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Mr. Kevin Marchek, Region Two Engineer  
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**US6 resurfacing project, from IL 47 in Morris to 0.1 Mi E of Nigas Rd in Channahon**

Dear Mr. Marchek,

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

At present, US6 ranges from 6150-7850 ADT, with two through lanes and occasional turn lanes, and a speed limit of 55mph except near the project ends. Except for a short segment of sidewalk between IL47 and Wal-Mart, there are no off-road accommodations. The vast majority of the segment has 3.5-4' paved shoulders plus several additional feet of gravel shoulder. Paved shoulders are wider at the more recently reconstructed Brisbin intersection.

A [bicycle heat map](#) of Strava app users shows only some bike use, some more between Gun Club and Brisbin, and considerably more between north and south Tabler. Ashley is a popular bike route, with only US6 providing access between the north part of Morris and Ashley.

Ideally, the paved shoulders of the entire segment would be widened to 6', paving over more of the gravel shoulders. However, the priorities we recommend are:

- The 2350' segment between north and south Tabler; and
- The segment from Wal-Mart to Ashley, to serve those riding on Ashley as well as current and future destinations along US6 which can't be reached by an off-road accommodation.

Paving additional width of the existing stone shoulders should be able to fit within the 3P resurfacing scope.

We are glad to discuss these and other project design issues. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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