latest round of the state's ITEP program received 270 applications, about one-third of which were funded. The next round, expected to open in the fall, is expected to be funded at the same level. However, some additional funding is anticipated as a result of the federal transportation bill. Last year, the Illinois General Assembly passed HB 270, which removed the local match requirement for bicycle and pedestrian ways on DOT right-of-way for areas in and within one mile of an urban area. One goal of the legislation is to address the 17.5% of roadway fatalities that are vulnerable road users.
4. 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. The project team is determining the next location to work on. The City of Buffalo was receptive to hosting the project team, which will present the project to City Council on February 7, to examine the area around the food pantry next to city hall. The project would augment a planning initiative already underway along Front Street, which will address numerous crosswalks and sidewalks in the area.
5. Grant and funding opportunities overview – Mr. Schmid provided an explanation of some of the available funding opportunities to help construct bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Illinois and Iowa. He shared a spreadsheet created by the Active Transportation Alliance noting many different funding sources. He had expanded the spreadsheet, which initially only included Illinois-related programs, to include Iowa programs as well. Ms. McDonough noted that Mr. Mathias and his wife had recently set up the Deb and Dean Mathias Endowment for Bicycle and Pedestrian-friendly Communities through the Quad Cities Community Foundation. The fund will provide grants for paved recreation trails and bridges in the bi-state region.
6. Committee Member Reports

Davenport –

The city is coordinating GOAT (Get Out And Trail) again this year after a couple years' hiatus. The event will take place May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. across numerous Quad Cities communities on both sides of the river. The committee is looking for vendors for the approximately 30 hosted sites.

Princeton –

The city will host a two-mile Dog Scamper walk/run to help raise funds for construction of the MRT. The city was awarded a local TASA grant to fund engineering for the MRT.

Quad City Bicycle Club –

Mr. Mathias would reach out to Russ Hart from the Cornbelt Running Club about attending a future meeting.

Scott County Health Department –

The Health Department will engage with the City of Maysville as part of the department's Community Wellness Program.

7. Other Business – Mr. Schmid shared usage and engagement data for QCTrails.org. The data dashboard was organized by the Quad City Health Initiative and showed substantial increases in annual usage statistics related to the site.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: November 18, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:05 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Nicole Carkner	Quad Cities Health Initiative	
2. Michael Damico	City of LeClaire	
3. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
7. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
8. Amanda Randerson	City of Davenport	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Elizabeth Schramm	Nahant Marsh	
11. Dave Simmons	Ride Illinois	
12. Jim Thompson	Henry County	
13. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities	
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