U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2010 Annual Report

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II. 2. 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 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 Initial Requests.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Agency-specific acronyms or terms used in this Report

DOT	Department of Transportation
OST	Office of the Secretary of Transportation
OIG	Office of Inspector General
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
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
RITA	Research and Innovative Technology Administration
SLSDC	Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

III. 2. 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.
- 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 multitrack 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 multitrack processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- 1. **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).

III. 3. Descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions

Exemption 1	classified national defense and foreign relations information			
Exemption 2	mption 2 internal agency rules and practices			
Exemption 3 information that is prohibited from disclosure by another Federa				
Exemption 4	trade secrets and other confidential business information			
Exemption 5 inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protecting 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 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	Statute Type of Information Withheld		Number of Times Relied upon per Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency
5 U.S.C. app. § 107(a)	Confidential financial disclosure reports	Meyerhoff v. EPA, 958 F.2d 1498, 1500-02 (9 th Cir. 1992); Concepcion v. FBI, 606 F. Supp. 2d 14, 33 (D.D.C. 2009)	FHWA - 1	1
5 U.S.C. § 7301 (note), § 503(e), PL 100-71	Results of drug tests of Federal employees	N/A	FMCSA – 1	1
Rule 6(e), FRCrP	Grand jury material	N/A	OIG – 2	2
41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)	S.C. § 253b(m) Contract proposals not incorporated in contracts		FHWA – 3 MARAD - 2 NHTSA – 1 PHMSA - 2	8
41 U.S.C. § 423(b) and (e)(1)	Procurement integrity information	N/A	FHWA – 1	1
49 U.S.C. § 31143(b)	IDs of motor carrier safety complainants	N/A	FMCSA – 88	88
49 U.S.C. § 40110(e)	Contract proposal not incorporated into contract	N/A	FAA - 5	5
49 U.S.C. § 40115	Information harmful to U.S. international aviation negotiation or to any U.S. international air carrier	N/A	FAA – 3	3
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		Pub. Citizen, Inc. v. FAA, 988 F.2d 186, 194 (D.C. Cir. 1993); Gordon v. FBI, 390 F. Supp. 2d 897, 900 (N.D. Cal. 2004)	FAA – 15 FMCSA - 35	50
49 U.S.C. § 40123(a)	Aviation Safety Action Program voluntarily submitted information	N/A	FAA - 23	23

V. FOIA REQUESTS

A. FOIA Requests -- Received, Processed and Pending Requests

	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	* 877	7,424	7,237	1,064
FHWA	** 48	352	341	59
FMCSA	107	1,087	1,029	165
FRA	149	352	392	109
FTA	9	196	196	9
MARAD	*** 197	156	196	157
NHTSA	13	281	242	52
OIG	21	69	71	19
OST	25	238	239	24
PHMSA	14	156	127	43
RITA	0	43	42	1
SLSDC	0	9	9	0
AGENCY OVERALL	**** 1,460	10,363	10,121	1,702

^{*} This number is 22 lower than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009. The adjustment primarily reflects requests where final action was taken by all appropriate FAA offices in FY 2009, but not all database closures were entered into the database until 2010. (Note: FOIA requests assigned to multiple FAA offices are not closed until the last FAA office responds to the requester.)

^{**} This number is 2 lower than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009. The adjustment reflects cases that were closed in FY 2009, but not closed out in the database until FY 2010.

^{***} This number is 3 lower than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009. The adjustment reflects cases that were closed in FY 2009, but not closed out in the database until FY 2010.

^{****} For the reasons stated above, this number is 27 lower than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009.

