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This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 1, 2016. You requested copies of FOIA program internal status reports for the Department of Transportation (DOT) during calendar years 2015 and 2016.

Enclosed are the requested records. Certain predecisional information that has been redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, as we have determined that its release would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative process. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and 49 CFR 7.23(c)(5).

I am the person responsible for this determination. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to Judith S. Kaleta, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590. If you prefer, your appeal may be sent via electronic mail to ost.foia.appeals@dot.gov. An appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this determination and should contain any information and arguments you wish to rely on. The Deputy General Counsel's determination will be administratively final.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 9, 2015)

New requests:

Sarah Westwood, Washington Examiner	The number of FOIA requests DOT received in 2014, and the number of FOIA requests DOT processed in 2014. <i>(Note: In FY 2014, DOT received 12,012 requests and processed 11,214 requests.)</i>
Scott MacFarlane, NBC 4	A list of all purchase card purchases made by holders of DOT purchase cards in which the merchant's name includes the keyword "Starbucks" in either fiscal or calendar year 2014.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 16, 2015)

New requests:

Ross Hammond (ForestEthics, Communities for a Better Environment, Ezra Prentice Homes Tenants Association, and Citizens Acting for Rail Safety)	All records since January 1, 2012, including records pertaining to the pending DOT regulatory effort concerning oil by rail, between DOT and 97 listed staff and lobbyists from the following organizations: Association of American Railroads, American Petroleum Institute, Railway Supply Institute, Greenbrier Corporation, Chevron, Tesoro, or Burlington Northern Santa Fe. (Note: Within DOT, this request was sent to OST, FRA, and PHMSA. The request was also sent to NTSB and STB.)
Scott MacFarlane (NBC 4)	Correspondence between DOT and Martin O'Malley.
Ilan Ben-Meir (BuzzFeed News)	Correspondence between DOT and Bobby Jindal, Marco Rubio, Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, Scott Walker, Mike Pence, Jim Webb, Hillary Clinton, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, Chris Christie, or Jeb Bush (12 separate FOIA requests)

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 23, 2015)**

New requests:

Andy Sullivan, Reuters News	Broad request for records related to the TIGER program since 2009. (Note: Request includes, but is not limited to, all staff and technical evaluations and letters of support.)
Russell Carollo, freelance journalist	All records since January 1, 2008, related in any way to Google, Inc. (Note: Request includes, but is not limited to, communications between DOT and Google or between DOT and Federal agencies, including the White House and/or the Executive Office of the President.)

Notable activity:

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**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 30, 2015)**

New requests:

Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire (6 separate FOIA requests)	<p>For the time period January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Logs of correspondence received from members of Congress- Employees' ethics waivers- Secretary Foxx's schedule- List of Special Government Employees- All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress- Visitor logs for the DOT HQ buildings
Kathryn Wolfe, Politico (2 separate FOIA requests)	<p>Secretary Foxx's daily work schedule, including names of attendees at meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- From the time he took office through December 31, 2014- From January 1 through January 31, 2015

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(February 6, 2015)

New requests:

Stephen Ryan (McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Legal Counsel for Citizens Against Rail Expansion in Florida)	(1) communications between specified DOT officials and All Aboard Florida (AAF), Florida East Coast Railway (FECR), or Fortress Investment Group; (2) communications between specified DOT officials and the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, or the U.S. Coast Guard pertaining the AAF rail project and related FECR freight rail increases; (3) communications from the past 12 months regarding AAF's interactions with DOT regarding the Private Activity Bond (PAB) program; and (4) communications from the past 12 months regarding AAF's interactions with DOT regarding the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) program.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(February 13, 2015)

New requests: N/A

Notable activity: As previously reported, the Department is in litigation with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Alumni Foundation (AAF) regarding eleven voluminous and complex FOIA requests submitted by AAF. To date, MARAD and OST have produced approximately 18,000 pages in response to the requests. Earlier this week, a judge ordered production of the remaining documents, along with a Vaughn Index describing all withheld information, by the end of May^{(b) (5)}

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(February 20, 2015)

New requests:

Megan Wilson, The Hill Newspaper	All communications and drafts between DOT's Office of the Secretary and the State Department between January 1, 2014 and February 2, 2015, regarding the national interest determination about the Keystone XL pipeline required by Executive Order 13337.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(February 27, 2015)

New requests:

Natalie Peterson	Copy of the briefing papers referenced in a February 2015 article in The Wall Street Journal, titled "U.S. Airlines Attack Their Gulf Rivals," that was provided to officials at DOT in connection with meetings held between DOT and senior leadership from American, Delta, and United Airlines.
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Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(March 6, 2015)**

New requests:

Eileen Sullivan, Associated Press	Correspondence between DOT and Rand Paul.
Democratic National Committee (five separate requests and requesters)	Correspondence between DOT and Jeb Bush, Rick Perry, Rand Paul, Bobby Jindal, and Chris Christie.

