



February 5, 2017

Mr. Jeff South, District Engineer  
IDOT District 6  
126 E. Ash Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

**IL96 bridge over Sheridan Creek, 0.9 mi S of Nauvoo**

Dear Mr. South,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP bridge replacement project for the Illinois Route 96 bridge over Sheridan Creek, 0.9 miles south of Nauvoo.

At present, IL96's bridge has a good southbound paved shoulder, but northbound's shoulder seems to be somewhat too narrow for comfortable riding on a 1350 ADT traffic count road with 50mph bridge speed limit. This route is on Illinois' Mississippi River Trail, and an appreciable number of bicyclists use the bridge. This is seen on [labs.strava.com/heatmap](https://labs.strava.com/heatmap), an estimating tool which shows bicycling routes by users of the Strava app.

We request that the new bridge include at least 4', preferably 6', paved shoulders on both sides of the road.

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

Cc: Jon McCormick and Andrew Werner, IDOT

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