U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) FY 2017 Annual Report

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B. A brief description of why some requests are not granted and an overview of certain general categories of the agency's records to which the FOIA exemptions apply

Some requested records, or portions of records, were withheld pursuant to the FOIA's exemptions. The most frequently used exemption in DOT for FY 2016 was Exemption 6, which protects against a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Other reasons for not granting requests included: (a) DOT did not have the records sought; (b) the requester did not seek records; rather, he or she was seeking answers to questions; or (c) the information from the records sought was publicly available. For a detailed breakdown, see Section V. B of this report (Disposition of FOIA Requests).

III. Acronyms, Definitions, and Exemptions

A. Agency Component Abbreviations

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
MARAD	Maritime Administration
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OST	Office of the Secretary of Transportation
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
SLSDC	Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

B. Definitions of terms used in this Report

- a. **Administrative Appeal** a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
- b. **Average Number** the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.

- c. **Backlog** the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
- d. Component for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
- e. **Consultation** the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
- f. **Exemption 3 Statute** a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
- g. **FOIA Request** a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report.

Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- h. **Full Grant** an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. **Full Denial** an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of another reason, such as when no records could be located.
- j. **Median Number** the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. Multi-Track Processing a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.

- i. Expedited Processing an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
- ii. **Simple Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
- iii. **Complex Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- I. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- m. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- n. **Perfected Request** a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- o. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- p. **Range in Number of Days** the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- q. Remanded Appeal An appeal request, particularly a "no records" appeal, sent back to the original action office or forwarded to another office when the requester provides additional information either clarifying the documents sought or providing additional search parameters. The action office considers the request as if it were a new request, responding directly to the requester. Remanded appeal responses may again be appealed; appeal rights are provided if the remanded appeal response is a denial, partial denial, or "no records" determination.
- r. **Time Limits** the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

C. Descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions

Exemption 1	assified national defense and foreign relations information						
Exemption 2	internal agency rules and practices						
Exemption 3	information that is prohibited from disclosure by another Federal law						

Exemption 4	trade secrets and other confidential business information
Exemption 5	inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
Exemption 6	information involving matters of personal privacy
Exemption 7	records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
Exemption 8	information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
Exemption 9	geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
	executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15		3	8
			OST	2	
			NHTSA	1	
			MARAD	2	
41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423(a)(1))* (Procurement Integrity Act)	information	Legal & Safety Employer Research, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Army, No. Civ. S001748, 2001 WL 34098652, at *3-4 (E.D. Cal. May 4, 2001) (dictum).	FHWA	3	8
			NHTSA	1	
			MARAD	3	
			FAA	1	
49 U.S.C. § 31143(b)	Identities of motor carrier safety complaints	N/A	FHWA	1	53
			FMCSA	52	

_	Data or information acquired under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes	N/A	OST	1	1
0 (/(/	Names of certain motor carrier employees	N/A	FMCSA	2	2
	Certain information obtained or developed in ensuring transportation security if disclosure of that information would: constitute an invasion of personal privacy, reveal a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, or be detrimental to transportation safety	186, 194 (D.C. Cir. 1993); Gordon v. FBI, 390 F. Supp. 2d 897, 900	FMCSA	26	56
			OIG	1	
			FAA	29	
	Names of employees who provide information or complaints to the Inspector General	N/A	FMCSA	25	25
	jury proceedings	Sussman v. USMS, 494 F.3d 1106, 1113 (D.C. Cir. 2007); Fund for Constitutional Gov't v. Nat'l Archives & Records Serv., 656 F.2d 856, 867-68 (D.C. Cir. 1981); Durham v. U.S. Atty. Gen., No. 06-843, 2008 WL 620744, at *2 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 3, 2008); Cozen O'Connor v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury, 570 F. Supp. 2d 749, 776 (E.D. Pa. 2008).		1	1
49 U.S.C. § 60138	Certain information contained in pipeline facility response plans	N/A	PHMSA	7	7

