

April 5, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Kara Sachs  
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RE: 16-FOIA-075 Flossmoor Train Station Noise Analysis

Dear Ms. Sachs:

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 March 21, 2016, we received your request for the following information concerning the Flossmoor Train Station:

- Number of trains per day passing by the site broken down by diesel or electric propulsion.
- The average number of diesel locomotives per train.
- The average number of railcars per train.
- The fraction of daily train operations that occur at night (10PM to 7AM).
- The average train speed.
- Are the track section welded or bolted?
- Are there any whistle stops at crossing in the immediate vicinity? Are horns used opposite the site.

**II. Responsive Document**

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with the following:

- Number of trains per day passing by the site broken down by diesel or electric propulsion.
  - **ANSWER:** Monday through Friday there are 77 trains per day. Saturday, there are 46 trains per day. Sunday, there are 20 trains per day.  
All electric propulsion, there are no diesel locomotives.
- The average number of diesel locomotives per train.
  - **ANSWER:** 0.
- The average number of railcars per train.
  - **ANSWER:** Average number is 6.
- The fraction of daily train operations that occur at night (10PM to 7AM).
  - **ANSWER:** Monday through Friday, 19% of trains run between the hours of 10PM to 7AM (15 trains). Saturday, 23% of trains run between the hours of 10PM to 7AM (11 trains). Sunday, 25% of trains run between the hours of 10PM to 7AM (5 trains).

- The average train speed.
  - **ANSWER:** Track speed for the area is 65mph. If they are making a station stop, the speed is 0mph.
- Are the track section welded or bolted?
  - **ANSWER:** Mainly welded.
- Are there any whistle stops at crossing in the immediate vicinity? Are horns used opposite the site.
  - **ANSWER:** There is no whistle stop. Horns will only be used in the area if it is to warn workers and trespassers in the area. Other than those situations, there is no need for the horn in the area. We do use the train bell when passing platforms or pulling into the platform.

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

Sincerely,



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