

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 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 November 20, 2025 – Ms. McDonough motioned to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2025 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Silas seconded the motion, which passed.
3. Discussion of 2026 Trail Count Strategy. Mr. Schmid described Bi-State’s trail counter program. Bi-State loans out trail counting equipment to member governments at no cost. The loaning community assumes responsibility for the counters while they are deployed. Bi-State coordinates with city staff on where to place the counters and the duration of the count. Mr. Schmid discussed the locations that counters have been placed in the past 12 years. Many count locations are found along the two river trails and the Duck Creek Trail. The data collected can be analyzed by daily or weekly totals, peak hour, and seven-day averages. Sites can be compared against others to give an idea of access along a particular trail. The data, however, is subject to certain quirks, such as seasonality, physical characteristics of sites, vandalism, people walking side-by-side, and the time for the counter to “reset” after a count is recorded.

The committee discussed proposed priority counts for the coming year. Possible new locations for counts included the Kiwanis Trail in Moline near Walmart; locations in LeClaire including the Mississippi River Trail and new Wisconsin Street trail; and the pedestrian bridge currently under construction near the TBK Bank Sports Complex once it is complete. The committee recommended expanding the inventory of locations rather than recounting locations that already have data.

4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

Mr. Byrnes and Ms. Magsombol shared a map of emerging and existing commercial areas with existing trails and sidewalks and proposed trails. The city is considering a signage master plan to improve sign visibility. A trail is proposed on Lincoln Road, which sees significant pedestrian traffic already.

Buffalo–

The city completed a street project. The recently completed comprehensive plan is providing a vision for the city council.

LeClaire–

The Wisconsin Street reconstruction project, which will include a trail, will be on the January bid letting.

MetroLINK–

The Channel Cat’s Davenport dock is anticipated to be completed by May. An RFP is to be released next week for a comprehensive route study.

Quad City Bicycle Club–

The club voiced concerns about clearing snow on the sidewalk on the Centennial Bridge.

Scott County–

Sears Seating voiced concern for their employees crossing from their parking lot across Concord Street. A public meeting for the Centennial Bridge study will take place January 28. A bill targeting super speeders was introduced in the Iowa legislature.

Visit Quad Cities–

The ADT America 250 Relay will be held this summer, starting in July. It’s expected that the relay will be in the Quad Cities around September.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
 MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 22, 2026 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:10 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. John Byrnes	City of Bettendorf	
2. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
3. Alyssa Magsombol	City of Bettendorf	
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	
9. Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities	
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