



June 27, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. William Paterson
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RE: 16-FOIA-168 Documents - Right of Way / UP

Dear Mr. Paterson:

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 June 23, 2016, we received your request for an update on the current status of the following projects, specifically information regarding:

1. Right-of-Way acquisition date;
2. LET date;
3. Environmental documents including PD&E, EA, and/or DEIS/FEIS;
4. Public hearing documents including maps, layouts, display boards, and/or exhibits;
5. Preferred alternative;
6. Preliminary or final ROW plans or any map showing before and after ROW lines for the project Project(s):
 - 18-07-0669 UP West RR Line From Ogilvie Transportation Center (Cook) to Elburn (Kane) UP West Line from Downtown Chicago to Geneva; and
 - 18-07-0670 UP Northwest RR Line From Ogilvie Transportation Center (Cook) to Harvard (McHenry) and McHenry Branch Extension to Johnsburg

Further you stated in your request, that you would no longer be interested in the above requested documents if ROW acquisitions were complete, or if ROW was not required (“**Request**”).

After performing a diligent search of Metra’s records, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your Request. These particular lines are owned, managed, and controlled by the Union Pacific Railroad (the “**UP**”). We contacted the UP for any documents that may be responsive to your request. In their response to us, the UP advised that the requested materials are non-public records and accordingly, are not subject to production under the Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra or the FOIA.

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

Sincerely,

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