



January 24, 2019

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

RE: IL121, east corporate limit of Sullivan to 0.2 mi W of 300E in Mattoon

Dear Mr. South,

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

At present, the section of IL 121 from Sullivan to Allenville has a high traffic count (7000 to 3850 ADT) with paved shoulders of 7-8' width to 1275N and an estimated 3' width south of there.

[Strava's bicycle heat map](#) aggregating trips of those using that app shows some bike use among that subset of bicycle riders, from Sullivan to Cadwell Road. South of there, IL121 provides the only Kaskaskia River bridge between Hamilton St and 1675E.

It is requested to improve bicycle rider safety by:

- Keeping and re-paving the wide paved shoulders where they exist, between Sullivan and 1275N.
- Widening the paved shoulder width between 1275N and Allenville (including the river crossing) from 3' to at least 4' and preferably 6' or more.

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

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