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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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William Brennan, Director
Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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RE: Waybill Request

Dear Mr. Brennan:

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) is a partnership between U.S. DOT, the State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak, and the nation's freight railroads. On behalf of the CREATE partnership, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is requesting other user access to detailed Carload Waybill Data from the Surface Transportation Board for:

- Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Cambridge Systematics (CS)
- Metro Strategies (MS)
- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOTH)
- Association of American Railroads (AAR)
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- HNTB

CDOT and its consultant CS are performing a study on behalf of the CREATE partners to evaluate trends of rail traffic volumes and routing in order to understand the users of the Chicago rail terminal and beneficiaries of investments made by the CREATE partners. A small working group comprised of agencies listed above will participate in this study. The Waybill Sample is the only source that will provide the commodity and detailed routing data needed by the CREATE partners in order to calculate the impact rail traffic originating, terminating, and moving through the Chicago Region has on the region.

CDOT is requesting an extension of the approval to use the 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017 years of waybill data that was received as a part of Waybill Request WB18-36. In addition, CDOT is requesting the complete waybill sample with masked revenue for 2018 and 2019 railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through the Chicago Region. The Chicago Region is defined for purposes of this study as seven counties in northeast Illinois: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

The parties listed above will respect the confidentiality of the Waybill Sample and agrees to observe the STB conditions-including:

1. The "raw" Waybill Sample data shall be made available only to those CDOT, IDOT, AAR, CCDOTH employees and contractors (CS) who have a need for the data in conducting approved studies requiring the use of Waybill data.
2. The Waybill Sample data shall be used solely for the purposes requested.
3. None of the Waybill Sample data, or results generated from analyses thereof, will be released to the public unless the data are aggregated so that they contain at least three FSACs.

If any questions arise concerning this request, If you have any questions concerning this request for Chicago Department of Transportation, please contact Jeff Sriver at Jeffrey.Sriver@cityofchicago.org or 312-744-7080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Sriver".

Jeffrey Sriver
Director of Transportation Planning and Programming
Chicago Department of Transportation

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