Notable activity: Today we released the second (and final) production in response to the Cause of Action multiple-agency litigation. Records released in this production (55 pages) were e-mails between the Office of the General Counsel and White House Counsel related to White House Counsel's review of agency records.

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(March 13, 2015)**

New requests:

Jeff Horwitz (Associated Press)	Letters, emails, or notes from meetings between DOT and Representative Aaron Schock or representatives from his office since January 1, 2009.
William Green (no affiliation given)	All documents relating to official OST policy regarding the use of private email by employees, managers, supervisors, etc. of the OST to conduct official Department business.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(March 20, 2015)**

New requests:

Kevin Bogardus, Greenwire	A copy of the first e-mail sent by Secretary Foxx from any and all e-mail accounts that he uses for agency business.
Sean Reilly, Greenwire	Electronic copies of all minutes from meetings of the DOT Credit Council since October 1, 2013.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(April 3, 2015)

New requests:

Michael Ravnitzky, individual	Answers to all Questions for the Record for 2012 and 2013. (Note: The records for 2014 have been previously released.)
Robert Benincasa, National Public Radio News	An electronic, machine-readable copy of all releasable data records and fields in the DOT's civil rights complaints tracking system (XTRAK) database, from the inception of the database to the present.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(April 24, 2015)

New requests:

Jeff Stachewicz, FOIA Group	A listing of all DOT small purchase card transactions, by card holder, from July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.
Martin Dajani, Vice President Legal (Americas), Etihad Airways	Various documents related to Open Skies, including: (1) paper entitled “Restoring Open Skies...,” including all appendices, supplements, and exhibits thereto; (2) any records sent to DOT regarding “subsidized competition” from airlines in the Middle East and/or state-owned airlines in the Middle East; (3) any correspondence, communication, information request, questionnaire, data requests (and responses thereto) between DOT and American, Delta, or United Airlines, The Partnership for Open & Fair Skies; Americans for Fair Skies; and/or (4) any correspondence between DOT and any entity listed in item 3 regarding the subject matter of documents DOT-OST-2015-0082, DOS-2015-0016, or DOC-2015-0001.
Rachel Leven, Bloomberg	Records concerning communications within and between PHMSA, FRA, and/or OST regarding the issuance of Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order No. 30, Safety Advisory No. 2015-01 and -02, and related Federal Register notices by PHMSA and FRA on April 17.
Rachel Leven, Bloomberg	Records concerning communications between PHMSA, FRA, and/or OST regarding the issuance of Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order in February (DOT-OST-2014-0025) and the amended March version of the order.
John Bresnahan, Politico	Any contact between Rep. Bill Shuster, including his personal office staff and the staff of the House T&I Committee; Airlines for America, the trade association; and Ms. Shelley Rubino, vice president of Airlines for America, since January 2, 2012.
Brody Mullins, The Wall Street Journal	All email communications between Secretary Foxx and officials with Delta Airlines, and records of telephone calls, since July 1, 2014. (Expressed a specific interest in the negotiation of an Open Skies agreement with Mexico.)
Brody Mullins, The Wall Street Journal	All email communications between Susan Kurland and officials with Delta Airlines, and records of telephone calls, since July 1, 2014. (Expressed a specific interest in the negotiation of an Open Skies agreement with Mexico.)
Anita Mosner and Jennifer Nowak, Holland & Knight, Attorneys for Qatar Airways	All documents related to Restoring Open Skies and DOT review of claims raised about state-owned airlines in Qatar and/or the UAE, as referenced in the joint press release issued on April 10, 2015 by the Departments of Commerce, State, and Transportation.

