

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

First Floor Board Chambers
Scott County Administration Center
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Griffith opened the meeting by welcoming those on the call and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2022 – The minutes from the March 24, 2022 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on IDPH Physical Activity Access Project and Buffalo Walk Audit. – Mr. Schmid provided an overview of the project being conducted by Bi-State and the Scott County Health Department. The goal of the project is to increase opportunities for older Iowans with low incomes, who live independently, to be physically active in their neighborhoods and local communities. In the Bi-State Region, project staff have worked with the cities of Davenport, Bettendorf, and Buffalo to conduct walk audits, input surveys, and implement demonstration projects to improve pedestrian spaces, where users may feel exposed to traffic. In 2022, project staff have focused on the City of Buffalo, and have conducted a walk audit and needs assessment in cooperation with the food pantry. Mr. Schmid shared findings from the two tasks, and noted that project staff intend to implement a demonstration project in the summer or fall to increase pedestrian visibility in Buffalo.
4. Committee Member Reports

Buffalo –

In response to the presentation described above, it was noted that there are four churches in Buffalo that make contributions to communities projects every year.

Davenport Community Schools –

The Blue Grass Safety Trail is expected to be constructed, which will provide a secondary access for bicyclists and pedestrians to Blue Grass Elementary School. Sidewalks are being constructed and improved around Walcott K-8 School.

LeClaire–

The city is supportive of constructing a multiuse path on a new I-80 Mississippi River bridge as well as a trail on the overpass of I-80 on W 35th Street to improve connections to Bettendorf and the urban area.

Moline –

Ben Butterworth Parkway is completely open again for the first time in several years following bridge construction staging. The Kiwanis Trail is slated to be reconstructed. An RFP is being drafted. There are numerous difficult areas due to standing water.

Muscatine –

A trail head commemoration will be held for longtime bicycle supporter Charlie Harper on June 4 at Kent Stein Park. The city is attempting to establish an off-road trail to expand the diversity of their trail network. The Muscatine trails group is writing letters to lawmakers seeking a federal endorsement of the American Discovery Trail.

Quad City Bicycle Club–

Dr. Christopher Strunk from Augustana has released a new survey regarding bicycle safety. Survey takers can place pins at dangerous intersections in an online platform. QCBC has participated in Bike to Work Week events throughout the Quad Cities, including at Schwiebert Park where the group helped give out coffee and breakfast burritos. The Quad Cities Criterium will take place May 30 in the Village of East Davenport.

Quad City Health Initiative–

QCHI, who administers the social media accounts for QCTrails.org, will share social media posts from local agencies related to health, fitness, and trails. Project team members will give a presentation for the Davenport Public Library in June.

Visit Quad Cities–

Visitor centers in Moline and Davenport offer free bike rentals. Any group interested in promoting their events can submit their information to the Visit Quad Cities event calendar.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 26, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Nicole Carkner	Quad Cities Health Initiative	
2. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
3. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
7. Santos Saucedo	Muscatine County	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
9. Josh Urmanski	Davenport Community School District	
10. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities	
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