

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

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

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

1. Welcome and 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 22, 2025 – Ms. McDonough motioned to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2025 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Burken seconded the motion, which passed.
3. Review of QCTrails.org Survey – Mr. Schmid noted the effort by Bi-State Regional Commission and the Quad Cities Health Initiative to update and reopen the input survey on QCTrails.org. Staff received 16 responses, the results of which Mr. Schmid shared with the Committee. Overall, users found the website useful and the ease of use and navigation at least somewhat easy. There weren't many sections that were confusing or difficult to navigate, but one respondent suggested potentially labeling the icons for mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, etc. One respondent noted that it may be useful to state how old certain trails are and where parking and bathrooms are along the trail. Mr. Schmid noted that parking and restroom information can be found in individual trail postings. Respondents noted the following examples of additional information or resources they would like on the website: safety tips; seasonal trail conditions; links to mapping websites for directions; streamlined information; and more detailed maps. Ten out of 16 respondents stated they visited the website monthly, with two others visiting weekly. Seventy-five percent of respondents have used the site for more than two years, and all respondents noted they would recommend the site to others. Most respondents have not created a free QC Trails account. Trails Committee members suggested that new trail posting be highlighted more to emphasize the growing network and diversity of trail options in the region.

Mr. Schmid and Ms. Carkner shared the draft white paper highlighting the benefits of trail infrastructure in the Quad Cities Region. The paper was researched and drafted in partnership with the Washington University in St. Louis. The Committee made a couple of suggestions, namely to highlight safety as a benefit of trail infrastructure, as well as to review the one-page research handout created by the Trails Committee in 2021.

4. Overview of DataBike Results – Mr. Schmid informed the Committee of the preliminary results from the DataBike trail surface data collection effort this spring. Overall, 131.44 miles of the Bi-State Region's trail had a smoothness rating of good or fair. On the other end of the scale, 36.32 miles were classified as either poor or very poor, with a large proportion of those miles located along the Hennepin Canal Parkway Trail. Mr. Schmid noted that once all of the data was processed by the Des Moines Area MPO, which will include photographic analysis of crack and smoothness data, Bi-State would be able to post an online GIS application that community members would be able to view the data results.
5. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The pedestrian bridge project will be voted on next week by city council. The bridge will be located over Middle Road near the TBK Sports Complex.

Buffalo–

The city’s riverfront events were a popular draw, bringing people downtown and utilizing the trail.

Davenport–

Trail construction is complete along U.S. 61 between Veterans Memorial Parkway and 53rd Street; however, there are MidAmerican utility poles in the middle of it, so it is not yet usable. The city applied for state funding for two underpasses of Division Street and Marquette Street along the Duck Creek Trail.

Quad Cities Bicycle Club–

Mr. Mathias noted that he was looking for assistance in updating the QC Metro Bike Map. Ride Illinois no longer has the capacity to update or print the map. The Committee discussed the utility of the map, its intended audience, and whether there was an overlap of purpose between it and the QC Trails website. Mr. Byrnes volunteered to look into whether the City of Bettendorf would have the capacity to update the map, and, it was noted, to also point people to the QCTrails.org website.

Quad Cities Health Initiative–

QCHI, who operates the QC Trails Facebook page, is highlighting what trails mean to residents of the region with quotes and pictures. Posts in the series will be published weekly on Thursdays throughout the summer.

LeClaire–

Construction on the new YMCA building will start in August. The roadway and trail construction project on Wisconsin Street will be on the December bid letting.

Long Grove–

The city is completing phase II engineering of their trail extension project.

Scott County–

The Health Department is looking for three workplaces and one community to take part in the Community Transformation program.

6. Other Business – There was no other business.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: July 31, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:20 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. John Byrnes	City of Bettendorf	
2. Nicole Carkner	Quad Cities Health Initiative	
3. Rosina Guyer	City of Long Grove	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Alyssa Magsombol	City of Bettendorf	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bike Club	
7. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
8. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Mike Schertz	Davenport Trails Committee	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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