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Dr. Kristen Monaco
Director
Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Dear Dr. Monaco:

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) is a partnership between U.S. DOT, the State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak, and the nation's freight railroads. As part of this partnership, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is requesting user access to Confidential Carload Waybill Data from the Surface Transportation Board for:

- Jeffrey Sriver, Chicago Department of Transportation
- Joe Alonzo, Chicago Department of Transportation
- Ryan Richter, Chicago Department of Transportation
- Jesse Elam, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
- Rebecca Wingate, Association of American Railroads
- Velicia Goode-Moore, Illinois Department of Transportation
- David Zarowny, Illinois Department of Transportation
- Elaine McKenzie, Cambridge Systematics
- Lisa Destro, Cambridge Systematics
- Dan Forbush, Cambridge Systematics
- Weslene Uy, Cambridge Systematics
- Leonardo Cavalcanti, Cambridge Systematics
- Andreas Aeppli, DB ECO

As part of the CREATE partnership, CDOT and Cambridge Systematics (CS) are developing the Chicago Rail Futures Study and will use the data to develop a commodity flow analysis, evaluate trends of rail traffic volumes and routing, and develop a rail traffic forecast and capacity analysis.

CDOT is requesting an extension of the approval to use the 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017 years of waybill data that was received as a part of Waybill Request WB18-36. Additionally, CDOT is requesting an extension of the approval of the 2018 and 2019 waybill data that was received as part of Waybill Request WB 19-21. In addition, CDOT is requesting the complete waybill sample with masked revenue for 2020, 2021, and 2022 railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through the Chicago Region. The Chicago Region is defined for purposes of this study as the seven counties in northeast Illinois: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

The parties listed above will respect the confidentiality of the Waybill Sample and agree to observe the STB conditions-including:

1. The “raw” Confidential Carload Waybill Sample data shall be made available only to those CDOT employees and contractors (CS) who have a need for the data in conducting approved studies requiring the use of Waybill data.
2. The Waybill Sample data shall be used solely for the purposes requested.
3. None of the Carload Waybill data, or results generated from analyses thereof, will be released to the public unless it is in accordance with the requirements set forth by the STB, and has been reviewed and approved by the STB.

If any questions arise concerning this request, please contact me at jeffrey.sriver@cityofchicago.org or 312-744-7080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Sriver', is positioned above the typed name.

Jeffrey Sriver
Director of Transportation Planning and Programming
Chicago Department of Transportation

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