



January 24, 2019

Mr. Jeff South, Region Engineer
IDOT District 7
400 W. Wabash
Effingham, IL 62401-2699

RE: IL121, US36 to south corporate limit of Mt. Zion in Mattoon, Long Creek, and Mt. Zion

Dear Mr. South,

Please consider the following input for your 2019-2024 MYP resurfacing project cited above.

At present, the subset of this IL121 project from Maryland St to Wildwood Dr/Ashland Ave has four lanes, 13400-14500 ADT, and a 45mph speed limit. There are no off- or on-road bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, despite the road providing unique access to numerous commercial and other destinations.

While it would require a scope expansion beyond simple resurfacing, it is requested that IDOT and the municipalities of Decatur and Long Creek work together to add an off-road sidepath, or at least a sidewalk, on at least one side of the road for this segment. This would certainly improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians.

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: Mr. Matt Hirtzel, IDOT District 7 Bicycle Coordinator
Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe, City of Decatur
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