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Mr. Kensil Garnett, District Engineer
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Bradley Avenue bridge over I-57, Champaign

Dear Mr. Garnett,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP bridge replacement project for the Bradley Avenue bridge over I-57, in Champaign.

At present, Bradley Avenue's bridge is a barrier for non-motorized travel to the growing area of town west of I-57, without good, nearby alternatives. The bridge and approaches have no bicycle or pedestrian accommodations, a 7300 ADT traffic count, 35mph speed limit, and bike/ped Share the Road warning signs. It is shown as a hazard on the Champaign-Urbana Area (Bicycle) Route Map. As seen on labs.strava.com/heatmap, the route still has appreciable bicycle traffic – with an increase certain as the area west of I-57 continues to develop.

From a conversation with City of Champaign staff, we understand it may be too early to know what bike and pedestrian accommodations are planned. We strongly recommend inclusion of bike lanes and sidewalks – like the well-designed Windsor Road bridge nearby. Such a design will serve a broad spectrum of non-motorized users.

We would be glad to discuss these and other project design issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Barsotti".

Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer, Ride Illinois

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