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Dr. William Brennan
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Dear Dr. Brennan,

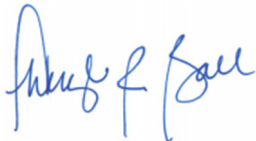
The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is requesting other users access to the confidential Carload Waybill data for rail carriers pertaining to traffic that was originated, terminated, interchanged in, or that passed through Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Arkansas.

MoDOT is working on a project that will update the existing Statewide Freight Plan and Statewide Rail Plan into a combined Statewide Freight and Rail Plan in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. MoDOT is working with consultant firms Cambridge Systematics and HNTB on the project who are prepared to sign confidentiality agreements to protect the interests of shippers and the railroads.

MoDOT has discussed this request and project with the above state DOTs. Each has expressed support for the project and the request to co-mingled data for each state for rail traffic movements for years 2012 - 2018 (*most current year available*). The data will be used to support analysis and identification of the freight generators related to rail in the States that most significantly drive the demand for freight transportation services. This will include an analysis of the trends of existing and emerging industries and their impact future freight transportation demand related to rail and proactively enhance economic opportunities for the region.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (573) 508-7557 or Cheryl.Ball@MoDOT.MO.gov.

Sincerely,



Cheryl R. Ball, IMPM
Waterways and Freight Administrator

cc: Holly Bieneman (IDOT); John Maddox (KDOT); Virginia Porta (ArDOT)



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