V. B. (1) Disposition of FOIA Requests – All Processed Requests

	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants/ Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions		Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions								
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	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	3,671	1,382	100	1,265	29	583	153	12	32	10	0	0	7,237
FHWA	161	70	6	28	1	13	3	5	1	5	13	35	341
FMCSA	260	599	1	102	0	40	6	4	2	7	8	0	1,029
FRA	161	93	1	77	3	47	0	2	2	0	6	0	392
FTA	60	83	4	43	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	196
MARAD	127	13	1	30	3	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	196
NHTSA	70	101	11	23	1	8	18	2	1	2	4	1	242
OIG	5	20	5	29	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	71
OST	56	56	6	27	2	5	0	0	0	8	6	73	239
PHMSA	59	40	0	15	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	5	127
RITA	19	10	2	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	42
SLSDC	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
AGENCY OVERALL	4,652	2,467	138	1,649	42	730	183	26	39	34	38	123	10,121

V. B. (2) Disposition of FOIA Requests – "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from Section V, B (1) Chart

Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied upon	TOTAL
FAA	N/A	0
FHWA	Request referred to another DOT component – 28 Request referred outside of DOT - 6 Records previously provided under different request - 1	35
FMCSA	N/A	0
FRA	N/A	0
FTA	Request referred to another DOT component – 3	3
MARAD	N/A	0
NHTSA	Request referred to another DOT component – 1	1
OIG	Request referred to another DOT component – 5	5
OST	Request referred to another DOT component – 73	73
PHMSA	Request referred to another DOT component – 2 Request referred outside of DOT – 3	5
RITA	Request referred to another DOT component – 1	1
SLSDC	N/A	0
Agency Overall		123

V. B. (3) Disposition of FOIA Requests – *Number of Times Exemptions Applied*

	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	1	74	45	162	577	843	94	4	20	1	0	1	0	0
FHWA	0	3	5	25	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	102	100	21	1	576	26	0	336	88	1	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	0	0	7	3	90	0	0	79	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	10	23	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	2	0	2	9	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	1	1	23	10	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	5	1	4	10	18	4	0	15	3	1	0	0	0
OST	0	3	0	14	19	32	3	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
PHMSA	0	1	0	7	29	7	10	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
RITA	0	0	2	8	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	3	189	156	283	699	1,594	227	4	384	171	4	2	0	0

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending Administrative Appeals

	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	* 86	108	124	70
FHWA	11	8	7	12
FMCSA	0	10	6	4
FRA	3	1	4	0
FTA	0	1	1	0
MARAD	** 6	2	6	2
NHTSA	0	16	16	0
OIG	3	3	6	0
OST	2	6	7	1
PHMSA	0	3	3	0
RITA	0	1	0	1
SLSDC	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	*** 111	159	180	90

^{*} The number of appeals pending as of the start of the fiscal year is 4 higher than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009. The adjustment reflects appeals that were received in the previous fiscal year but not logged in until after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

^{**} The number of appeals pending as of the start of the fiscal year is 4 higher than reported in last year's annual report as pending at the end of FY 2009. The adjustment reflects a correction of an error from last year's report.

^{***} This number is 8 higher than reported as pending at the end of the previous fiscal year for the reasons stated above.

VI. B. Disposition of Administrative Appeals – *All Processed Appeals*

	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	46	15	16	47	124
FHWA	2	2	2	1	7
FMCSA	2	3	0	1	6
FRA	1	0	2	1	4
FTA	1	0	0	0	1
MARAD	6	0	0	0	6
NHTSA	3	7	1	5	16
OIG	1	2	0	3	6
OST	2	3	1	1	7
PHMSA	2	0	1	0	3
RITA	0	0	0	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	66	32	23	59	180

VI. C. (1) Reasons for Denial on Appeal – *Number of Times Exemptions Applied*

	Ex.	Ex.	Ex. 3	Ex.	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	7	1	3	21	17	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
FHWA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
OST	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHMSA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	9	2	6	28	28	4	0	8	1	1	0	0	0

VI. C. (2) Reasons for Denial on Appeal – Reasons Other than Exemptions

	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	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
FAA	18	0	9	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	38
FHWA	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMCSA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OST	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHMSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RITA	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	24	0	13	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	39

VI. C. (3) Reasons for Denial on Appeal – "Other" Reasons from Section VI, C (2) Chart

Descriptions of the "other" reasons and the number of times each reason was relied upon

Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	TOTAL
Remanded to Region/Center/Org Not an appeal	FAA – 32 FAA - 6	38
Moot because the requested documents were located in the investigative archive boxes, and the requested file was provided to the requester	OIG - 1	1

