February 3, 2014

Maureen L. Sucher  
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Dear Ms. Sucher:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of our FOIA request for the following information:

“Copies of all documents, photographs, plans, specifications, road layouts, permits, correspondence or other documents regarding the construction project taking place on September 20, 2011 at I-90 westbound at mile post 55.25 in Kane Count, Illinois. On the road layout/plans/specifications please include any signage, speed limit information and lane configurations, including the lane configurations of the exit and entrance ramps at the location on September 20, 2011. Also please provide the name of the construction company, or companies that were performing the construction work at the above location on September 20, 2011.”

We have begun to process your request and currently have identified more than 20 banker boxes of off-site records that are potentially responsive to this request. In addition, retrieval costs of $30 per box would need to be paid before we could begin to review the contents. Due to the broad and general descriptions of desired records provided in your request and the volume of records that such a request would generate, it would be unduly burdensome to process your request in its current form. Rather than deny your request, the Tollway would like to provide you the opportunity to narrow your request.

Section 3(g) of the FOIA act provides “Requests calling for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Before invoking this exemption, the public body shall extend to the person making the request an opportunity to confer with it in an attempt to reduce the request to manageable proportions.” 5 ILCS 240/3(g).

Please contact us if you would like to discuss further. Upon receipt of your narrowed request, we will process your request accordingly.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis  
Freedom of Information Officer