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Mr. Kensil Garnett, IDOT District 5 Engineer
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IL10 Springfield Ave resurfacing from Staley Rd to Mattis Ave, Champaign

Dear Mr. Garnett,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP Resurfacing (3P) project for resurfacing IL10 Springfield Avenue from Staley Road to Mattis Avenue in Champaign.

At present, Springfield Avenue from Mattis Avenue to Duncan Road has sidewalks on both sides, except for some gaps. There are only short segments of sidewalks west of Duncan. On-road bicycling conditions are not comfortable, and there are no special “bike accommodations” – except for 3’ paved shoulders from Copper Slough to east of the Duncan intersection.

Champaign Moving Forward, the city’s 2008 transportation master plan, calls for a future complete street improvement of Springfield Avenue west of Kenwood Road, with a future trail specifically recommended west of Duncan Road. It is requested that IDOT and Champaign collaboratively explore expanding the project scope or doing a concurrent project to more cost-effectively add the complete street features and trail. We feel that west of Duncan is somewhat higher priority, due to: 1) growth continuing west of I-57, and 2) John Street and the O’Malley’s Alley Trail serving as nearby alternative routes east of Duncan.

Further recommendations for this project corridor:

- Slightly narrowing center and travel lanes to add another foot or two to both of the 3’ paved shoulders from Copper Slough to east of the Duncan intersection
- As shown in the AASHTO bike guide Figure 4-29, locally widening the shoulders at the two railroad crossings to improve bike safety by allowing right angle crossings
- Adding sidewalk and paved shoulders with the Copper Slough bridge replacement

We would be glad to discuss further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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