



January 24, 2019

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

RE: US45 from S of I-57/70 Ramp (EB) to US 40 in Effingham

Dear Mr. South,

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

The approved 2011 [City of Effingham Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan](#), which we developed for the City, provides recommendations relevant to this road project. One would require collaboration with the City to expand the project scope, the other fits into a 3P resurfacing project scope.

We request that IDOT and the City of Effingham work together to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety by implementing these recommendations from the plan:

- [High priority] Filling the east-side sidewalk gap between Surs Woods and Evergreen.
- [Lower priority] Adding bike route wayfinding signage between the planned bike lanes on Evergreen Ave and Technology Dr. When resurfacing, keeping the 8.5' paved shoulders.

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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