Dear Ms. McGinnis,

This is a request under FOIA, 5 ILCS 140, seeking access to or copies of the following public records:

- The make, model and year and mileage and model fire suppression system installed on all vehicles currently in the Toll Road District fleet;

- The make, model and year of all vehicles currently not in service in the Toll Road District fleet, whether they are out of service being repaired, prepared for sale or readied for duty;

- Any correspondence, email or other discussion regarding the purchase of Ford Crown Victoria police interceptor model squad cars. Please note that if the Tollroad District intends to assert these records are exempt from FOIA disclosure under Section 7 (f), that section would not apply. Ford has not manufactured the Crown Victoria since 2011. Any decision on whether to purchase them would have been made long ago;

- Technical specifications and maintenance history for the ISP-owned 2008 Crown Victoria VIN: [redacted], including records of any modifications including installation of a fire-suppression system for the fuel tank;

- Reports or correspondence regarding the purchase of fire suppression systems for the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Again, the CVPI has not been manufactured since 2011, and any such reports or correspondence would long ago have ceased to be “pre-decisional.”

As you know, the FOIA requires an agency to reduce or even waive duplication fees where the disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government. I believe the principal purpose of my request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of the general public. I plan to use the requested information as the basis of a newspaper article advancing the public interest. Therefore, I respectfully request a waiver of all duplication fees.

I believe that all of the information I have requested is subject to public disclosure pursuant the FOIA. However, if you decide to withhold all or part of the information requested, please send me a detailed statement of the reasons for this denial along with references to the specific exemptions of the FOIA you are claiming for each withheld document. I expect you to release all legally disclosable portions of the otherwise exempt material.

Because I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate a response to my request within 5 working days as required by the Act. Please provide the documents by the easiest and quickest means possible. E-mail or fax and electronic presentation is preferred. Also, please provide the documents as they become
available and don’t withhold some as the search for others may continue beyond the 5 day requirement.

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