

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

Thursday, May 23, 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 March 28, 2024 – The minutes from the March 28, 2024 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on Bike Safety Data. – The agenda item was tabled, as student project leaders were not able to attend the meeting.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The city hosted the Frosty 4 fun run in February and got good participation. The Bettendorf Trails Committee publishes Facebook posts weekly highlighting different trails, and will be sponsoring “Senior Walks with Becky” from June to October. The city is in the process of adopting the update to its Comprehensive Plan, which looks north and east as growth areas. There will be room enough for two 10-foot trails under I-80 as part of the new Middle Road Interchange. In the same area, the new pedestrian bridge over Middle Road will look similar to the new I-74 bridge. Criswell Street will be resurfaced eventually, and will have a trail added.

Buffalo–

A new committee has been organized to update the city’s strategic plan. Overall, it’s been observed that use along the trail is steady.

Davenport–

The Davenport Trails Committee had its first official meeting with nine members so far. There is interest in putting up signage and producing public service announcements (PSAs) to the community. Get Out And Trail (GOAT) will take place in September this year. The Goose Creek Trail project and the Emeis-to-Sunderbruch connection are moving along.

LeClaire–

There is support from both the City of LeClaire and Rock Island County on requesting a multiuse path on a new I-80 bridge. The 15th Street Trail from Wisconsin to Huckleberry Park is currently underway. Phase II of the Cody Road Reconstruction project will begin in coming years and will include a trail.

Quad City Bike Club–

The club sponsored Bike to Work Week breakfasts all week. Fifty people stopped at Schwiebert Park on Friday. The Quad Cities Criterium will take place on Memorial Day, requiring 100 volunteers. Twenty-three people took part in the Ride of Silence to commemorate bicyclists who have been killed in roadway crashes.

Scott County–

The Health Department helped the City of Eldridge pass a zoning ordinance limiting vape shops, and work to expand tobacco- and nicotine-free parks is ongoing.

Walcott–

Engineering for the new trail is mostly complete. The city had a tense meeting with residents concerning safety and privacy. Three challenges for a proposed new alignment would require significant property acquisition, hydrology issues, and facility access issues. The project will be delayed slightly. The trail will typically be located 12-18 feet away from most property lines. The estimated cost is \$750,000.

5. Other Business – Dr. Strunk noted that his GIS students are conducting projects in Moline. One will be a sidewalk audit using drones and machine learning, and the other will assess the bike network in Moline and the roadways slated for bike infrastructure. Mr. Schmid reminded the committee of upcoming grant windows, namely the Iowa Recreational Trails Program and Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 23, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:05 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale	
2. Taylor Beswick	City of Bettendorf	
3. Chad Burt	Walcott Trail Committee	
4. Jacob Knepp	City of Bettendorf	
5. Becky Lovich	City of Bettendorf	
6. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
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. Charlie Rice	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
13. Dr. Chris Strunk	Augustana College	
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