

Paul Torkelson
State Representative

District 16B
Brown, Redwood and Renville Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

July 27, 2018

Via electronic delivery

Weston Kooistra
Regional Administrator
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Dear Mr. Kooistra,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for access to inspect data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act MN Statute 13.03 Subd. 3.

I am requesting access to inspect annual data and statistics for the past 3 years on the number of citations issued by Metro Transit Police and or City/County law enforcement in cooperation with Metro Transit. This data and statistics should be by transit system mode involved (including regular route bus, express bus, arterial bus rapid transit, light rail transit, commuter rail, and ADA/special transportation services), including breakdowns by:

1. Municipality where the offense occurred and transit stop or station as available.
2. Penalty level for the citation (ie petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and felony)
3. Violent crime versus other types of offense.

I am also requesting data on the five most common offenses citations are issued for and the number of citations issued for each offense, including a breakdown by municipality where the offense occurred and transit stop or station as available for the past 3 years.

I am requesting access to inspect annual data for the past 3 years on the number of citations handled by prosecutors versus payable offenses, including breakdown by municipality/county of the prosecutor.

I am requesting access for inspection annual data for the past 3 years on the number of incidents in which assistance from other law enforcement agencies was requested.



Please supply data on vandalism crime occurring on met council property, bus stops, trains or buses including breakdown of types of vandalism occurring.


Please also detail any unplanned costs or occurrences associated with cleaning on buses, trains, bus stops, or LRT stations and unplanned cleaning on buses or trains for sanitation purposes due to illegal drug use or to bodily fluids including but not limited to feces, urine, vomit, and blood.

I am also requesting access to any annual reports or summary crime analyses produced in the past 3 years.

If any of the desired data is considered private or confidential, I am requesting the council prepare "summary data" under MN Statute 13.05 Subd. 8. This summary data would provide statistical information which would not identify any individuals.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I ask that this data be made available to inspect no later than Friday September 14th, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Torkelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Torkelson, Chair, Transportation Finance Committee
State Representative
District 16B