



November 7, 2017

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

**RE: IL146 from W of Industrial Dr to I-24 Ramps (SB) in Vienna**

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP widening (continuous left-turn lane) project for IL146 from west of Industrial Dr to the I-24 Ramps (SB) in Vienna.

IL146 has a 40-45mph speed limit and 7150 ADT. The eastern part of the segment has 10' wide paved shoulders. The 1400' western part has no paved shoulders and an uncomfortable mid-D Bicycle Level of Service rating, plus no off-road sidewalk or sidepath.

Strava's heat map ([labs.strava.com/heatmap](https://labs.strava.com/heatmap)) of bicycling activity by users of that app shows an appreciable amount of bike traffic on the entire segment, in part from nearby Tunnel Hill Trail users going to and from the commercial destinations by the interstate.

It is requested that IDOT maintain wide paved shoulders where they now exist and to add paved shoulders with width of 4' (per pre-2010 IDOT paved shoulder policy) or more, where currently missing. Further, we request that the western project terminus and new paved shoulders be extended another 700' west to the Tunnel Hill Trail crossing.

Instead of paved shoulders, we would support an off-road, 8-10' multi-use sidepath trail if the City of Vienna chose to partner with IDOT on its construction and maintenance, per IDOT policy.

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: Julie Klamm, IDOT District 9 Bicycle Coordinator  
Mayor Jon Simmons, City of Vienna

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