



February 15, 2019

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

### **US45/52 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 US45/52 bridge has no off-road bike/pedestrian accommodations and only narrow shoulders – which are a pinch point for wider shoulders on the approaches and in the nearby commercial area. Traffic count is 9850-12400 with a 45mph speed limit and high truck volumes. There are no I-57 crossings for at least two miles in either direction.

Particularly as the commercial area around this interchange grows in the future, 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 on the east side, at least, possibly with a sidewalk on the other. As a "next highest and best" fallback option, we recommend paved shoulders of 6' or 8' width.

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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