

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

Thursday, March 26, 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 January 22, 2026 – Mr. Matthys motioned to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2026 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. Mr. Beswick seconded the motion, which passed.
3. Presentation on the American Discovery Trail America 250 Relay – Mr. Schmid introduced Dave Whitson, American Discovery 250 Relay Coordinator, who joined the meeting virtually. Mr. Whitson explained that the relay will arrive into Davenport on October 5. Participants will have an off day on October 6, and head east the following day. The relay will be 6,800 miles, the longest nonmotorized relay in history. The race will start July 1 in California and finish on Thanksgiving in Delaware. The ADT is soliciting participants for any portion of the race, and an expression of interest form is available on the ADT website. All manner of users are welcome, including e-bikes.

There will be events in towns along the way. State border crossings will be important. Locally, Visit Quad Cities is open to host. The ADT is navigating permitting issues currently. The goal was to have shorter travel days in urban areas. Mr. Whitson said there is an openness for off-day activities.

4. Update on QC Metro Bike Map – Mr. Beswick shared a draft Quad Cities Metro Area Bike Map. The Committee discussed the subjectivity of “more comfortable” and “less comfortable” routes. A resource for informing those routes could be the Strava Heatmap that shows the routes traversed by app users. The map will include the names of larger trails and logos from cities and donors. The geographic extent of the map would focus on the I-80/I-280 loop with insets for Buffalo and Eldridge. The print run will be less than that for the 2019 edition of the map.

5. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The pedestrian bridge project under construction over Middle Road near I-80 will open this fall. The Middle Road Trail extension to Forest Grove Drive is on schedule for opening this summer. The city is hosting the Iowa League of Cities in September. City Council approved funds for a pump track at Middle Park.

Buffalo–

The city received a donation of new park playground equipment. The renovation of the community center could provide a good opportunity for an RDA or SCRA grant application.

Davenport–

The city's trail committee has provided input on locations to install safety signage along the trails. Construction started on the Goose Creek Trail extension to 39th Street this week. The new trail behind the cemetery is expected to open this fall. The Eastern Avenue bridge project has started. Duck Creek Trail access remains open across Eastern Avenue.

Quad City Bicycle Club–

The Centennial Bridge study will include drawings and accommodation for a multiuse path.

Scott County–

Ms. McDonough noted that the Minnesota DOT released a design guide for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The guide includes a section on separated trails with respect to different user groups. The work group that created safety PSAs and social media content will share the information again this year as the weather starts to warm up and people get back out on the trails.

Visit Quad Cities–

Bike rentals will be available soon, as the bike fleet has been serviced for their annual tune-ups. Rentals will be available on weekdays and Saturdays when the Union Station Visitor Center is open.

Walcott–

The city's trail committee has restarted trail activity again after it was halted to review other alignments. They are meeting one-on-one with concerned residents. There are challenges on flood zones and utility easements. The group is looking at potential REAP grants for installing a native buffer.

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: March 26, 2026 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Taylor Beswick	City of Bettendorf	
2. Chad Burt	City of Walcott	
3. Laura LaMantia (virtual)	Henry County Tourism/ Friends of the Hennepin Canal	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bike Club	
6. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
7. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
8. Mike Schertz	City of Davenport	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities	
11. Dave Whitson (virtual)	American Discovery Trail	
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