

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

Thursday, November 20, 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 September 25, 2025 – Ms. McDonough motioned to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2025 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion, which passed.
3. Update on QC Metro Bike Map. Mr. Byrnes shared that the City of Bettendorf will begin the mapping work in the late fall or winter timeframe. The city will follow up in the New Year and aim to have the update finished before spring.
4. Discussion of Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Nonmotorized Transportation Chapter. Mr. Schmid presented an overview of current federal and state guidance related to bicycle and pedestrian planning. Federal policy continues to emphasize safe and convenient walking and bicycling facilities, supported by updated design flexibility memos, the *2024 AASHTO Bike Guide*, *PROWAG (2023)*, and recent multimodal design publications. Illinois law requires full consideration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in transportation projects, while Iowa’s updated 2025 policy reinforces accommodation for all roadway users on primary highways and projects using state or federal funds.

National fatality trends from 2013-2023 show rising pedestrian and cyclist deaths, with pedestrians representing roughly 16-18% of all traffic fatalities and cyclists around 2-3%. Locally, the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities recorded 193 fatal or incapacitating pedestrian and cyclist crashes over the ten-year study timeline, as documented in the *Traffic Safety Action Plan*.

Mr. Schmid also reviewed existing non-motorized facility mileage by jurisdiction and highlighted major system expansions since 2020, including the I-74 Bridge MUP, Bettendorf and Davenport trail extensions, Moline’s sidepath and bike lane additions, and the East Moline/Silvis GIT Connector. Upcoming projects include the I-80 Bridge MUP, Bettendorf pedestrian overpass, Davenport trail connections, and new trail segments in LeClaire, Moline, East Moline, and Rock Island. An online dashboard displaying regional trail surface conditions was also shared.

5. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The pedestrian bridge across Middle Road is under construction. It will open next year. The Parks Department is focusing on replacing playgrounds in neighborhood parks.

Buffalo–

The city will see improvements along Front Street and adjacent roadways, including new streets and sidewalk ramps to improve pedestrian mobility.

LeClaire–

The 35th Street Trail will hopefully begin construction in 2026. The city is waiting on documents from the IA DOT. The Wisconsin Street reconstruction project will be on the January bid letting. Cody Road Phase II will open both lanes of traffic in November. The new YMCA building is anticipated to open in November 2026.

Moline–

The city will replace a trail bridge on the Kiwanis Trail next year. The structure will be poured in-house.

MetroLINK–

The Channel Cat's Davenport dock will be replaced this winter. The new dock located at the Bend in East Moline will be able to charge MetroLINK's electric boats. MetroLINK is also exploring the feasibility of introducing a bike share service to the Illinois Quad Cities.

Scott County–

Scott County cancer data is available online through the Iowa Cancer Consortium. Users can create reports through the web dashboard.

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: November 20, 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. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
3. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bike Club	
5. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
6. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
7. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
8. Alan Silas	MetroLINK	
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