



February 2, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Bob Rinella

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RE: 17-FOIA-025 HUD Related Noise Info

Dear Mr. Rinella:

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

On January 27, 2017, we received your request for information sufficient to complete a HUD Noise Calculation for two railways whose nearest crossing by DOT Crossing Inventory Numbers are: 173798P and 864006c. Specifically, you requested the following information for each railroad crossing location:

- Average train speed;
- Average engines per train;
- Average railway cars per train;
- Average Train Operations;
- Night fraction of Average Train Operations;
- Are Railway Whistles or Horns used at this location; and
- Are the Tracks Bolted at this location

Additionally, you requested that each of the above be separated by electric and diesel (“Request”).

After performing a diligent search of Metra’s records, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your Request. Metra’s Transportation Department advised that the numbers provided do not match any crossing numbers contained in their records. Further, the Transportation Department stated that their viewing of satellite images show that crossing number 173798P is a private crossing over a spur track or industrial lead that is a stub, ending adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad’s north line. As for crossing number 864006c, the DOT crossing information lists this crossing as belonging to the Chicago Transit Authority.

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

Sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Officer

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