VI. C. (4) Response Time for Administrative Appeals

Median, average, and range in number of days to respond to administrative appeals

	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
FAA	105	253	<1	1,636
FHWA	159	363	26	860
FMCSA	107	92	11	159
FRA	319	289.75	91	430
FTA	45	45	45	45
MARAD	904	736	344	942
NHTSA	50	66	5	214
OIG	118	132	32	258
OST	36	79	18	224
PHMSA	20	30	20	50
RITA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SLSDC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agency Overall	100	217.88	<1	1,636

VI. C. (5) Ten Oldest Pending Administrative Appeals

Dates of receipt of the ten oldest pending administrative appeals, and the number of days pending

	10 th	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest
	Oldest									Appeal
FAA	Appeal 2008-06-11	2008-06-11	2008-05-06	2008-04-07	2008-01-31	2007-12-31	2007-12-17	2007-11-23	2007-11-23	2007-02-28
FAA	579 days	579 days	604 days	622 days	671 days	692 days	701 days	727 days	727 days	912 days
TOTAL A	_	•	,	•		,		-	, and the second	,
FHWA	2010-06-08	2010-04-05	2010-03-12	2010-01-12	2009-10-13	2009-06-28	2009-06-18	2009-06-08	2008-04-02	2007-02-01
	80 days	125 days	141 days	176 days	237 days	311 days	317 days	325 days	625 days	915 days
FMCSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-08-21	2010-08-19	2010-07-07	2010-02-16
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	28 days	29 days	60 days	159 days
FRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
FTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
MARAD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-05-05	2010-03-05
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	80 days	130 days
NHTSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
OIG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
OST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-06-03
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	83 days
PHMSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
RITA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-09-10
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	14 days
SLSDC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
Agency	2008-05-06	2008-04-07	2008-04-02	2008-01-31	2007-12-31	2007-12-17	2007-11-23	2007-11-23	2007-02-28	2007-02-01
Overall	604 days	622 days	625 days	671 days	692 days	701 days	727 days	726 days	912 days	915 days

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

A. Processed Requests – Response Time for All Processed Perfected Requests

		SIM	PLE		Number of Number of Number of Num					EXPEDITED 1	PROCESSING	
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Number of	Number of	Number of	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
FAA	8	19	<1	1,531	26	56	<1	1,502	19	32	<1	189
FHWA	12	31	<1	738	13	190	<1	1,012	28	28	25	31
FMCSA	35	36	<1	192	34	39	2	749	24	61	3	259
FRA	53	124	<1	580	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTA	19	23	<1	110	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARAD	6	137	3	146	77	137	47	261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21	28	<1	253	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	16	46	<1	282	229	334	1	1,131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OST	3	8	<1	108	18	19	<1	58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHMSA	14	32	<1	434	22	44	<1	159	6	6	5	6
RITA	8	11	<1	68	49	49	49	49	9	9	5	13
SLSDC	8	8	4	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4	2	5
AGENCY OVERALL	9	20.98	<1	1,531	29	53.75	<1	1,502	19	35.56	<1	259

VII. B. Processed Requests – Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted

		SIM	PLE			COMI	PLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING				
	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	9	15	<1	920	26	55	<1	1,502	19.5	34	<1	189	
FHWA	15	32	<1	731	41	179	6	619	28	28	25	31	
FMCSA	36	36	1	192	35	37	2	387	29	68	12	259	
FRA	55	102	2	509	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
FTA	21	26	1	110	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
MARAD	16	28	1	224	77	137	47	261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
NHTSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21	30	<1	253	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
OIG	89	112	1	282	328	422	1	1,131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
OST	18	19	<1	58	51	72	<1	582	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
PHMSA	12	31	<1	434	30	47	<1	159	6	6	5	6	
RITA	9	12	2	68	49	49	49	49	13	13	13	13	
SLSDC	5	7	5	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	11	18.59	<1	920	29	51.77	<1	1,502	21	35.79	<1	259	
AGENCY OVERALL													

