



February 15, 2019

Mr. Kevin Marchek, Region Two Engineer
IDOT District 3
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Ottawa, IL 61350

IL47 bridge replacement over I-57 and reconstruction, Dwight

Dear Mr. Marchek,

Please consider the following input for your 2019-2024 MYP bridge replacement and reconstruction project, cited above.

At present, the IL47 bridge and project area has four lanes, wide (10') paved shoulders, 10300 ADT south of I-55 and 4100 north of it, a 45mph speed limit, and high truck volumes.

It is likely that the commercial area south of the interstate will expand north of I-55 during the new bridge's lifetime. We recommend that the new bridge and surrounding project area retain 8-10' wide paved shoulders, making sure to have at least 6' where right-turn lanes use some of the shoulder.

However, per IDOT BDE's Chapter 17 bikeway selection table, an off-road sidepath may be warranted here. If a sidepath or sidewalk is constructed, we recommend retaining at least 4' paved shoulders in addition to the sidepath, in case snow, glass, or other maintenance issues makes the bridge sidepath hard to use.

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: Mayor Jared Anderson, Village of Dwight

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