



November 11, 2016

Mr. Kensil Garnett, District Engineer
IDOT District 5
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Illinois Route 9 resurfacing from IL 122 to I-74

Dear Mr. Garnett,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP Resurfacing (3P) project for IL Route 9 from IL Route 122 to Interstate 74. This letter focuses only on the 1 mile segment from County Road 1000E Constitution Trail to Mitsubishi Parkway in Bloomington.

The western branch of Bloomington-Normal's Constitution Trail terminates at Illinois Route 9 roughly 0.3 mile west of Mitsubishi Parkway. As seen on labs.strava.com/heatmap, there is significant bicycle travel continuing west on IL 9 (ADT 6700, 55mph) for 0.7 mile to County Road 1000E – which then connects to Old Peoria Road, a popular bike route that is part of IDNR's and others' "Mackinaw Valley Trail" route. Most of this segment has no paved shoulders or other bike accommodation.

Even more bike traffic heads east on IL 9 from the Constitution Trail's end to Mitsubishi Pkwy, to head west on Old Peoria or east on College Ave. There are very wide, paved shoulders on the segment – except for the last 700' curbed section eastbound to Mitsubishi Pkwy.

We request that the project scope be expanded (or a concurrent spot improvement project be done) to add paved shoulder to that 700' section. Either 6' or even 4' would be sufficient. A second request, not as high a priority as the first, is to add paved 6' (or 4') shoulders from the Constitution Trail west to County Road 1000E – unless the trail will be extended to CR 1000E.

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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