



November 7, 2017

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

RE: IL154 from IL148 in Sesser to I-57

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP resurfacing project for IL154 from IL148 in Sesser to I-57.

At present, IL154 averages 3350 ADT on this segment, with 4' paved shoulders from I-57 west to a point 840' east of Rend City Rd. With the shoulders, the Bicycle Level of Service is decent, at the B-C threshold. Without shoulders, it is a high-D, uncomfortable for almost all cyclists.

Strava's heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap) of bicycling activity by users of that app shows significant bike traffic between Rend City Rd and I-57. West of Rend City Rd has less cycling, as many use the alternative of Rend City, Keller Mine, Sesser Lake, and Coal Roads.

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.)

We also request that IDOT extend the 4' paved shoulders for the remaining 840' to Rend Lake Road, as a high priority. Extending the shoulders all the way to Sesser is a lesser priority.

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

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