49 U.S.C. § 46311	Certain information from air carrier records that would either prejudice the United States in international negotiations or have an adverse effect on the competitive position of an air carrier	N/A	FAA	4	4
49 U.S.C. § 40123(a)	Aviation Safety Action Program voluntarily submitted information	N/A	FAA	11	11
49 U.S.C. § 40110(e)	Contract proposal not incorporated into contract	N/A	FAA	5	5

V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
FAA	2,095	10,690	10,320	2,465
FHWA	23	424	424	23
FMCSA	2,002	2,129	2,083	2,048
FRA	394	416	331	479
FTA	15	321	296	40
MARAD	13	109	104	18
NHTSA	113	337	323	127
OIG	4	106	103	7
OST	70	429	318	181
PHMSA	148	192	227	113
SLSDC	0	11	10	1
AGENCY OVERALL	4,877	15,164	14,539	5,502

After reviewing their databases, PHMSA and FAA updated the number of requests pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.

V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

		Number			Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions								
Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	of Partial Grants /	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Pocorde	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in Chart Below	TOTAL
FAA	6,657	1,536	98	1,415	4	480	45	10	53	22	0	0	10,320
FHWA	191	75	10	96	0	12	5	3	8	2	16	6	424
FMCSA	241	795	12	103	0	880	2	1	7	2	37	3	2,083
FRA	161	50	7	68	7	27	0	1	0	1	9	0	331
FTA	121	75	12	83	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	296
MARAD	43	27	2	27	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	104
NHTSA	90	69	7	89	0	33	3	11	0	1	7	13	323
OIG	9	53	16	15	1	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	103
OST	112	81	4	100	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	12	318
PHMSA	103	45	4	32	0	15	8	7	2	2	7	2	227
SLSDC	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
AGENCY OVERALL	7,730	2,808	173	2,033	12	1,458	65	34	71	36	82	37	14,539

V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
FAA	N/A	0	0
FHWA	Request Opened in Error	6	6
FMCSA	Request Opened in Error	3	3
FRA	N/A	0	0
FTA	N/A	0	0
MARAD	N/A	0	0
NHTSA	Request Opened in Error	13	13
OIG	Request Opened in Error	1	1
OST	Request Opened in Error	12	12
PHMSA	Request Opened in Error	2	2
SLSDC	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			37

V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
FAA	2	17	50	149	411	756	77	0	20	1	19	2	0	0
FHWA	0	1	5	19	48	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FMCSA	0	0	76	24	0	790	0	0	459	59	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	0	1	4	49	6	0	36	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	4	18	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	3	12	12	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	0	4	27	15	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	2	2	23	46	16	0	43	2	5	0	0	0
OST	0	0	3	12	27	61	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PHMSA	0	0	7	4	5	23	1	0	2	1	2	20	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	2	18	150	254	563	1,878	102	0	560	63	26	23	0	1

VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
FAA	69	83	51	101
FHWA	0	10	8	2
FMCSA	0	1	0	1
FRA	7	6	8	5
FTA	1	4	4	1
MARAD	0	6	3	3
NHTSA	0	14	10	4
OIG	0	4	3	1
OST	1	9	10	0
PHMSA	0	3	2	1
SLSDC	0	1	1	0
AGENCY OVERALL	78	141	100	119

VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
FAA	10	4	16	21	51
FHWA	5	3	0	0	8
FMCSA	0	0	0	0	0
FRA	1	6	1	0	8
FTA	2	1	1	0	4
MARAD	3	0	0	0	3
NHTSA	5	0	3	2	10
OIG	0	2	0	1	3
OST	5	3	2	0	10
PHMSA	0	1	1	0	2
SLSDC	1	0	0	0	1
AGENCY OVERALL	32	20	24	24	100

VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
FAA	0	1	0	4	5	15	5	0	2	1	3	1	0	0
FHWA	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	O	5	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	O	1	0	0	0	0	0
OST	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	O	2	0	0	0	0	0
PHMSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	1	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	1	0	5	16	29	5	0	10	1	3	2	0	0

VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Lillgallon	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	
FAA	0	0	17	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0
FHWA	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
FRA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHMSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	10	0	19	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	0

VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
FAA	N/A	0	0
FHWA	N/A	0	0
FMCSA	N/A	0	0
FRA	N/A	0	0
FTA	N/A	0	0
MARAD	N/A	0	0
NHTSA	N/A	0	0
OIG	N/A	0	0
OST	N/A	0	0
PHMSA	N/A	0	0
SLSDC	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			0

VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
FAA	45.00	92.00	<1	672.00
FHWA	20.00	21.00	18.00	34.00
FMCSA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FRA	293.00	267.00	62.00	420.00
FTA	149.50	138.25	26.00	228.00
MARAD	26.00	40.00	25.00	69.00
NHTSA	23.00	22.10	<1	40.00
OIG	32.00	32.00	20.00	44.00
OST	20.50	18.00	8.00	27.00
PHMSA	25.50	25.00	22.00	29.00
SLSDC	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
AGENCY OVERALL	26.00	74.93	<1	672.00

VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
	Date of Appeal	2015-11-19	2015-10-13	2015-09-28	2015-09-21	2015-09-18	2015-09-18	2015-07-29	2015-07-17	2015-07-17	2014-08-11
FAA	Number of Days Pending	468	494	504	509	510	510	546	554	554	788
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-26	2017-09-19
FHWA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	3	8
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-08-31
FMCSA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	20
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-07-17	2017-07-17	2017-05-31	2016-03-16	2016-01-11
FRA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	86	401	448
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-18
FTA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	28
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-13	2017-06-06	2016-12-06
MARAD	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	. 81	206
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-15	2017-06-27	2017-06-08	2017-04-04
NHTSA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	66	79	125
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-03-22
OIG	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	134
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OST	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-12
PHMSA	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	13
	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SLSDC	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0
AGENCY	Date of Appeal	2015-11-19	2015-10-13	2015-09-28	2015-09-21	2015-09-18	2015-09-18	2015-07-29	2015-07-17	2015-07-17	2014-08-11
OVERALL	Number of Days Pending	468	494	504	509	510	510	546	554	554	788

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

		SIM	PLE			COM	PLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING					
Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days		
FAA	16	24	<1	1395	33	73	<1	1131	307	307	2	612		
FHWA	11	13	<1	62	14	14	<1	92	10.5	12	4	21		
FMCSA	220	216	<1	767	370	356	9	737	32	107	1	569		
FRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	165	1	881	5	5	5	5		
FTA	19	29	<1	973	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
MARAD	6	9.56	<1	89	43	46.91	5	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
NHTSA	22	72.51	<1	686	312	332.35	44	764	4	4	4	4		
OIG	6	9	<1	34	23	34	10	85	9	9	9	9		
OST	4.5	19	<1	427	31	85	<1	1030	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
PHMSA	18	127	<1	781	626	469	3	1067	458.5	479	5	997		
SLSDC	2.5	3.8	1	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
AGENCY OVERALL	16	62.52	<1	1395	47	161.3	<1	1131	13	137.6	1	997		

VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

		SIM	PLE			COM	PLEX		EXF	PEDITED F	PROCESS	ING
Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
FAA	16	19	<1	972	33	67	1	1131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FHWA	16	15	1	62	16	17	2	92	10.5	12	4	21
FMCSA	220	198	<1	734	365.5	327	14	505	39	122	1	569
FRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	95	153	1	881	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTA	19	31	<1	973	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARAD	6	10.46	<1	89	49.5	49.21	14	94	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	29	84.43	1	686	232	240.44	44	562	4	4	4	4
OIG	13.5	13	1	34	26	37	20	85	9	9	9	9
OST	8	33	<1	427	39	102	<1	1030	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHMSA	26	157	<1	781	688.5	610	3	1067	954	954	911	997
SLSDC	2.5	6.75	1	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	16	45.16	<1	973	35	107.64	<1	1131	18	147	1	997

