



November 7, 2017

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

RE: IL148 from Maple St in Zeigler to 0.8 Mi S of Williamson Co Line

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP resurfacing project for IL148 from Maple St in Zeigler to 0.8 Mi south of the Williamson County Line.

At present, IL148 has 4700 ADT on this segment, with paved shoulders of an estimated width of 3'. While this results in a mid-C Bicycle Level of Service which is a decent level for experienced, traffic tolerant cyclists, the shoulder width is just below the 4' minimum recommended by the FHWA to accommodate bikes.

Strava's bicycle heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap) shows some bike traffic on this segment, which is the only road crossing the Big Muddy River for a few miles in each direction.

It is requested that the paved shoulders be slightly widened to 4', adding to cyclist comfort and safety and meeting FHWA's recommendation. We recommend against adding rumble strips. If they must be added, we request the use of the design detail with 8" rumbles placed 4" off the fog line, with longitudinal gaps – and at minimum 3' of clear zone (ideally 4') to the right of the rumbles, with occasional sweeping maintenance.

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

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