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**VIA E-MAIL**

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RE: 16-FOIA-253 Union Pacific North Information

Dear Ms. Bennett:

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 7, 2016, we received your request for the following information in connection with the Metra Union Pacific North Line, specifically:

1. Train type, electric or diesel;
2. The average train speed;
3. The engines per train;
4. Railway cars per train;
5. The average train operations in one day;
6. Whether the trains blow whistles and/or horns; and
7. Are the tracks bolted

(“**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 may be responsive to your Request; however to date, they have not responded to our inquiry. In previous requests for similar information, the UP has advised that the requested information is considered 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:

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

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

Sincerely,



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