VII. C. Processed Requests – *Response Time in Day Increments*

Simple Requests

	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	4,804	470	110	54	23	24	28	9	17	12	20	11	33	5,615
FHWA	234	52	16	3	6	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	6	325
FMCSA	45	247	93	6	4	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	402
FRA	94	82	33	20	14	15	18	10	13	13	19	27	34	392
FTA	109	62	15	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196
MARAD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5
NHTSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	35	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	61
OST	87	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
PHMSA	36	12	5	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	61
RITA	34	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
SLSDC	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
AGENCY OVERALL	5,486	943	279	96	49	50	47	23	35	30	45	39	76	7,198

VII. C. Processed Requests – *Response Time in Day Increments*

Complex Requests

	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	585	621	136	47	33	21	19	6	13	13	34	17	36	1,581
FHWA	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	14
FMCSA	102	343	134	16	6	3	5	2	0	0	3	1	2	617
FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARAD	35	14	7	6	4	5	5	2	2	3	4	1	103	191
NHTSA	116	92	22	3	4	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	242
OIG	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	10
OST	47	26	18	14	9	9	5	1	1	3	8	1	1	143
PHMSA	29	12	6	4	2	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	64
RITA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	923	1,109	326	90	58	39	47	14	16	20	52	22	147	2,863

VII. C. Processed Requests – Response Time in Day Increments

Requests Granted Expedited Processing

	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	21	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	41
FHWA	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FMCSA	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	2
RITA	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SLSDC	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AGENCY OVERALL	30	14	5	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	59

VII. D. Pending Requests – All Pending Perfected Requests

		SIMPLE			COMPLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	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	846	37	145	148	41	91	11	21	24	
FHWA	55	122	142	4	43	84	0	N/A	N/A	
FMCSA	78	20	20	89	22	27	0	N/A	N/A	
FRA	109	70	107	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
FTA	8	8	9	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
MARAD	0	N/A	N/A	157	735	47	0	N/A	N/A	
NHTSA	0	N/A	N/A	52	34	70	0	N/A	N/A	
OIG	19	33	49	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
OST	1	18	18	23	34	98	0	N/A	N/A	
PHMSA	1	45	45	42	27	45	0	N/A	N/A	
RITA	1	22	22	0	N/A	N/A	1	173	173	
SLSDC	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
	1,118	54	141.49	515	54	141.65	12	22	30.12	
AGENCY OVERALL										

VII. E. Pending Requests – Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

Dates of receipt of the ten oldest perfected requests pending as of end of the fiscal year, and the number of days those requests had been pending

