

October 10, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Karen L. Zelzer
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Carnow, Conibear & Assoc., Ltd.
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RE: 16-FOIA-245 Noise Analysis – UP North Line

Dear Ms. Zelzer:

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 October 3, 2016, we received your request for the following information in connection with a noise assessment on the Union Pacific North Line in Evanston, Illinois:

1. Number of trains per day passing by the site, broken down by diesel or electric propulsion;
2. The average number of diesel locomotives per train;
3. The average number of railcars per train;
4. The fraction of the daily train operations that occur at night (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.);
5. The average train speed;
6. Are the track sections welded or bolted;
7. Are there any whistle stops at crossings in the immediate vicinity; and
8. Are horns used opposite the site

(“**Request**”).

After a diligent search of our records, Metra was unable to locate any records responsive to your Request. The train line referenced in your Request, the Union Pacific North Line, is owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad (“**UP**”). We contacted the UP for any information that would be responsive to your Request. In their response to us, the UP advised that the requested information are non-public records and accordingly, are not subject to production under the Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra or the FOIA.

You may check the Federal Railroad Administration’s website at: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0001>, as this website may contain some of the statistics you are interested in obtaining. Additionally, train count information can be obtained through the Federal Railroad Administration’s Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory database at the links below:

<http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/publicsite/crossing/xingqryloc.aspx>

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. E. Haton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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