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Dr. William Huneke
Director, Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Request to 2019 STB Confidential Carload Waybill Sample and for
Extended Access to 2011 through 2018 STB Data (WB19-49, WB19-54, WB19-
62)

Dear Dr. Huneke:

Thank you for providing the previous Confidential Carload Waybill Sample data
for calendar years 2011 through 2018. I am writing on behalf of the Southern
California Association of Governments (SCAG) to request confidential Waybill
Sample data for calendar year 2019, and to consolidate and extend previous
Waybill agreements (WB19-49, WB19-54, WB19-62) to December 31, 2021.

The justification for the use of the data remains the same as prior requests.
SCAG is performing a comprehensive integrated passenger and freight rail
study for most of southern California, which is focused on identifying freight
and passenger mainline funding strategies for needed capacity and
operational improvements. The project's baseline year of analysis is 2019. The
economic forecast portion of this study will be relying on multiple sources of
information such as historical and forecast data from the Ports of Los Angeles
and Long Beach regarding containerized trade. The STB Waybill Sample data
will provide a critical piece of freight rail flows by commodity types to and out
of the region, especially in distinguishing between intermodal and non-
intermodal carloads for development of a Base Case for RTC simulation model
runs. We continue to work directly with Class I rail operators, passenger rail
operators, and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The SCAG rail study is a highly complex project including a diverse set of
freight and passenger rail stakeholders. As such, the study schedule has been
modified and extended to account for the need to expand the stakeholder
engagement process, as well as to consider COVID-19 pandemic impacts for
certain tasks.

For the study's analysis, we are again requesting the full 900 byte confidential
Waybill Sample data for 2019, with the following clarifications; this request is
strictly for the state of California and this request should not include the
unmasked revenue information. Additionally, we are requesting that previous
Waybill agreements (WB19-49, WB19-54, WB19-62) be consolidated and
extended to December 31, 2021.

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We understand that there will be an administrative fee to cover the cost of obtaining the 2019 data and can work with you, as we have in the past, to ensure timely payment. If there are any questions or additional information required, please contact me at strelecki@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1893.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Strelecki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Strelecki
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