

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

Thursday, July 18, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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 May 23, 2024 – The minutes from the May 23, 2024 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Discussion of Joint Public Service Announcement on Bicycle Safety – Based on the continued interest in promoting bicycle safety in the Bi-State Region, a group led by the Scott County Health Department and the City of Davenport have begun to gauge the interest of other communities in the region in creating a regional education and awareness effort. There could be a common interest with QCTrails.org in promoting trail use in the region. Further investigation will be needed to determine what messages get promoted via social media, participants in the effort, and whether outside funding will be needed for radio or television PSAs. The effort may overlap with an ongoing safety plan for the region as part of Bi-State Regional Commission’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant.
4. Discussion of Bikeability Index – Mr. Thompson explained his research as a student at Augustana College. He is examining the built environment in Moline related to bike lanes the city has recently added. He provided the committee with a list of variables used to inform a bikeability index. The variable can be given weights to reach a composite index indicating relative comfort for bicyclists. The committee discussed the variables, and Mr. Thompson may be able to return with results of the analysis at an upcoming meeting.
5. Committee Member Reports

*Buffalo–*

The comprehensive plan update process is ongoing. A steering committee with three council members and the mayor is working with Bi-State Regional Commission to update the existing plan.

*LeClaire–*

The Cody Road Phase II project will include a trail extension of the MRT. City Plaza, located between city hall and the library, will be opening soon.

*Long Grove–*

Phase I of the Cody Trail extension project is nearing completion. The project extends the trail to Grove Street on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Phase II will extend the trail further north to Prairie Park ball diamonds. The city is looking to add restrooms and a turn-around in the park.

*Quad City Bike Club–*

Ninety people will ride on club buses to the starting point of RAGBRAI this year.

*Quad City Health Initiative–*

Ms. Carkner noted there was an interest in posting information on social media related to staying safe in a storm.

*Scott County–*

The Health Department is looking for a FY25 community for their Community Transformation Program. The Food Rescue Partnership will host a workshop September 26 that will cover multiple aspects of the food system from community gardening and cooking to composting.

*Visit Quad Cities–*

The Davenport visitor center at Union Station will reopen July 22 following flood clean-up. Bike rentals will go back to normal operation. Two children’s buggies are available to rent that can be attached to the rental bikes. VQC receives questions on trail closures frequently. Questions can be directed to either individual communities or Bi-State Regional Commission.

6. Other Business – There was no other business.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

## MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 18, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes  No

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Nicole Carkner	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
3. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
6. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
7. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
8. Carter Thompson	Student/ Augustana College	
9. Chris True	River Action	
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