



December 14, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Keirn, District Engineer
IDOT District 8
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Illinois Route 3 resurfacing from Monroe County line to Ruma

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP Resurfacing (3P) project for IL Route 3 from the Monroe County line to 0.2 mile south of 1st St in Ruma.

Strava's heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap), showing bicycle travel by users of that app, helps estimate the relative importance of roads for bicycling. At present, IL3 has high traffic counts (5250-8500), 3' or narrower paved shoulders, 55mph posted speed – and at least some bicycle travel along this entire stretch. While bike usage on IL3 south from Red Bud is sparse, there is some more between Red Bud and Old State Route 3, where cyclists access Mm Road and Ames Road.

While it is not as high of a priority as our other District 8 requests, we ask you to consider widening the paved shoulders west from Red Bud to 4', or preferably 6' – to match IDOT's pre-2010 BDE Chapter 17 policy on paved shoulder width for this speed and ADT.

If any rumble strips are added, please only do so if constructed with 8" width, 4" spacing from fog line, periodic longitudinal breaks, and at least 3-4' of clear zone outside of the rumbles.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Fero".

George Fero, Board Member, District 8

Cc: Jon McCormick and Kevin Jemison, IDOT

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