



February 27, 2017

John Yonan, P.E., Superintendent  
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways  
69 W. Washington St.  
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Dear Mr. Yonan,

Please consider the following input for your 2016-2020 Transportation Program modernization project of Quentin Road from Dundee to Lake Cook, slated for construction in 2019.

We are aware of significant public debate regarding the proposed modernization of this stretch of road. In 2011, Ride Illinois (then known as the League of Illinois Bicyclists) completed a [Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) for the Village of Palatine. As noted on pages 15 and 40 of that document, we recommend that a sidepath be built along this segment; in fact, it is considered to be among the highest-priority projects in that plan.

As seen on [labs.strava.com/heatmap](https://labs.strava.com/heatmap), the forest preserve trails see a tremendous amount of bicycle activity. There is already a forest preserve trail connecting cyclists to the intersection of Quentin and Dundee; if a sidepath cannot be completed along Quentin from Dundee to Lake Cook, a reasonable fallback would be to encourage the Forest Preserve District to soon construct an additional trail to the intersection of Quentin and Lake Cook. While this would serve recreational users of the Forest Preserve trail network rather well, it would not be a suitable accommodation for everyday transportation cyclists, and is therefore not our primary recommendation.

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 "Michael C. Gorman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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