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William Brennan, Acting Director
Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Brennan:

Jointly the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Transportation are requesting other user access to detailed Carload Waybill Data from the Surface Transportation Board for:

- East/West Gateway Council of Government
- Bi-State Development Agency
- Aegis Strategies

The two State DOTs support these other users using co-mingled data for each state for rail traffic movements for years 2014-2016 for the entirety of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments Metropolitan Planning Area. The geographical region includes five counties in Missouri (City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County and Franklins County) and three counties in Illinois (Madison County, Monroe County and St. Clair County). This data will aid in characterizing and benchmarking the rail freight's system performance at the regional level to support performance-based planning and programming related to transportation infrastructure investment recommendations.

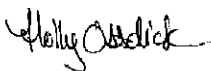
Illinois Department of Transportation and Missouri Department of Transportation support East-West Gateway's project to model the regional rail network and benchmark performance related to velocity, reliability, and queuing to quantify impacts of transportation constraints. The data will assist the TMA office in visualizing freight flows by commodity within the region. They intend to convert this information into fact-based evidence to request federal funding or to seek grants for related transportation infrastructure projects for Illinois and Missouri that proactively enhance economic opportunities for the region.

All users will sign confidentiality agreements to protect the interests of shippers and the railroads.

If you have any questions concerning this request for Illinois Department of Transportation, please contact Holly Ostdick at 217-557-4145 or Holly.Ostdick@illinois.gov

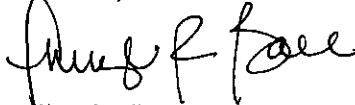
If you have any questions concerning this request for the Missouri Department of Transportation please contact Cheryl Ball, JD at 573-526-5578 or Cheryl.Ball@MoDOT.MO.gov.

Sincerely,



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