



November 7, 2017

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

RE: IL154 from Panther Dr in Pinckneyville to US51

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP resurfacing project for IL154 from Panther Dr in Pinckneyville to US51.

At present, IL154 ranges from 5750 (W) to 4250 (E) ADT on this segment, with 4' wide paved shoulders from US51 west to the New Hope Community Church, which is 4650' from Randolph St. and 5400' from Panther Dr. With the shoulders, the Bicycle Level of Service is a high- to mid-C, reasonable for experienced, traffic-tolerant cyclists. Without shoulders, it is a mid-D, uncomfortable for almost all cyclists.

Strava's bicycle heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap) shows some bike traffic on IL154 and east of Pinckneyville, with no nearby options to get there except for IL154.

It is requested that IDOT maintain the 4' paved shoulders that currently exist, without adding rumble strips. (If rumble strips must be added, we request the narrow 8" design detail, longitudinal gaps, and at minimum 3' of clear zone – ideally 4' – to the right of the rumbles, with occasional sweeping maintenance.)

It is further requested that IDOT close the gap in 4' paved shoulders from the church to at least Randolph St. and perhaps to Panther Dr.

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

Sincerely,

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