

Metra Rail

Attention: Freedom of information Officer
15-E
547 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60661

09/27/16

Dear Sonserese Hatch:

Thank you for your reply to my 3rd FOIA request concerning the dangerous conditions in the Hyde Park retail spaces under Metra tracks at 51st, 53rd and 57th streets.

Since the roof has already caved in on one business, the urgency of your reply is obvious.

In your letter of September 16th, you requested that I:

- Limit the request to one specific location
- Identify a specific document
- Further narrow the scope of my request to one or two specific years
- And that I can submit future request for additional information.

Retail spaces in Hyde Park (under Metra tracks at 51st, 53rd and 57th stations) are the subject of this FOIA request, not just one specific address.

Each of the remaining 3 retail spaces suffers from the same problem and has caused several businesses to shut down their operations.

If necessary, I can write three separate letters asking the same information for each of the three retail spaces in Hyde Park or you or your supervisor can understand the scope of this problem for Hyde Park and respond accordingly.

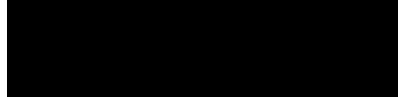
1. When Metra received a 17 million dollar grant sometime around 1998, how much was used for projects affecting retail spaces at 51st, 53rd and 57th street stations?
 - a. Unfortunately, the specific years' of when the alleged work was done is unclear.
2. Between 1998 and 2008, according to one of your Chief Engineers, work alleged was done by Metra contractors enabling Metra to rent the Hyde Park retail spaces under the Metra stations at 51st, 53rd and 57th streets
 - a. Please provide safety inspection reports for these three location
 - b. Please provide punch list for work completed at these three sites

3. Copies of inspection approvals (City Inspectors and Health Department) for retail space at 1558 E. 53rd street approving water gutter “inside” retail space.

This letter has been sent to you via email as well.

Sincerely,

Gloria Henderson (The Popcorn Lady)



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