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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your amended FOIA request for “Copies of any and all documents and communications sent or received by or between any Department Chief of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and any and all Members of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation ("Metra") within the two year period immediately prior to the date of this request. This request includes all documents and communications, including but not limited to e-mail messages. This request is for both hard printed and electronic (e. g. MS Word documents, PDF documents, etc.) versions of such documents, stored in any manner whatsoever. This request includes communications regarding any public business occurring on or through private e-mail accounts.”

Thank you for providing a timeframe for this request. We are working to respond to your request and under the Freedom of Information Act, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to five business days for the purpose of allowing consultation between various departments. The Tollway needs additional time to respond to your request for the following reason: In order to determine whether the requested records are exempt under Section 7 of FOIA or must be redacted in part before they are disclosed, we must have the documents reviewed by the Illinois Tollway’s Legal Department. 5 ILCS 140/3(e) (v).

We will respond to your request on or before July 9.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis
Freedom of Information Officer