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(May 8, 2015)

New requests:

Jason Cherkis, Huffington Post	Correspondence between DOT and Senator Marco Rubio since 2011 and between DOT and Governor Chris Christie since 2010.
Nicholas Riccardi, Associated Press	Correspondence between DOT and Senator Marco Rubio since 2011.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(May 22, 2015)**

New requests:

Curtis Tate, McClatchy Newspaper	Copies of requests for relief submitted to DOT by rail carriers from the Emergency Order's (Docket No. DOT-OST-2014-0067) requirements.
Joce Sterman WJLA	Copies of all expense reports, receipts, and paperwork submitted for reimbursement by any DOT employee in relation to the Annual Winter Conference staged in February 2015 in Sterling, VA.

Notable activity: As previously reported, the Department is in litigation with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Alumni Foundation (AAF) regarding eleven voluminous and complex FOIA requests submitted by AAF. To date, MARAD and OST have produced approximately 18,000 pages in response to the requests. Earlier this week, a judge ordered production of the remaining documents, along with a Vaughn Index describing all withheld information, by the end of May^{(b) (5)}

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(May 29, 2015)**

New requests:

Ian Mandel, no affiliation provided	Any correspondence between DOT and Senator Hillary Clinton or her staff from January 3, 2001 to January 21, 2009.
Christopher Stewart, The Wall Street Journal	All communications between DOT and Jeb Bush from 1981 to 1993 and from 2001 to 2007.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 12, 2015)

New requests:

Scott Parker, Republican National Committee	All records between DOT and the following accounts: clintonemail.com, chelseaooffice.com, presidentclinton.com, mail.president.clinton.com, printer.presidentclinton.com, and wjcoffice.com since January 1, 2009.
Michael Morisy, MuckRock.com	Communications between DOT and the offices of Senator Grassley or Representative Issa on the use of paid leave by DOT.
Justin McCarthy, Judicial Watch	All records between DOT and Congress relating to employee paid leave.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 19, 2015)

New requests:

Shane Snow, MuckRock News	Most recent database maintained by DOT detailing employee compensation across the Department.
Martin Peck, MuckRock News	All contracts and invoices for any services or goods purchases from Boeing Corporation.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 26, 2015)

New requests:

Ashley Halsey, Washington Post	Any letters, e-mails, written inquiries, or questions between DOT and members of Congress related to Positive Train Control since January 1, 2014.
Corinne Kennedy, McClatchey News	All records pertaining to FOIA requests submitted to DOT which were rejected for national security reasons since January 1, 2014.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 10, 2015)

New requests:

Sean Reilly, Greenwire-E&E Publishing	Copies of correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the following members of Congress: Bill Shuster, James Inhofe, Barbara Boxer, and Peter DeFazio.
Sean Reilly, Greenwire-E&E Publishing	All minutes from meetings of DOT's Credit Council from March 1, 2015.
Sean Reilly, Greenwire-E&E Publishing	All documents related to DOT ethics waivers involving financial conflicts of interest since January 2013.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 25, 2014)**

New request:

Requester	Subject of Request
Daniel Steinberger, ABC News	The amount of money spent on electricity at DOT Headquarters over the last five years.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 31, 2015)

New requests:

Scott MacFarlane (NBC4)	A digital flat file of the dataset of airline service complaints compiled by the DOT Aviation Consumer Protection Division since January 1, 2014.
Kim Zetter (Wired)	All records related to the June 2 and July 8 groundings of United Airlines flights for “dispatching information” issues.
Stephen Schwartz (Cause of Action)	(1) The Secretary’s travel records related to travel (a) on Air Force One, (b) with the President or Vice President, or (c) to/from any meetings with the President or Vice President outside of Washington, D.C. since January 1, 2014. (2) The Secretary’s work calendars related to meeting that (a) occurred at the White House or (b) included representatives of the Executive Office of the President since January 1, 2014. (3) Correspondence between the Office of the Secretary or the Office of Government Affairs from (a) Senator Barack Obama or his staff, or (b) Senator Joseph Biden or his staff, from January 3, 2005 to November 3, 2008.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(August 7, 2015)

New requests:

Elyce Kirchner (NBC Universal, KNTV)	An electronic copy of all airline service complaints and comments and all travel problems, concerns, and complaints filed since January 1, 2010, including at least the airline/company, flight date, flight itinerary, and description of problem/inquiry/comments.
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Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(August 21, 2015)**

New requests:

