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**VIA E-MAIL**

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RE: 19-FOIA-061 Noise Analysis Info

Dear Ms. Kiluk:

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

On March 1, 2019, we received your request for the following information regarding a site located at 1527-33 W. Warren Blvd. & 1542-24 W. Madison St. in Chicago, IL, near the Metra Union Pacific West (UP-W) line; the Milwaukee District West (MD-W) line; the Milwaukee District North (MD-N) line and the North Central Service (NCS) line:

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; Are horns used opposite the site

**(“Request”)**

In response to your Request, Metra’s Transportation Department is providing the following information:

1. Number of trains per day passing by the site broken down by diesel or electric propulsion; All equipment is diesel powered:
  - **MD-W: 73** (37 inbound and 36 outbound on weekdays)
  - **MD-W: 24** (12 inbound and 12 outbound on Saturday)
  - **MD-W: 18** (9 inbound and 9 outbound on Sunday)
  - **MD-N: 73** (34 inbound and 39 outbound on weekdays)
  - **MD-N: 20** (10 inbound and 10 outbound on Saturday)
  - **MD-N: 18** (9 inbound and 9 outbound on Sunday)

- **NCS: 20** (9 inbound and 9 outbound on weekdays – NO weekend service)
2. The average number of diesel locomotives per train;
    - **1**
  3. The average number of railcars per train;
    - **5**
  4. The fraction of the daily train operations that occur at night (10 PM to 7 AM);
    - **11** (Weekday)
    - **6** (Saturday & Sunday)
  5. The average train speed;
    - **30 MPH**
  6. Are the track sections welded or bolted;
    - **Welded**
  7. Are there any whistle stops at crossings in the immediate vicinity? Are horns used opposite the site;
    - **The engineer will sound the train whistle if there is an obstruction in the path of the train.**

For additional information regarding Quiet Zones, you may access the Federal Railroad Administration website here: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0889>.

The Union Pacific West train line referenced in your Request is owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad (“UP”). We contacted the UP for information responsive to that portion of your Request. The UP responded to our inquiry for records stating that any such records that may be in their possession would not be considered a public record subject to disclosure under the Purchase of Service Agreement between Metra and the UP, or the FOIA.

You may visit the Illinois Commerce Commissions’ website to access grade crossing information and the number of trains per day in a specific area: <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/railroad/search.aspx>.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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