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Mr. Kensil Garnett, District Engineer
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US150 Bloomington Road bridge over I-57, Champaign

Dear Mr. Garnett,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP bridge replacement project for the US150 Bloomington Road bridge over I-57, northwest of Champaign.

At present, Bloomington Road (7550 ADT, 50mph) has wide (6-8'?) paved shoulders on its bridge and approaches, with narrower (4') paved shoulders beyond the approaches. On the approaches and beyond, narrow rumble strips near the fogline provide >3' of paved shoulder clear zone for bicyclists but omit the periodic longitudinal breaks specified by IDOT design detail. As seen on labs.strava.com/heatmap, the route sees appreciable bicycle traffic – with an increase certain as the area develops.

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 recommend not including rumble strips with bike lanes. Where rumble strips are used away from the bridge and approaches, we request that >3' clear zone be maintained with longitudinal gaps added in the future.

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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