Curtis Tate, McClatchy News	(1) Monthly reports of DOT enforcement activities sent by the Office of the General Counsel to the White House since January 2009 and (2) monthly reports of enforcement activities sent by the OA Chief Counsels to the Office of the General Counsel since January 2009.
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Notable activity: All Aboard Florida FOIA litigation update: On August 21, we made a production to plaintiff's counsel of over 1,800 pages of external communications between OST and FRA officials and All Aboard Florida/Florida East Coast Railway/Fortress. (b) (5)

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 4, 2015)

New requests:

Hudson Munoz (individual)	Communications between former Deputy Secretary Porcari and Senator Charles Grassley, Representative Collin Peterson, or Representative Steve Austria or their staffs regarding LightSquared, receiver overload, wide band reception, or interference.
Matt Petrillo (WNEP, PA)	Copies of documents provided to Beau Berman regarding essential air service.
Scott MacFarlane (NBC4)	A database listing all “close call” reports submitted to BLS by WMATA and its employees since FY 2013, as well as all close call reports submitted in FY 2015.
Jonathan Benner (Thompson Coburn LLP)	Communications between MARAD or other DOT officials and the Departments of State or Defense related to vessels flying the flag of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 18, 2015)

New requests:

Scott MacFarlane, NBC 4	All weekly Cabinet reports in fiscal year (or calendar year) 2014 and through the present.
Jeremy Jojola, KUSA Denver, 9 News	All emails received by the Secretary from any elected member of Congress (or chief of staff of any Congressional office) – using public and/or private email accounts) from June 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015.

Notable activity: The FOIA office is working hard to close out as many pending cases as possible before the end of the fiscal year.

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 25, 2015)

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Sean Reilly, Greenwire	Background materials for three recent DOT Credit Council meetings.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 2, 2015)

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Darren Samuelsohn, Politico	Referral from the Department of Interior (DOI) of four pages related to sequestration containing DOT equities (from a FOIA request submitted to DOI in May 2013).

Notable activity:

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 9, 2015)**

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Donald Vance, individual	The first 100 pages of emails contained in Secretary Foxx's government email account, specifically between December 27, 2014 and January 31, 2015.
Hudson Munoz, researcher	Copies of the incoming FOIA requests and all responsive records provided to date for two very broad LightSquared-related FOIA requests.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 16, 2015)**

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Allen Blutstein, America Rising, LLC	All emails sent or received by Claire Barrett (DOT records officer) that discuss Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server.
Jason Lange, Thomson Reuters News	All DOT computer security incident reports and cyber incident and response summary reports since October 2011.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 23, 2015)**

New requests:

Requester	Subject
John Tran, Electronic Privacy Information Center	Records related to the individuals invited to participate in DOT's recently proposed Unmanned Aircraft Registration Task Force.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 30, 2015)**

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Derrick Nunnally, The News Tribune – Tacoma, Washington	A listing of all recipient agencies of TIGER Grants awarded in 2105 and the projects for which the grants were awarded and a listing of all applicant agencies and their project proposals for 2015 TIGER Grant awards.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(November 6, 2015)

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Scott MacFarlane, NBC4	All records of agency usage of Appraised Value Offer or Home Sale Services for SES level employees in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(December 11, 2015)**

New requests:

Requester	Subject
Kevin Bogardus, Greenwire	Communications between any DOT employees and Mike Allen regarding Secretary Foxx's March 30, 2015 appearance on Politico's Playbook Lunch.
Chad Day, Associated Press	Correspondence between DOT and Marco Rubio or his staff since January 2011.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(December 18, 2015)

New requests: No significant incoming OST FOIA requests to report.

Notable activity:

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Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 8, 2016)

New requests:

Scott MacFarlane, NBC 4	Copies of all forms SF-326 (Semiannual Report of Payments Accepted from a Non-Federal Source) completed in FY 2014 and FY 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	All visitor logs for DOT headquarters for calendar year 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	All responses to QFRs provided to Congress in calendar year 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	Copy of Secretary Foxx's calendar for calendar year 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	A list of special government employees employed by DOT for calendar year 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	Documents related to ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest for DOT employees for calendar year 2015.
Blake Sobczak, Energy Wire	Logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to DOT for calendar year 2015.

Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 15, 2016)**

New requests:

Jorge Rojas, SAVECTI.org	Emails of Secretary Foxx and Paquita Bradley (FAA) since July 2, 2013 relating to the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees.
Allen Blutstein, America Rising LLC	Emails to or from Secretary Foxx mentioning Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign; a copy of the Secretary's calendar and leave slips for January 11, 2016.
Joce Serman, 7 On Your Side I-Team	All aviation consumer complaints related to emotional support animals
Abraham Payton, America Bridge 21 st Century	Correspondence with or mentioning various entities associated with Donald Trump.
Scott Parker, RNC	For the period March 2-9, 2015, correspondence/email sent by or on behalf of the Department's Ethics or Assistant Ethics Officials that includes the terms: Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State, Homebrew, personal email, server, Federal Records Act, HDR22, or hdrss@clintonemail.com.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(January 29, 2016)

New requests:

Zachary Hamilla, The Arctic Studio	<p>Paper and electronic correspondence between January 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013, containing the keywords “Arctic” or “Alaska” between the following National Security Council (NSC) and DOT officials.</p> <p>NSC - Patty Cogswell or Tony Ceraolo</p> <p>DOT - John Porcari, Katie Thomson, Mike Lowder, Susan Kurland, Dana Gresham, Polly Trottenberg, Michael Huerta, Sasha Johnson, Robert Lewis, Paul Jaenichen, Joel Szabat, Gregory Hall, Kevin Tokarski, or Yvette Fields</p>
Michael Brooks, Center for Auto Safety	<p>All OST records since January 1, 2015 pertaining to the development, consideration, concurrence, and publication of the document “Proactive Safety Principles” dated January 15, 2016, including communications with NHTSA or twenty listed manufacturers and/or organizations.</p>

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(February 5, 2016)

New requests:

Jeremy Merrill, The New York Times	Documents filed with DOT relating to the granting or transferring of economic authority to Trump Shuttle and documents generated by DOT in response.
Rachel Swarns, The New York Times	Documents relating to a civil rights complaint made regarding a bridge project in Corpus Christi, Texas.
Kate Bailey, Judicial Watch	Documents relating to a September 2014 interagency General Counsel meeting convened by the White House, Executive Office of the President, or the Office of Management and Budget to address issues about records management.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
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(March 18, 2016)

New requests:

Allen Blutstein, America Rising Squared	Emails to or from the Secretary or Chief of Staff on March 15 or 16, 2016, mentioning or referring to Merrick Garland.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
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(April 22, 2016)

New requests:

Laura Strickler, CBS News	Emails to or from employees in the U.S. DOT's Aviation Enforcement Office between January 1, 2016 and April 18, 2016 related to emotional support animals.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
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(May 6, 2016)

New requests:

Ralph Smith, FedSmith.com	Listing of all DOT employees, including name, agency, state, county, station, title, plan/grade, and adjusted base salary.
Jean Cavanaugh, no known affiliation	Documents related to the extension approved for Maryland's Private Activity Bond allocation for the Purple Line.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(May 13, 2016)

New requests:

Spencer Woodman, freelance journalist	Certain emails with the keywords “Google + autonomous or driverless” or “Uber” for the following senior DOT officials: Secretary Foxx, Victor Mendez, Katie Thomson, Greg Winfree, Dana Gresham, Carlos Monje.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
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(May 20, 2016)

New requests:

Spencer Woodman, freelance journalist	Copies of correspondence between Google and the official(s) responsible for planning Secretary Foxx's visit to Google headquarters in February 2, 2015.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(May 27, 2016)

New requests:

Sandy Bergo, Better Government Association	All correspondence since January 2009 between former Secretary LaHood or Secretary Foxx and Jane Garvey or other representatives of Meridiam Infrastructure North American Corporation.
Sandy Bergo, Better Government Association	Copies of any record containing the amount of fees paid to former FAA Administrator Jane Garvey for her services in helping to negotiate a contract with the air traffic controllers in 2009.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 10, 2016)

New requests:

Mr. Galbraith, MuckRock	Correspondence between DOT and Tesla Motors, Inc. regarding the sharing of Tesla Motors Autopilot data with the DOT.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 17, 2016)

New requests: N/A

Notable activity: The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 is pending signature by President Obama after the House passed the Senate version of the bill. In anticipation of its implementation, C-60 has analyzed the bill for changes affecting the Department's FOIA program and has scheduled a briefing with you for early next week.

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(June 24, 2016)

New requests:

Rosa Koppel	Documents related to the selection of Ms. Leslie Proll as the Director of the Departmental Office of Civil Rights, including documents related to a Limited Emergency Appointment.
Zara Stone, Journalist	Dataset of airline service complaints (2010 – 2016) maintained by the DOT Aviation Consumer Protection Division in the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings.

