

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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 November 16, 2023 – The minutes from the November 16, 2023 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Discussion of Davenport Trail Initiatives. – Ms. Randerson introduced the Davenport Trails Committee that is in the process of forming. The committee’s first meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024. The goal of the committee is to gather input from the community, provide a level of advocacy for the trails, and establish the needs of the trails network. The committee will review the city’s mobility plan, Davenport GO! It will be composed of a representative from each ward in the city. The City of Bettendorf’s Trails Committee is being used as a model for the Davenport committee’s structure.
4. Review of E-Bikes Ordinance Language. Mr. Schmid noted the edits to the Unified Trail Ordinance that were passed out to the committee. The edits expressly include the use of power-assisted vehicles, or e-bikes. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes with motors up to 750 watts are considered compliant vehicles. As there would be difficulty in enforcing a speed limit, nonspecific language related to speed was retained. The draft language will be considered at the next Trails Committee meeting in March.
5. Presentation on Available and Upcoming Grant Opportunities. Mr. Schmid provided an overview of grant and funding opportunities available to constructing trail facilities. Popular state and federal programs were covered, namely Transportation Alternatives funds, Recreational Trails Program, and Carbon Reduction Program. State-specific programs in Iowa include the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP), Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP), and local foundations. In Illinois, the Safe Routes to Schools program and the expanded Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) alternate solicitation years. Additional resources covering grant information will be shared with the committee. New programs created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) were discussed, including the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP). ATIIP is meant for large projects improving active transportation networks and spines, which are long, linear facilities connecting destinations as opposed to the interconnected networks. Planning and design grants are also eligible for projects over \$100,000.

6. Committee Member Reports

Buffalo–

The city is continuing looking for funding opportunities for its Front Street sidewalk project.

Cornbelt Running Club–

The club will host two races in February in Clinton and along Duck Creek.

LeClaire–

Two park master plans have recently been completed: Veterans Parks ballfields and Huckleberry Park, which is set to get a 10-acre expansion. Planning has begun on Phase II of Cody Road.

Moline–

The IL DOT approved the purchase of eight parcels at the site of the old I-74 bridge. The Community and Economic Development Department is coming up with designs for the area. A showcase of three designs will be February 10, and all include trails. The showcase will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Mercado on Fifth.

Princeton–

The contract with Hutchison Engineering was subject to a mayoral veto. The MRT project will likely not move forward. The nonprofit has approximately \$42,000, while the city has approximately \$50,000 that may be used for recreation projects in lieu of the trail project.

Quad City Bike Club–

This year's RAGBRAI route will be announced in Des Moines this week.

Scott County–

SCHD is working with the City of Eldridge through the Community Transformation Program. The city administrator expressed interest in learning more about a tobacco and nicotine free ordinance and increasing sidewalk and trail connections. SCHD staff will provide technical assistance.

Visit Quad Cities–

VQC will be present at the Iowa Bike Expo in Des Moines this coming weekend.

Walcott–

The city is beginning Phase II of Prairie View Park. There is a high priority placed on a trail extension. Property acquisition is complete. The trail extension will be approximately ¾ miles west and south to near West Scott Park. Preliminary engineering is complete. The project is expected to cost approximately \$500,000, and the city is financially committed over the next two years. The city is looking to apply to REAP this year or next and going out to bid next winter.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 25, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Chad Burt	Walcott Trail Committee	
2. Matt Burkey (virtual)	Iowa Bicycle Coalition	
3. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
5. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
6. Bob Madison	Cornbelt Running Club	
7. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
8. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Amanda Randerson	City of Davenport	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Jim Thompson	Henry County Board	
13. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities	
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