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

Dear Mr. Garnett,

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

At present, Mattis Ave. (5800 ADT, 45mph) has wide (6'?) paved shoulders on its approaches, but no bicycle/pedestrian accommodation on the bridge itself – which is shown as a hazard on the Champaign-Urbana Area (Bicycle) Route Map. As seen on labs.strava.com/heatmap, the route still sees appreciable bicycle traffic.

From a conversation with City of Champaign staff, we understand that the replacement bridge will include bike lanes and sidewalks – like the well-designed Windsor Road bridge nearby. We fully support this design, which serves 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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