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Gayla Hamilton

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MTA No. 2009-0086

Subject: Request under the Texas Public Information Act ("TPIA")  
MTA No. 2009-0086 – Gayla Hamilton  
Attorney General ID#:341947

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

On March 2, 2009 the Metropolitan Transit Authority ("METRO") forwarded a notice to the Attorney General's Office that it was seeking an Attorney General ruling with regard to your request for information. Please be advised that METRO is withdrawing its request for an Attorney General Opinion and can make available information that is responsive to your request.

You requested the following information:

1. Billing and payment information regarding the Scarbrough v MTA lawsuit;
2. Billing and payment information regarding the following attorneys:
  - a. Neal Manne
  - b. Gene Locke
  - c. Johnny Carter
  - d. Robert Safi
  - e. Andrew Edison
  - f. Sylvia Mathews
3. Billing and payment information made to any attorneys or law firms regarding the Scarbrough v MTA lawsuit; and
4. Billing and payment information made to law firms or individual attorneys on the TMC v MTA lawsuit.

METRO can make information pertaining to item one of your request available for inspection and/or copying. Regarding item two of your request, METRO is requesting that you narrow the scope of your request because as written, it seeks a voluminous amount of information. Regarding item 3, information responsive to this request is the same as information in item one. Regarding item four, there are no responsive documents.

**Cost to Reproduce:**

Section 552.261 of the Tex. Gov't Code permits a public agency to charge "an amount that reasonably includes all costs related to reproducing the public information, including costs of materials, labor, and overhead." The Metropolitan Transit Authority ("METRO") currently charges a fee of ten (10) cents for each page for copying expenses. The total amount due for copying expenses is \$.20 (2 pages at 10¢). However, you may review the documents in our offices at no expense.

**If you choose to pay for copies of the documents, please advise and call my Paralegal, Jacqueline Hojem, at 713-739-4071. When calling, please reference the above "MTA No." The copies will not be made until METRO receives notification advising that you wish to receive the actual copies and payment for such copies is received in our offices.**

**Mailing or Pick Up of Copies:**

The copies will be available for pick-up 48 hours after receipt of notification and payment. In lieu of picking up the copies, upon receipt of full payment, METRO can mail the information to you. Please make your check payable to Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County and forward it to the attention of my Paralegal, Jacqueline Hojem, at the above-referenced address.

**Archiving of Records:**


Please note that METRO will hold the requested information for twenty-days from the date of this correspondence. The information will be forwarded to archives after the twenty-day time frame has expired. If you request copies and/or wish to inspect the records after the twenty-days has expired, please be advised that you will be responsible for all the charges associated with retrieving the information from archives.


**Reviewing of Documents:**

If you would prefer to review the documents in our offices, free of charge, please contact my Paralegal, Jacqueline Hojem, to arrange for a mutually-convenient time. However, please be advised that pursuant to Section 552.225(a), "a requestor must complete the examination of the information not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the date METRO makes it available to you."

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 713-652-4305 or, in my absence Alva Trevino, at 713-739-3866 or Jacqueline Hojem at 713-739-4071.

Yours truly,

  
Pauline E. Higgins  
Sr. Vice President & General Counsel

  
Alva Trevino

## Scarborough v Metro Legal Fees

Vendor	Amount	Case
ANDREWS & KURTH	58,929.60	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	90,989.02	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	10,745.70	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	5,379.20	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	25,045.00	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	66,394.69	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	53,472.11	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	52,462.43	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	27,807.30	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	2,956.13	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	1,368.00	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	19,114.90	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	1,339.40	Scarborough v
ANDREWS & KURTH	1,254.40	*SCARBROUGH
ANDREWS & KURTH	11,861.00	*SCARBROUGH V METRO
ANDREWS & KURTH	16,275.60	*SCARBROUGH V METRO
ANDREWS & KURTH	10,888.60	*SCARBROUGH V METRO
<b>ANDREWS &amp; KURTH Total</b>	<b>456,283.08</b>	
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	38,263.15	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	6,785.20	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	1,817.65	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	7,836.05	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	6,957.20	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	8,945.90	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	15,341.66	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	10,207.50	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	831.25	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	1,211.19	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	4,537.10	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	1,068.75	Diane Scarborough
BRACEWELL & GIULIANI	3,102.90	Diane Scarborough
<b>BRACEWELL &amp; GIULIANI Total</b>	<b>106,905.50</b>	
SUSMAN GODFREY	23,203.64	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	21,066.52	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	2,377.61	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	2,067.90	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	711.09	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	14,785.60	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	22,613.78	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	8,166.51	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	60,004.86	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	138,312.70	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	142,246.37	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	94,137.80	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	52,759.50	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	28,538.71	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	33,883.72	Scarborough vs

SUSMAN GODFREY	8,992.21	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	96,513.31	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	23,349.77	Scarborough vs
SUSMAN GODFREY	36,593.93	Scarborough vs
<b>SUSMAN GODFREY Total</b>	<b>810,325.53</b>	

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>1,373,514.11</u></b>	
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