	10 th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
	2006-08-31	2006-07-21	2006-07-12	2006-05-30	2006-03-06	2005-12-02	2005-09-13	2005-08-29	2005-08-29	2005-04-26
FAA	1,033 days	1,062 days	1,069 days	1,102 days	1,162 days	1,224 days	1,279 days	1,289 days	1,289 days	1,376 days
	2009-08-27	2009-06-30	2009-06-12	2009-06-12	2009-06-11	2009-05-21	2009-05-20	2009-05-18	2009-05-08	2009-04-14
FHWA	268 days	309 days	321 days	321 days	322 days	336 days	337 days	339 days	345 days	363 days
1117721	2010-08-20	2010-08-19	2010-08-17	2010-08-16	2010-08-06	2010-05-06	2010-04-23	2010-04-02	2010-02-12	2009-12-21
FMCSA	28 days 2009-07-10	30 days 2009-07-09	31 days 2009-06-23	32 days 2009-06-10	38 days 2009-03-30	102 days 2009-03-30	111 days 2009-03-25	121 days 2009-02-23	160 days 2009-02-19	192 days 2009-01-21
	2007 07 10	2007 07 07	2007 00 23	2007 00 10	2007 03 30	2007 03 30	2007 03 23	2007 02 23	2007 02 17	2007 01 21
FRA	304 days	305 days	316 days	325 days	376 days	376 days	397 days	401 days	403 days	423 days
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-09-29	2010-09-11	2010-09-10
ET A	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1 4	14 4	14 4
FTA	0 days 2008-04-04	0 days 2008-03-31	0 days 2008-03-19	0 days 2008-02-06	0 days 2008-01-28	0 days 2008-01-28	0 days 2007-12-14	1 day 2007-11-02	14 days 2007-10-18	14 days 2007-07-03
MARAD	632 days	636 days	644 days	673 days	680 days	680 days	707 days	735 days	746 days	820 days
	2010-03-19	2010-03-01	2010-03-01	2009-11-20	2009-11-02	2009-09-29	2009-09-22	2009-09-15	2090-09-14	2009-09-08
NITTOA	126 days	150 days	150 days	212 days	225 days	249 days	252 days	250 days	250 days	262 days
NHTSA	136 days 2010-08-13	150 days 2010-08-13	150 days 2010-08-09	212 days 2010-08-06	225 days 2010-07-27	248 days 2010-07-27	253 days 2010-07-20	258 days 2010-03-24	259 days 2010-02-26	263 days 2009-11-06
OIG	33 days	33 days	37 days	38 days	46 days	46 days	51 days	133 days	139 days	221 days
	2010-05-10	2010-05-06	2010-05-04	2010-04-09	2010-03-09	2010-03-09	2009-12-04	2009-12-03	2009-04-10	2008-08-25
OST	100 days	102 days	104 days	121 days	144 days	144 days	203 days	204 days	367 days	523 days
051	2010-07-06	2010-06-21	2010-06-17	2010-06-15	2010-05-20	2010-05-13	2010-05-13	2010-05-04	2010-03-23	2009-05-29
PHMSA	55 days	71 days	73 days	75 days	92 days	97 days	97 days	104 days	105 days	297 days
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2010-01-26
RITA	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	173 days
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SLSDC	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days 2005-12-02	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
	2006-08-31	2006-07-21	2006-07-12	2006-05-30	2006-03-06	2005-12-02	2005-09-13	2005-08-29	2005-08-29	2005-04-26
Agency Overall	1,033 days	1,062 days	1,069 days	1,102 days	1,162 days	1,224 days	1,279 days	1,289 days	1,289 days	1,376 days

VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
FAA	49	180	1	7	207
FHWA	1	1	6	6	1
FMCSA	8	2	1	3	9
FRA	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTA	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARAD	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	0	3	35	41	1
OIG	0	2	13	13	0
OST	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHMSA	2	2	10	10	2
RITA	3	0	2	3	3
SLSDC	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	63	190	1	9.52	221

VIII. B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
FAA	84	44	1	12
FHWA	13	1	5	16
FMCSA	1	1	1	1
FRA	0	0	N/A	N/A
FTA	0	0	N/A	N/A
MARAD	0	0	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	1	9	20	17
OIG	1	0	7	7
OST	2	0	1	1
PHMSA	8	1	13	15
RITA	1	1	2	2
SLSDC	0	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	111	57	1	9.52

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

		PERSONNEL			COSTS	
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs (At initial request and appeal levels)	Litigation- Related Costs	Total Costs
FAA	18	36.87	54.87	\$6,995,932.00	\$6,289.35	\$7,002,171.35
FHWA	0	3.5	3.5	\$377,058.50	\$14,764.65	\$391,823.15
FMCSA	6	1	7	\$727,095.50	0	\$727,095.50
FRA	1	1.75	2.75	\$255,018.00	0	\$255,018.00
FTA	0	1.66	1.66	\$177,420.00	0	\$177,420.00
MARAD	1	2	3	\$299,144.00	\$10,800.00	\$309,944.00
NHTSA	1	2.23	3.23	\$373,167.98	0	\$373,167.98
OIG	2	.82	2,82	\$298,034.00	0	\$298,034.00
OST	3	.98	3.98	\$472,787.00	0	\$472,787.00
PHMSA	0	1.4	1.4	\$145,898.00	0	\$145,898.00
RITA	1	3.5	4.5	\$357,516.00	0	\$357,516.00
SLSDC	0	.08	.08	\$8,895.00	0	\$8,895.00
	33	55.79	88.79	\$10,487,965.98	\$31,854.00	\$10,519,819.98
AGENCY OVERALL						

