

July 15, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: 15-FOIA-133 Train Noise Info – Cary, IL

Dear Mr. Joiner:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“**FOIA**”).

On July 6, 2015, we received your request for the following information in connection with a noise assessment on a project located near the Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line in Cary, Illinois:

- Type of Train Used (Electric or Diesel);
- Average Train Speed;
- Engines Per Train;
- Railway cars per Train;
- Average Train Operations (ATO) - Total yearly railway traffic volume for train types in both directions divided by 365;
- Night Fraction of ATO;
- Are whistles or horns used in this area; and
- Are railway tracks bolted in this area

(“**Request**”).

After a diligent search of our records, Metra was unable to locate any records responsive to your request. The train line referenced in your request, the Union Pacific Northwest line, is owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad (“**UP**”). We contacted the UP for any information that would be responsive to your request. In their response to us, the UP advised that the requested information are non-public records and accordingly, are not subject to production under the Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra or the FOIA.

The UP suggested that you check the Federal Railroad Administration’s website: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0001>, as this website may contain some of the statistics you are interested in obtaining. Additionally, train count information can be obtained through the Federal Railroad Administration’s Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory database at the links below:

<http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/publicsite/crossing/xingqryloc.aspx>

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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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