



February 15, 2019

Mr. Kevin Marchek, Region Two Engineer
IDOT District 3
700 E. Norris Dr
Ottawa, IL 61350

Waldron Rd bridge replacement over I-57, Kankakee

Dear Mr. Marchek,

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

At present, the Waldron Rd bridge over I-57 has no bike/pedestrian accommodations. Traffic count is 4600 with a 40mph speed limit. Despite an estimated Bicycle Level of Service of high-D (uncomfortable for almost all bicyclists), [Strava's bicycle heat map](#) shows the road to be a relatively popular bike route out of town. This was verified during development of our [Kankakee Bicycle Plan](#), when more members of the public requested this road segment to be studied for possible improvements, than any other road segment in town.

To be consistent with recommendations for on-road improvements on Maple/Waldron northwest and southeast of the bridge, the Kankakee Bicycle Plan calls for 4' paved shoulders on this road segment, as a high priority. Paved shoulders of at least that width is still our recommendation.

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 Chasity Wells-Armstrong, City of Kankakee

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