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

	Total Amount of Fees	Percentage of Total Costs
	Collected	refrentage of Total Costs
	\$167,401.62	2.39%
FAA	410.40.40	
FHWA	\$10,396.88	2.76%
	\$18,869.50	2.60%
FMCSA		
TTD 4	\$1,348.10	0.60%
FRA		0
FTA	0	0
	\$1,226.50	0.41%
MARAD		
NHTSA	\$3,918.80	1.05%
	0	0
OIG		
OST	\$2,243.00	0.47%
PHMSA	\$4,106.00	2.81%
	0	0
RITA		Ü
SLSDC	0	0
	\$209,510.40	2.00%
AGENCY		
OVERALL		

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS

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XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
FAA	347	66
FHWA	42	11
FMCSA	91	4
FRA	72	0
FTA	0	0
MARAD	151	2
NHTSA	35	0
OIG	12	0
OST	13	1
PHMSA	23	0
RITA	1	0
SLSDC	0	0
	787	84
AGENCY OVERALL		

XII. B. Consultations on FOIA Requests

	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of Start of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Processed by Your Agency During the Fiscal	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of End of the Fiscal Year
FAA	1	0	0	1
FHWA	0	1	1	0
FMCSA	0	0	0	0
FRA	0	0	0	0
FTA	0	0	0	0
MARAD	0	0	0	0
NHTSA	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0
OST	0	4	4	0
PHMSA	0	0	0	0
RITA	0	0	0	0
SLSDC	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	1	5	5	1

XII. C. Consultations on FOIA Requests – Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending at DOT

	10 th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
			N/A	2009-09-03						
FAA	N/A	N/A								265 days
FHWA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FMCSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARAD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NHTSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHMSA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RITA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SLSDC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1 1/ / 1	N/A	2009-09-03							
Agency Overall	N/A									265 days

XII. D. (1) Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report – Requests Received, Processed, and Backlogged

	NUMBER OF REQ	UESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>	NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED		
	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	6,169	7,424	6,294	7,237	
FHWA	433	352	431	341	
FMCSA	932	1,087	974	1,029	
FRA	373	352	351	392	
FTA	201	196	219	196	
MARAD	109	156	79	196	
NHTSA	267	281	276	242	
OIG	88	69	139	71	
OST	294	238	334	239	
PHMSA	100	156	132	127	
RITA	47	43	48	42	
SLSDC	5	9	5	9	
	9,018	10,363	9,282	10,121	
AGENCY OVERALL					

XII. D. (2) Number of backlogged requests as of the end of the fiscal year from the previous Annual Report and the number of backlogged requests as of the end of the fiscal year from the current Annual Report

	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	857	347
FHWA	29	42
FMCSA	38	91
FRA	126	72
FTA	3	0
MARAD	194	151
NHTSA	3	35
OIG	15	12
OST	15	13
PHMSA	4	23
RITA	0	1
SLSDC	0	0
	1,284	787
AGENCY OVERALL		

XII. E. (1) Comparison of Numbers of Administrative Appeals from Previous and Current Annual Report – Appeals Received, Processed, and Backlogged

	NUMBER OF APP	EALS <u>RECEIVED</u>	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>		
	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	115	108	110	124	
FHWA	20	8	20	7	
FMCSA	2	10	8	6	
FRA	6	1	4	4	
FTA	0	1	2	1	
MARAD	5	2	3	6	
NHTSA	7	16	8	16	
OIG	12	3	10	6	
OST	3	6	1	7	
PHMSA	1	3	3	3	
RITA	3	1	3	0	
SLSDC	0	0	0	0	
AGENCY OVERALL	174	159	172	180	

XII. E. (2) Number of backlogged administrative appeals

	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	77	66
FHWA	10	11
FMCSA	0	4
FRA	3	0
FTA	0	0
MARAD	2	2
NHTSA	0	0
OIG	3	0
OST	1	1
PHMSA	0	0
RITA	0	0
SLSDC	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	96	84

F. Discussion of Other FOIA Activities (Optional)

Information regarding the Department of Transportation's efforts to improve FOIA administration will be included in the upcoming (March 2011) Chief FOIA Officer's report.