



January 24, 2019

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

**RE: US40 from Salt Creek to 1500th Ave E of Teutopolis**

Dear Mr. South,

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

For most of the project length, there are wide (~6') paved shoulders used by people who ride bicycles, due to destinations along the way and a lack of other good options between T-town and Effingham. It is requested that these paved shoulders be retained. If rumble strips must be added, IDOT's 8" rumble strip design detail should be used.

Within Teutopolis, 22' lanes accommodate traffic, on-road parking (used only in certain areas), and bike riders. During our development of the [Village's Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan](#) (2010), there was much public concern about crossing Main St/US 40. We request IDOT to work with the Village to expand the resurfacing scope to implement the recommendations detailed in the plan:

- Striping lane and parking lines
- Curb extensions and marked crosswalks at 7 cross streets
- Improved high school crossing, including closing a sidewalk gap, adding a raised median, and adding a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (aka HAWK) or other uncontrolled crossing treatment appropriate for the context per IDOT's upcoming policy

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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