VII.C. PROCESSED <u>SIMPLE</u> REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
FAA	7,958	789	231	43	26	17	16	6	5	2	37	30	92	9,252
FHWA	200	31	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232
FMCSA	166	20	29	14	10	10	10	10	7	84	1,078	79	100	1,617
FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	5	177	77	13	6	5	4	1	1	0	1	5	1	296
MARAD	65	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
NHTSA	135	50	29	11	7	8	3	6	6	4	23	4	8	294
OIG	79	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
OST	38	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43
PHMSA	90	22	5	6	3	2	4	3	2	1	7	10	26	181
SLSDC	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
AGENCY OVERALL	8,745	1,102	374	89	53	42	37	26	21	91	1,146	128	228	12,082

VII.C. PROCESSED <u>COMPLEX</u> REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
FAA	211	422	157	51	45	13	9	2	14	6	20	19	34	1,003
FHWA	134	32	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	171
FMCSA	4	0	4	0	5	4	6	7	5	4	54	254	91	438
FRA	40	29	17	36	32	18	23	20	6	11	35	13	40	320
FTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	3	12	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
NHTSA	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	7	17
OIG	3	8	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
OST	108	57	24	28	14	7	4	0	1	2	7	5	17	274
PHMSA	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	33
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	513	561	218	123	104	43	43	29	27	23	119	293	208	2,304

VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED <u>EXPEDITED PROCESSING</u> -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
FAA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
FHWA	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
FMCSA	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
FRA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OIG	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHMSA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	18	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	27

VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

	SIMPLE				COMPLEX			EXPEDITED PROCESSING		
Agency / Component	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	
FAA	1933	202	278	528	286	354	4	1050	1048	
FHWA	6	9.5	21	17	11	16	0	N/A	N/A	
FMCSA	1241	158	164	796	352	345	11	179	160	
FRA	0	N/A	N/A	479	281	331	0	N/A	N/A	
FTA	39	24	27	1	38	38	0	N/A	N/A	
MARAD	12	13	23	6	55	47	0	N/A	N/A	
NHTSA	100	113.5	137	20	386.5	440	0	N/A	N/A	
OIG	4	3	3	3	15	44	0	N/A	N/A	
OST	5	267	171	175	89	134	1	236	236	
PHMSA	75	248	370	37	626	653	0	N/A	N/A	
SLSDC	1	54	54	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
AGENCY OVERALL	3415	126	214.78	2062	302	337.76	16	129	348.63	

VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
	Date of Receipt	2012-05-15	2012-04-24	2012-02-09	2012-01-31	2012-01-30	2012-01-24	2011-12-21	2011-12-15	2011-10-07	2011-09-06
FAA	Number of Days Pending	1349	1364	1416	1423	1424	1428	1449	1453	1499	1522
	Date of Receipt	2017-09-19	2017-09-15	2017-09-11	2017-09-11	2017-09-07	2017-09-07	2017-08-29	2017-08-03	2017-08-02	2017-07-03
FHWA	Number of Days Pending	8	10	14	14	16	16	19	20	41	52
	Date of Receipt	2015-07-13	2015-07-08	2015-07-08	2015-07-06	2015-07-06	2015-07-01	2015-05-14	2015-03-17	2015-03-06	2014-10-22
FMCSA	Number of Days Pending	558	561	561	563	563	565	598	640	647	738
	Date of Receipt	2014-06-09	2014-05-20	2014-05-20	2014-04-24	2014-04-22	2014-04-09	2014-04-09	2014-04-07	2014-03-10	2014-02-26
FRA	Number of Days Pending	864	878	878	896	898	907	907	909	929	937
	Date of Receipt	2017-08-28	2017-08-23	2017-08-11	2017-08-08	2017-08-02	2017-07-24	2017-07-24	2017-07-24	2017-07-19	2017-07-05
FTA	Number of Days Pending	23	26	34	37	41	48	48	48	51	61
	Date of Receipt	2017-08-14	2017-08-10	2017-08-08	2017-08-07	2017-07-28	2017-07-14	2017-07-13	2017-07-13	2017-07-13	2017-06-19
MARAD	Number of Days Pending	33	35	37	38	44	54	55	55	55	72
	Date of Receipt	2015-11-03	2015-09-23	2015-09-04	2015-06-01	2015-01-30	2014-07-22	2014-05-27	2014-02-26	2014-01-28	2014-01-17
NHTSA	Number of Days Pending	479	507	519	587	671	802	841	904	924	930
	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-29	2017-09-29	2017-09-27	2017-09-25	2017-09-22	2017-09-15	2017-06-12
OIG	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	. 5	10	77
	Date of Receipt	2016-12-05	2016-11-23	2016-11-23	2016-10-13	2016-04-29	2016-04-28	2016-01-19	2015-10-01	2015-09-14	2015-01-20
OST	Number of Days Pending	207	214	214	242	357	358	429	501	514	679
	Date of Receipt	2014-04-08	2014-03-21	2014-03-19	2014-02-10	2014-01-31	2014-01-14	2013-11-29	2013-11-21	2013-11-21	2013-11-13
PHMSA	Number of Days Pending	875	887	889	915	921	933	963	968	968	974
	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-07-14
SLSDC	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	54
AGENCY	Date of Receipt	2012-05-15	2012-04-24	2012-02-09	2012-01-31	2012-01-30	2012-01-24	2011-12-21	2011-12-15	2011-10-07	2011-09-06
OVERALL	Number of Days Pending	1349	1364	1416	1423	1424	1428	1449	1453	1499	1522

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
FAA	1	255	0	1	249
FHWA	4	2	2	7	4
FMCSA	9	1	1	7	8
FRA	1	11	1	1	1
FTA	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
MARAD	0	6	1	2	6
NHTSA	1	0	1	1	1
OIG	1	0	9	9	1
OST	1	0	2	2	1
PHMSA	0	2	34	34	1
SLSDC	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
AGENCY OVERALL	18	277	1	8.06	272

VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
FAA	4	84	1	4
FHWA	36	3	1	2
FMCSA	0	0	N/A	N/A
FRA	1	7	1	1
FTA	0	0	N/A	N/A
MARAD	7	0	1	1
NHTSA	0	1	6	6
OIG	4	0	1	0
OST	1	0	2	2
PHMSA	1	0	1	0
SLSDC	0	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	54	95	1	20.8

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

		PERSONNEL	COSTS			
Agency / Component	Number of "Full- Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full- Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
FAA	24	54.17	78.17	\$6,537,009.55	\$298,301.72	\$6,835,311.27
FHWA	1	5.24	6.24	\$1,300,223.43	\$0.00	\$1,300,223.43
FMCSA	6	1	7	\$695,099.00	\$0.00	\$695,099.00
FRA	2	2.83	4.83	\$512,373.00	\$0.00	\$512,373.00
FTA	0	2	2	\$226,237.00	\$0.00	\$226,237.00
MARAD	1	1.4	2.4	\$287,756.64	\$0.00	\$287,756.64
NHTSA	2	4	6	\$490,920.00	\$74,213.00	\$565,133.00
OIG	1	2.5	3.5	\$269,042.00	\$0.00	\$269,042.00
OST	4	1.9	5.9	\$757,864.00	\$7,336.00	\$765,200.00
PHMSA	2	2.4	4.4	\$534,410.00	\$37,216.95	\$571,626.95
SLSDC	0	0.015	0.015	\$2,197.80	\$0.00	\$2,197.80
AGENCY OVERALL	43	77.455	120.455	\$11,613,132.42	\$417,067.67	\$12,030,200.09

