



April 11, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Jacob McCarthy
[REDACTED]

RE: 19-FOIA-089 Track Assignments; Train Length

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

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

On March 25, 2019, we received your request for information regarding the scheduled track assignments for all arrivals and departures of Metra trains from Union Station and information regarding the max train length for each of the Metra platforms at Union Station (“Request”).

I contacted you on April 8 advising that we were still collecting your requested information and asked if you would grant us an extension to April 12 in order to finalize your Request. You responded and agreed to the extension.

In response to your Request, Metra’s Transportation Department is providing you with records showing the:

- Track assignments and a Master Schedule for all arrivals and departures of Metra trains to and from Union Station; and
- A list showing the maximum train length (car count) for each of the platforms used by Metra at Union Station. The Transportation Department adds that every coach car is 85’ long and the locomotives are either 56’ or 70’ long, depending on the make and model of the locomotive. The length of each train depends on how many cars and type of locomotive are in each train consist. Amtrak owns and operates Union Station. Therefore, information regarding the length of usable platform space at Union Station would need to be requested from Amtrak. For your convenience, you may follow this link to submit your request to Amtrak: foiarequests@amtrak.com.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Attachments