

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

6th Floor Conference Room
Scott County Administration Center
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Ms. McDonough opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022 – The minutes from the November 17, 2022 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Election of President and Vice-President. – Mr. Schmid noted that elections of Bi-State Regional Trails Committee officers are conducted every two years. Ms. McDonough nominated Mr. Griffith for President and Mr. Ludwig for Vice-President. Mr. Mathias seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.
4. Presentation on Carbon Reduction Program. – Mr. Schmid provided an overview of the federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The new program's intent is to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission from transportation sources. The program requires 20% match and will be apportioned to states to suballocate by population with 65% going to areas with populations over 5,000, and the remaining 35% to be used anywhere in the state. Each state is required to complete a Carbon Reduction Strategy by November 15, 2023. Eligible strategies include the following which would require before/after analysis of emission reductions: traffic monitoring and control; pedestrian, bike and non-motorized facilities; congestion management and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); energy efficient street and traffic lights; public transit; diesel engine retrofits; advanced truck stop electrification; deployment of alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure; and reduction of freight impacts on communities and the environment. Similar to Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) or Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) funds, the MPO will receive allocations for the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities to distribute through a locally competitive process. FFY2022 targets for the Quad Cities were \$483,798 in Iowa and \$301,248 in Illinois. Staff will be looking at the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program as a model for evaluation of projects, and anticipate a solicitation in late summer/early fall.
5. Committee Member Reports

Cornbelt Running Club–

The club acknowledged the hard work of area cities in clearing trails and paths of snow in the winter. The club is also working with the City of Riverdale to find alternatives for trails in town.

IMEG–

IMEG is continuing its work on the Grand Illinois Trail (GIT) on behalf of East Moline, Silvis, and Carbon Cliff. A new route has been chosen that will avoid costly switchbacks and retaining walls in Carbon Cliff.

LeClaire–

The city is undergoing a strategic planning process. The most common survey response from the public was in support of improved and expanded trail and sidewalk connections. The city is

working on right-of-way acquisition for sidewalks. Establishing a bicycle-pedestrian committee would help keep momentum going.

MetroLINK–

MetroLINK received funding to install on-street electric charging infrastructure at two of its terminals. Currently, 30% of its bus fleet is electric.

Nahant Marsh–

The marsh is working on a trail connecting the MRT. There is a potential archaeological site, however, that must be reviewed before work can commence. The marsh is exploring a pedestrian overpass of the railroad tracks, as the City of Davenport may allow for the closure of the crossing at Wapello Avenue. Nahant Marsh recently closed on 60 acres of land, which represented a missing piece on the upper marsh. The land will help allow a seven-mile trail loop.

Princeton–

The TASA funding agreement for the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) engineering project passed city council. The recent bingo night fundraiser raised \$3,000 for the project.

Riverdale–

The MRT is closed between the Bettendorf border to Bellingham Road for utility work. The timeline for the trail to reopen is not set, and is dependent on the utility company to complete its work and cleanup thereafter.

Scott County–

The Health Department met with the Center for Active Seniors (CASI) to discuss installing a bike rack at the facility, as well as a connection with the bus shelter located near the building on Kimberly Road in Davenport. The department is part of the Quad Cities Heart Safe Coalition, which offers hands-only CPR trainings in both Iowa and Illinois.

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging–

The WIAAA shared information on its fall prevention program, as well as a caregiver support program for people assisting those with dementia.

6. Other Business – It was noted that the City of Davenport is continuing to move forward with its West Loop Project north of Sunderbruch Park.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 26, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:05 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Building, Davenport, IA

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Brian Ballard	City of Riverdale	
2. Ben Castro	MetroLINK	
3. Katy Deadmond	Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Bob Madison	Cornbelt Running Club	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
8. Loren Rains	IMEG	
9. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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