



February 5, 2017

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

IL96 repaving, S of Aldo Blvd to N of Kochs Ln in Quincy

Dear Mr. South,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP resurfacing project for IL Route 96 (24th St) from south of Aldo Blvd to north of Kochs Ln in Quincy.

At present, this stretch of IL96 ranges from 5300 (north) to 10800 (near Broadway) ADT traffic count, with speed limits of 30-35mph. Except near large intersections, there are either two lanes with one-side parking or a three-lane cross section.

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. It shows some bike usage along this entire stretch, but especially right by Madison Park and from Hollister Whitney Pkwy to Kochs Ln. The latter 1170' segment is a less-comfortable part of a popular bike route from the Cedar Creek Trail and Hollister Whitney to Kochs and points east and north. The segment also has a hill and crest, reducing motorist visibility of bicyclists sharing the lane.

To improve safety on this segment, we request that on-road bicycle lanes be added between Hollister Whitney Pkwy to Kochs Ln. There appears to be sufficient width to do so north of the Case dealer, welder, and farm. For the 700' south of that to Hollister Whitney, bike lanes would require some pavement widening, or elimination of the (not heavily used?) center left turn lane.

We are glad to discuss these and other project design issues. Thanks 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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