

August 14, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune
Email: gpratt@chicagotribune.com

RE: 15-FOIA-153 Info - South Holland Train Station

Dear Mr. Pratt:

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 August 4, 2015, we received your request for:

- 1) Any records showing any plans or proposals regarding Metra having a train station in South Holland; specifically, if there are or have been, any plans or proposals to bring a train station to South Holland, and requesting any and all records documenting same; and
- 2) Any records showing any land acquisition plans in South Holland for the purpose of building a train station in the suburb; specifically, if there are or have been, any plans or proposals to buy land to bring a train station to South Holland, and requesting any and all records documenting same.

You sent a subsequent email on August 5th, indicating you were looking for records dating back 10 years to January 1, 2005 (“**Request**”).

In response to your Request, Metra’s Long Range Planning Department is providing you with the following documentation:

- 1) Any records showing any plans or proposals regarding Metra having a train station in South Holland:
 - CANAC Study Report SouthEast Service Operations Study Final Report dated February 2005;
 - Draft Work Plan “New Starts” SouthEast Service Line Alternatives Analysis Study dated October 11, 2005;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Initial Alternatives Part I: Range of Transit Modes Draft Report dated February 13, 2006;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Evaluation Methodology dated June 23, 2006;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Initial Alternatives, Part I, Screening and Part II: Conceptual Design dated August 14, 2006;

- SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Screening of Initial Alternatives, Part II dated September 23, 2006;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Purpose and Need Statement dated May 23, 2007;
 - FTA Standard Cost Categories Metra SouthEast Service – draft dated June 3, 2010;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Feasible Alternatives dated June 2011;
 - SouthEast Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Feasible Alternatives Appendices dated June 2011;
 - SouthEast Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Final Screening Results Report dated June 2011; and
 - SouthEast Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Locally Preferred Alternative Report dated August 2011;
- 2) After performing a diligent search of Metra’s records, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your request concerning any documents showing any land acquisition plans in South Holland for the purpose of building a train station in the suburb. Metra’s Real Estate Department has advised no records were located regarding land acquisitions or a train station in South Holland.

Additionally, the SouthEast Service Alternatives Analysis Final Report is available on our website at: http://metrarail.com/content/dam/metra/documents/Planning/SES_AA_final_report_August2011.pdf

(“**Responsive Documents**”).

You may access the Responsive Documents via Metra’s file transfer protocol (“**FTP**”) site. Direct your browser to <https://ftp.metrarr.com/>. The user name is: **foia11** and the case sensitive password is: **MM9F7ltC**. Access to this FTP site will expire August 28, 2015. *If you require additional time to download these documents, please let us know prior to the expiration date.*

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

Sincerely,



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