



February 27, 2017

John Yonan, P.E., Superintendent
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
69 W. Washington St.
24th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Yonan,

Please consider the following input for your 2016-2020 Transportation Program modernization project of Sanders Road from Milwaukee to Willow, slated for construction in 2020.

At present, Sanders Road has four lanes, a 40 MPH speed limit, and 12,700 vehicles per day, resulting in a [Bicycle Level of Service](#) (BLOS) of high-D - a somewhat uncomfortable level even for bicyclists who are more traffic tolerant. As seen on labs.strava.com/heatmap, this stretch of Sanders already has some level of bike traffic despite its poor conditions - likely because, while the nearby river trail serves recreational users rather well, destination-based cyclists tend to gravitate toward more direct on-street routes.

From the documentation posted on the Cook County website, we understand this project is scoped to consist of pavement reconstruction. We request that the scope be expanded to *include on-street bike lanes* (preferably buffered, if budget allows) and sidewalks, which will serve a broad range of non-motorized users. We anticipate that Allstate Insurance, which is headquartered on this stretch of road, would welcome the opportunity to provide a safe, comfortable array of options for their employees to commute to work.

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 letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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