



January 28, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Miles Churchill

RE: 19-FOIA-011 Metra's Title VI Report

Dear Mr. Churchill:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

I. Background

On January 11, 2019, we received your request for a copy of Metra's most recent Title VI report submitted to the RTA/FTA (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Documents

In response to your Request, Metra’s Diversity & Civil Rights department is providing you with Metra’s 2016 Title VI Program and Policy (“Responsive Documents”). This is the most recent report submitted by Metra to the FTA.

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined that the personal email addresses and home addresses of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Document are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” “Personal email address” and “home address” is specifically mentioned within the definition of “private information” found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

IV. Right of Review

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

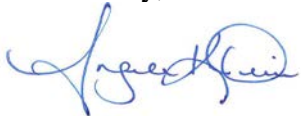
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If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela K. Ollie".

Angela K. Ollie
Freedom of Information Officer
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