

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

Thursday, September 25, 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 July 31, 2025 – Ms. McDonough motioned to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2025 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Byrnes seconded the motion, which passed.
3. Update on QC Metro Bike Map. Mr. Byrnes shared that the City of Bettendorf will help update the QC Metro Bike Map. He said the city is aiming to do the mapping work in the late fall or winter timeframe. Mr. Mathias would look for financial contributors for printing costs. Hard copies could potentially be stored at the Scott County Health Department or Visit Quad Cities Union Station.
4. Presentation on Leveraging Trails for Economic Growth and Community Well-Being. Mr. Schmid presented an overview of the presentation he gave at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ (AMPO) Annual Conference on Leveraging Trails for Economic Growth and Community Well-Being. His presentation highlighted the geographical advantages of the Quad Cities region and discussed the value of trails and outdoor recreation. He emphasized the benefits of sidewalk and trail infrastructure, the economic rationale for investment, and the statewide impact of the Great American Rail-Trail (GART), American Discovery Trail (ADT), and Mississippi River Trail (MRT) in Iowa and Illinois.

Mr. Schmid shared results from an analysis sponsored by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition detailing the economic impact of bicycling in Scott County, estimating there are approximately 52,000 cyclists in the area. Of these, six in ten are occasional riders who ride up to twice per month, while an estimated 21,000 ride more than twice per month. He then reviewed the annual economic impact of cycling in Scott County by industry, noting that retail sporting goods had the highest share of benefits.

The presentation also highlighted local successes, including the major trail connection at I-74 Bridge, and agency partnerships and promotional efforts with public health agencies in maintaining the QCTrails.org website. Looking ahead, Mr. Schmid noted high levels of enthusiasm for expanding the network with a connection on a new I-80 bridge and closing key trail gaps, such as the Grand Illinois Trail connection in Carbon Cliff and the Davenport–Muscatine gap, though funding remains a significant challenge. He emphasized the broad, cross-sector benefits of trail investments, noting that Quad Cities residents have benefited from incremental improvements, and that trails enjoy strong and growing support.

5. Committee Member Reports

*Bettendorf–*

A bike playground and pump track will be introduced at a community park. The city has updated or is in the process of updating four new playgrounds.

*Davenport–*

City Council allocated \$25,000 to improve safety along trails through city parks. Construction at the new Main Street Landing will affect trail users through 2026. The city is sponsoring a Witches and Warlocks Ride October 5. The city received a grant to fund a trail underpass along the Duck Creek Trail at Division Street.

*LeClaire–*

The MRT between River and Ferry Streets is almost complete. Cody Road Phase II is ongoing. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place in October for a splash pad. The project will also include a trail connection.

*Scott County–*

The Health Department was reaccredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Scott County is hosting data on behalf of the Iowa Cancer Registry.

*Visit Quad Cities–*

Major League Fishing will be hosting an event in the Quad Cities with about 120 boats. The Destination QC annual event will take place November 13.

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

## MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 25, 2025 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. Matt Beam	Rock Island County Health Dept.	
2. John Byrnes	City of Bettendorf	
3. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bike Club	
6. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
7. Amanda Randerson	City of Davenport	
8. Mike Schertz	Davenport Trails Committee	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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