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Ms. Jacqueline E. Hojem
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Houston, Texas 77208-1429

OR2015-25870

Dear Ms. Hojem:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 590400 (MTA No. 2015-0430).

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County ("Metro") received a request for a bus fleet inventory spreadsheet. Metro released information responsive to the request but withheld vehicle identification numbers as permitted by section 552.130 of the Government Code without requesting a ruling from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130(c). Pursuant to section 552.130(d), the requestor has asked this office to review the information and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130(a). *See id.* § 552.130(d). We have considered Metro's position and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

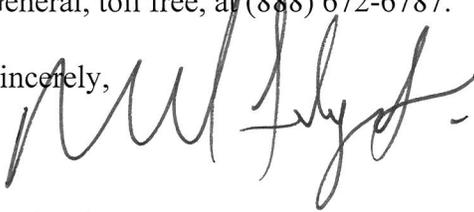
Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or another state or country. *Id.* § 552.130(a)(2). Accordingly, Metro must withhold the vehicle identification numbers at issue under section 552.130 of the Government Code.

¹We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than those submitted to this office.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal Falgoust", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Neal Falgoust
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)