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Mr. Jeffrey Keirn  
IDOT District 9  
State Transportation Building, P.O. Box 100  
Carbondale, IL 62903-0100

**RE: IL13 from IL37 Court St to Old IL13 / Norman Rd in Marion**

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP resurfacing project for IL13 from IL37 Court St to Old IL13 / Norman Rd in Marion.

East of Radcliffe, IL13 is four-lane divided with 13600-15800 ADT and wide, paved shoulders. West of Radcliffe, where there are more destinations, IL13 has five lanes and 17900-21700 ADT. Most of the distance west of Fair has a sidewalk, except for a short 150' sidewalk gap between Court and Railroad Streets.

Strava's heat map ([labs.strava.com/heatmap](https://labs.strava.com/heatmap)) of bicycling activity by users of that app shows some bike traffic west of Fair and more east of it – although Strava often misses casual cyclists and people biking by necessity. The heat map shows higher bike activity on alternatives Boulevard, Broeking, and even Main; and more bikes crossing IL13 at Fair and State.

As part of this project and its (likely) ADA work, it is requested that IDOT coordinate with the City of Marion to fill the sidewalk gap between Court and Railroad and to improve the Court intersection with curb ramps and crosswalks. While not as ideal as a continuous sidewalk on the south side of IL13, it would finish sidewalk on at least one side, benefitting pedestrians and people biking to IL13's destinations. Additionally, for the State and Fair demand-actuated stoplights, we request that signal triggering by on-road bicyclists be addressed by one of the available means.

We would be glad to discuss these and other project design issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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