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
FAA	\$305,372.42	4.67%
FHWA	\$22,032.78	1.69%
FMCSA	\$920.00	0.13%
FRA	\$0.00	0.00%
FTA	\$0.00	0.00%
MARAD	\$872.00	0.30%
NHTSA	\$1,640.30	0.33%
OIG	\$0.00	0.00%
OST	\$400.00	0.05%
PHMSA	\$1,022.77	0.19%
SLSDC	\$0.00	0.00%
AGENCY OVERALL	\$332,260.27	2.86%

XI.A. NUMBER OF TIMES SUBSECTION USED

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
FAA	0
FHWA	0
FMCSA	0
FRA	0
FTA	0
MARAD	0
NHTSA	0
OIG	0
OST	0
PHMSA	0
SLSDC	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0

XI.B. NUMBER OF SUBSECTION POSTINGS

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
FAA	90,486	12,506
FHWA	1	4
FMCSA	0	2
FRA	1	16
FTA	26	52
MARAD	101	0
NHTSA	2	195
OIG	0	232
OST	31	1
PHMSA	5	69
SLSDC	1	0
AGENCY OVERALL	90,654	13,077

XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
FAA	1,082	94
FHWA	3	0
FMCSA	1,935	1
FRA	453	5
FTA	11	1
MARAD	10	2
NHTSA	105	3
OIG	1	1
OST	148	0
PHMSA	98	0
SLSDC	1	0
AGENCY OVERALL	3,847	107

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Consultations Received	from Other Agencies	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
FAA	3	3	2	4
FHWA	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	2	2	0
FTA	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	1	1	0
NHTSA	0	1	1	0
OIG	0	1	1	0
OST	0	8	8	0
PHMSA	1	5	5	1
SLSDC	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	4	21	20	5

XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Consultation	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2016-12-07	2016-09-15	2015-10-27	2015-07-22
FAA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	261	484	551
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FHWA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FMCSA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARAD	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OST	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-27
PHMSA	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SLSDC	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-27	2016-12-07	2016-09-15	2015-10-27	2015-07-22
OVERALL	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	2	205	261	484	551

XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

	NUMBER OF REQ	UESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>	NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED		
Agency / Component	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	
FAA	9,582	10,690	9,131	10,320	
FHWA	356	424	350	424	
FMCSA	2,307	2,129	1,012	2,083	
FRA	413	416	315	331	
FTA	250	321	253	296	
MARAD	100	109	104	104	
NHTSA	253	337	229	323	
OIG	93	106	103	103	
OST	266	429	287	318	
PHMSA	176	192	141	227	
SLSDC	4	11	4	10	
AGENCY OVERALL	13,800	15,164	11,929	14,539	

XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
FAA	1,121	1,082
FHWA	1	3
FMCSA	1,810	1,935
FRA	361	453
FTA	3	11
MARAD	7	10
NHTSA	95	105
OIG	2	1
OST	56	148
PHMSA	137	98
SLSDC	0	1
AGENCY OVERALL	3,593	3,847

XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
Agency / Component	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
FAA	101	83	57	51
FHWA	7	10	7	8
FMCSA	3	1	5	0
FRA	5	6	4	8
FTA	5	4	8	4
MARAD	0	6	1	3
NHTSA	6	14	6	10
OIG	3	4	4	3
OST	12	9	11	10
PHMSA	4	3	4	2
SLSDC	0	1	0	1
AGENCY OVERALL	146	141	107	100

XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
FAA	53	94
FHWA	0	0
FMCSA	0	1
FRA	6	5
FTA	1	1
MARAD	0	2
NHTSA	0	3
OIG	0	1
OST	0	0
PHMSA	0	0
SLSDC	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	60	107