

November 21, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. J. David Moon, Group Manager  
Due Diligence Services  
Terracon  
Email: [Dave.Moon@terracon.com](mailto:Dave.Moon@terracon.com)

RE: 16-FOIA-292 Noise Assessment – Ravenswood

Dear Mr. Moon:

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 November 14, 2016, we received your request for the following information necessary for you to calculate the HUD Day Night Level for a proposed residential development across Ravenswood Ave., including, but not limited to:

1. Number of trains that use this track per day;
2. The average train speed;
3. Engines per train
4. Railway cars per train;
5. Average train operations (ATO);
6. Night fraction of ATO;
7. Railway whistles or horns in this area; and
8. 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 operating in the Ravenswood area is the Union Pacific North Line, which is owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad (“**UP**”). We contacted the UP for any information that would be responsive to your Request. To date the UP has not responded to our inquiry, however; in answering similar requests for this type of information, the UP has advised that such 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:

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<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 "Kathleen E. Haton".

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