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Mr. Kensil Garnett, District Engineer
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US150 Bloomington Rd resurfacing from Mattis Ave to Prospect Ave, Champaign

Dear Mr. Garnett,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP Resurfacing (3P) project for US150 Bloomington Road from Mattis Avenue to Prospect Avenue in Champaign.

At present, the east section of Bloomington Road has sidewalks on both sides but no on-road bicycle accommodation, with five lanes, 14800 ADT, and a 40mph speed limit. The west section has a south sidewalk, three lanes, and 9400 ADT.

From IDOT's BDE Manual's Chapter 17, *"Bicycle and pedestrian ways may be included in pavement resurfacing projects when local support is evident or bicycling and walking accommodations can be added within the overall scope of the original roadwork."* This policy allows for the reconfiguration of lane widths to provide space for bike lanes, as District 9 has done in Carbondale, for example.

From a conversation with City of Champaign staff, we understand that the City has invoked this provision and requested IDOT to determine whether re-striping for bike lanes can be done.

We support their request and a study of the feasibility of bike lanes (or even buffered bike lanes) using road diet techniques published by the FHWA.

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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