



October 19, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: 16-FOIA-259 Train Info re Milwaukee District and UP

Dear Ms. Kokoneshi:

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 13, 2016, we received your request for the following information for two sites near Metra rail lines, one site located at 1301 Ashland Avenue, Des Plaines, IL near the Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line, and one site located at 9535 W Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, specifically:

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 (10:00pm to 7:00am);
5. The average train speed;
6. Are the tracks welded or bolted; and
7. Are there any whistle stops at crossings in the immediate vicinity and are horns used opposite the site

(“**Request**”).

In response to your Request, Metra’s Transportation Department is providing you with the following passenger rail information for the site located at 9535 W Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, near the Milwaukee District West line:

9535 W Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, IL

1. Number of trains per day passing by the site broken down by diesel or electric propulsion.
 - **Monday through Friday – 62**
 - 31 Inbound (2 Deadheads)
 - 31 Outbound (2 Deadheads)

- **Saturday – 24**

- 12 Inbound
- 12 Outbound

- **Sunday – 18**

- 9 Inbound
- 9 Outbound

2. The average number of diesel locomotives per train:

- 1

3. The average number of railcars per train:

- 6 (Between 4-9 Cars)

4. The fraction of the daily train operations that occur at night (10 PM to 7 AM):

Monday through Friday Inbound

- 2200 (4:59 AM)
- 2202 (5:34 AM)
- 2204 (6:15 AM)
- 2206 (6:35 AM)
- 2208 (6:42 AM)
- 2256 (10:55 PM)

Monday through Friday Outbound

- 2201 (6:11 AM)
- 2203 (6:53 AM)
- 2253 (10:08 PM)
- 2255 (11:08 PM)
- 2257 (1:08 AM)

Saturday

- 2700 (6:38 AM)
- 2724 (10:52 PM)
- 2723 (11:09 PM)
- 2725 (1:09 AM)

Sunday

- 2700 (6:38 AM)
- 2724 (10:52 PM)
- 2723 (11:09 PM)
- 2725 (1:09 AM)

5. The average train speed:
 - The maximum Track Speed is 70 MPH
 - Trains making station stops at Franklin Park are going about 30 MPH
6. Are the track sections welded or bolted:
 - CWR (Continual Welded Rail)
7. Are there any whistle stops at crossings in the immediate vicinity and are horns used opposite the site:
 - There are no quiet zones in the area. Trains will only whistle for workers, equipment or trespassers.

1301 Ashland Avenue, Des Plaines, IL

After a diligent search of our records, Metra was unable to locate any records responsive to your Request in connection with your request for the same information for the site located at 1301 Ashland Avenue, Des Plaines, IL near the Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line. 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:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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