Notable activity: On June 30, 2016, we plan to release responses to four FOIA requests for various listings of DOT employees. We worked closely with OPM and HR to exclude from the data runs those employees in particular sensitive job series (intelligence, security, and criminal investigators, to name a few), as well as those with cyber-security responsibilities. Following is the information that will be released to the respective requesters:

2014-0263 (FOIA Group)	Name, Agency, Office, Work Address, Work Email
2014-0288 (IHC Financial Group, Inc.)	Name, Work Address, Work Email, Position
2015-0280 (MuckRock)	Name, Job Title, Duty Station, Salary
2016-0173 (FedSmith.com)	Name, Agency, Duty Station, Title, Grade, Salary

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 1, 2016)**

New requests: N/A

Notable activity: As you know, the President signed the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 on June 30, 2016, which will impact FOIA requests received after that date. We discussed the upcoming changes with the DOT FOIA community at our monthly DOT-wide FOIA meeting on June 23 and have provided resources (including summaries of the changes) on the [FOIA SharePoint site](#) in our new ***Reference Library*** (located on the left-hand side of the FOIA SharePoint site above *Weekly Reports*). We will provide additional formal and informal guidance, as appropriate, in the coming weeks and months.

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 22, 2016)**

New requests:

Jason Cherkis, Huffington Post	Correspondence between DOT and Mike Pence.
Jeff Stachewicz, The FOIA Group	Detailed report capturing all purchase activity since January 1, 2016 for each DOT small purchase credit card holder.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(July 29, 2016)

New requests:

Stephen Reilly, USA Today	Copy of DOT's full response to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform regarding the use of fines and penalties provided to the Committee.
Stephen Reilly, USA Today	Copy of official correspondence between DOT and selected Congressional committees since July 1, 2015.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(August 26, 2016)

New requests:

Matt Dixon, Politico (Florida)	From logs posted in OST's FOIA Electronic Reading Room: Copies of three pieces of Congressional correspondence identified in the log of Congressional correspondence and copies of responses to five FOIA requests identified from the OST FOIA logs.
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Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 2, 2016)

New requests: N/A

Notable activity:

Yesterday, you forwarded DOT's response to the "Release to One, Release to All" questionnaire to DOJ. DOJ plans to discuss the questionnaire responses at the second meeting of the Chief FOIA Officers Council on September 15 and to use the input to inform guidance they plan to issue by January 1, 2017. As you know, the "Release to One, Release to All" policy would direct agencies to proactively post online their FOIA responses, with limited exceptions. The Administration believes this concept would ensure that all citizens—not just those making a request—have access to information released under FOIA. (b) (5)



Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 16, 2016)

New requests:

Faiz Siddiqui (Washington Post)	A list of all reports collected under the Close Call reporting program between WMATA and BTS dating back to the program's launch in 2013, as well as any related communications.
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Notable activity:

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(September 30, 2016)

New requests:

Mark Garfinkel, Aplin LLC	For conferences occurring from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2016, records, including reports to the Inspector General or Senior Agency Ethics Officials, listing or aggregating the costs related to each conference (1) sponsored or co-sponsored by the agency, with a conference cost of \$20,000 or greater or (2) where 50 or more agency employees attended, sponsored by a third party, and the cost to the agency was \$20,000 or greater. Also, copies of agency policy and specific instructions regarding the origination, development, approval, and reporting of agency sponsored and/or co-sponsored conferences.
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Notable activity:

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 7, 2016)**

New requests:

Sean Reilly, Greenwire/ Environment and Energy Publishing	All monthly reports for the TIFIA, Title XI, RRIF, and PAB programs reviewed at the June, July, August, and September 2016 Credit Council Meetings.
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Notable activity: N/A

**Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 14, 2016)**

New requests:

Marvin Bontrager	Electronic file of all DOT email addresses.
Stephanie Penninger, (Benesch Attorneys at Law)	Records related to the USMMA Culture Audit contract.

Notable activity: N/A

Weekly Report to the Chief FOIA Officer
on OST FOIA Requests with Potential Significant Public Interest
(October 21, 2016)

New requests:

Joan Lowy, The Associated Press	All of Secretary Foxx's public and private calendars and schedules since July 1, 2013.
Patrick Terpstra, Cox Media Group	Since January 1, 2016, all correspondence, including emails, between Secretary Foxx and members of Congress from Washington, Oklahoma, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Notable activity: N/A