



December 14, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Keirn, District Engineer
IDOT District 8
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US67 – Delhi Bypass

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP new construction road project for a US67 bypass around Delhi.

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. For this project, Strava indicates a low level of bicycling on US67 around Delhi, with the exception of 1400' between McClusky Road and Delhi Road. Here, a more significant number of cyclists must now use US67 to connect between these two bike-friendly east-west roads. At present, this 1400' of US67 has 2-4' paved shoulders, a width not considered comfortable enough for a 50mph, 9050 ADT road.

Our request is that paved shoulders be widened specifically on the 1400' segment to better accommodate its bicycle traffic. The paved shoulders should be at least 6' wide, to match IDOT's pre-2010 BDE 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

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