



January 24, 2019

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

RE: US45/IL 15 from SE 9th St to 0.1 Mi W of Market Ave (WB) & SW 7th St to SE 9th St (EB) in Fairfield

Dear Mr. South,

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

Through much of Fairfield and the project's middle and east portions, ~ 21' lanes accommodate vehicular traffic, on-road parking (used only in certain areas), and people riding bicycles.

Although it is lower priority, striping a 9' parking lane or "urban shoulder" on the right sides of each road could provide passive traffic calming and a higher level of comfort for bike riders.

Higher in priority is accessing Wal-Mart, Frontier Community College, and other destinations west of Airport Rd. The only on- or off-road accommodation is a 2.5-3' westbound paved shoulder, too narrow for an ADT of 6200 and speed limit of 45.

It is requested to improve bicycle rider safety by:

- Widening the westbound paved shoulder to 4' or more, from Airport Rd to Frontier Dr or the western project terminus. This should fit within the scope of a 3P resurfacing project.
- Extending the eastbound project's terminus to include the segment from Commerce Dr and Airport Rd, and paving at least 4' of the existing right-side gravel shoulder.

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 Brent Maguire, City of Fairfield

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