



January 29, 2016

Alexander Abraham  
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Dear Mr. Abraham:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for “Engineering contract files, including shop and fabrication drawings, for retaining walls constructed under 1-14-4211.”

We have completed the review of your request. Your request is granted in part and denied in part.

The Tollway has redacted private information including workers identification numbers. Individual’s personal addresses and social security numbers are exempt under Section 7(1)(b) which allows the Agency to redact individuals’ private information. " 'Private information' means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person. "5 ILCS 140/2(c-5)

Please note that Joelle McGinnis, Freedom of Information Officer, was responsible for the denials referenced herein. You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). 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  
Email: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

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.

Finally, these records are too large to provide via email. In keeping with the copying fees allowed by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/6(b), the cost of copying these records onto a CD is \$2.00 [\$1.00 CD plus \$1.00 postage]. If requested, we can make these records available to be picked up and the postage fee would be waived. Payments can be made to the Illinois Tollway, Attn: FOIA Officer, 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL, 60515. The records will be processed upon receipt of payment.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis  
Freedom of Information Officer