



April 29, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

Brandon McFadden
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – FOIA 2024-0123

Dear Mr. McFadden,

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”) that seeks the following:

I would like to make a FOIA request for the inbound and outbound email logs (message trace logs) for the following accounts:

- boardoffice@transitchicago.com
- bstele@transitchicago.com

Please include the following fields in the return file:

- Date & Time the email was received
- Sender List
- Recipient List
- Subject of the Email

Please include data from January 1st, 2024 through fulfillment of this request.

In response to your request, CTA is providing you with a record that is responsive to your request. Please note, this record has been redacted to remove information that is exempt from public disclosure. Specifically, some e-mail addresses have been redacted, because they are “private information” exempt from public disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The names of private individuals and information regarding personal matters have also been redacted, because the public release of this information would be an unwarranted invasion of these individual’s personal privacy, and their privacy interest in this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in the release of this information. See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). Some information has also been redacted pursuant to Section 7.5(h) of FOIA because it contains information that is exempted under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. 5 ILCS 140/7.5(h). Information has also been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA because it is pre-decisional and preliminary in nature, therefore it is exempt from public disclosure. 5 ILCS 104/7(1)(f). Finally, some information has been redacted because it is protected by attorney-client privilege and exempt from public disclosure under Section 7(1)(m). 5 ILCS 104/7(1)(m).

You have a right to have the redactions reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). 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: public.access@ilag.gov

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 denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of the redactions by filing a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your FOIA request to CTA.

Sincerely,

Ashley P. Neuhauser
Chief Attorney