



November 7, 2017

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

RE: North Avenue (CH 42) bridge over I-57 in Jefferson County

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2018-2023 MYP bridge replacement project for the North Avenue (CH 42) bridge over I-57 in Jefferson County, at the Ina Interchange.

The current bridge has a 4150 ADT, 30mph, narrow shoulders, and a mid- to low-C Bicycle Level of Service rating that is a bit uncomfortable for even experienced, traffic-tolerant bicyclists. Strava's heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap) of bicycling activity by users of that app shows some level of bike traffic now, part of the increased activity in the Rend Lake area.

The ESCA Consultants design input request letter of October 23, 2017 states that the new bridge will be 32' wide. If that means 12' lanes with 4' paved shoulders, the resulting BLOS would be a mid- to low-B, a more comfortable level also with a target range for more casual adult bicyclists. Ride Illinois would support such a design – thank you.

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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