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Dr. William Huneke
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Dear Dr. Huneke:

Thank you for providing the previous confidential Waybill Sample data for calendar year 2016. I am again writing on behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to request the latest confidential Waybill Sample data for calendar year 2017. SCAG is interested in utilizing the data for the continued analysis of regional freight flows and upgrades to the regional demand forecast model.

The SCAG region's transportation network for moving goods includes a complex system that supports multiple modes of transportation such as deep-water marine ports, international border crossings, Class I rail lines, interstate highways, state routes and local connector roads, air cargo facilities, intermodal facilities and distribution and warehousing centers. SCAG continues to upgrade and improve our regional travel demand model components to reflect multiple transportation modes and systems and recognize the importance of acquiring data to develop state of the art regional demand forecasting tools. In addition, SCAG will be managing an integrated passenger and freight rail study focused on identifying freight and passenger mainline funding strategies for needed capacity and operational improvements. This project's baseline year of analysis will be 2018.

We are in need of credible survey based regional commodity flow data that could serve to continually improve model components and inform regional studies and analysis. We acknowledge and can attest to the value of the confidential Waybill Sample data as a critical component of the analysis of commodity flow by rail system, in validating model inputs and outputs. For our analysis, we are again requesting the full 900 byte confidential Waybill Sample data with detailed information about the origins and destinations of commodities/shipments and its cost/revenue information, etc., for the calendar year 2017.

We understand that there is an administrative fee to cover the cost of obtaining the 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 yoona@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236- 1991.

Best regards

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