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Mr. Kevin Marchek, Region Two Engineer
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Larry Power Rd bridge replacement over I-57, Bourbonnais

Dear Mr. Marchek,

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

At present, the Larry Power Rd bridge has no off-road bike/pedestrian accommodations, despite there being sidewalk(s) on both sides of the road, beyond the bridge's approaches. Traffic count is 8400 with a 35mph speed limit, resulting in an uncomfortable mid-D Bicycle Level of Service. The bridge and approaches form a 0.3 mile gap for non-motorized travel between (mostly) residential areas on the west and commercial/business areas on the east.

The bridge replacement should meet IDOT BDE Chapter 17 bikeway warrants. Chapter 17 calls for a sidepath as the primary accommodation, with no local match required on the bridge. We recommend a 10' (or 8') sidepath, with a sidewalk as the "next highest and best" fallback option – even though it would not officially be considered a bikeway.

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

Sincerely,

Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer, Ride Illinois

Cc: Mayor Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais

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