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VIA EMAIL: nbtjr@mac.com

Mr. Nicholas B. Thomas Jr.
711 Main Street 201
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RE: Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
Request No. 2026-00455

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is in receipt your recent OPRA requesting preservation of video at New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 14 on June 15, 2026. Please be advised that the video has been preserved, but cannot be released or viewed by you for the reasons stated below:

N.J.S.A. 27:23-34.3 states the following (emphasis ours):

"Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a certified report of an employee or agent of the authority reporting a violation of the toll collection monitoring system regulations and any information obtained from a toll collection monitoring system shall be available for the exclusive use of the authority and any law enforcement official for the purposes of discharging their duties pursuant to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1997, c. 59 (C.27:23-34.1 through C.27:23-34.5) and the toll collection monitoring system regulations. Any such report or information shall not be deemed a public record under P.L.1963, c. 73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or the common law concerning access to public records. The certified reports and information, including but not limited to, any recorded image of any motor vehicle, the license plate of any motor vehicle or the operator or any passenger in any motor vehicle, shall not be discoverable as a public record by any person, entity or governmental agency, except upon a subpoena issued by a grand jury or a court order in a criminal matter, nor shall they be offered in evidence in any civil or administrative proceeding, not directly related to a violation of the toll collection monitoring system regulations, or in any municipal court prosecution for a violation of any of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes. However, in the event that, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c.
of section 7 of this act, a recorded image of the face of the operator or any passenger in a motor vehicle is produced by the toll collection monitoring system, that image shall not be used by the authority for any purpose nor shall the image or any record or copy thereof be transmitted or communicated to any person, governmental, non-governmental, or judicial or administrative entity."

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N.J.S.A. 27:23-34.1 defines "toll collection monitoring system" as follows:

"Toll collection monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor, placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection facility, that produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images, or a written record, of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or operated in a violation of the toll collection monitoring system regulations. The term shall also include any other process that identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method."

Accordingly, the Authority is precluded from releasing any and all information obtained from its toll collection monitoring system unless the request is made by law enforcement personnel for purposes of toll enforcement, or pursuant to a subpoena in a criminal matter that is issued by a grand jury or criminal superior court order. Any information that is obtained by the Authority by reason of the presence of a vehicle in a toll lane falls within the statutory prohibition. This includes without limitation, all information and records pertaining to the customer's toll transactions such as points and times of passage of any vehicle through any toll lane, all individual tolls charged, and photographs and other electronic records of the account holder's vehicle that are made in connection with any toll transaction.

If the litigant requires the Authority to furnish information of a kind that is discoverable under the relevant statutes the Authority will respond to a revised Grand Jury Subpoena or Criminal Superior Court Order, describing the required information with particularity, to the extent that it is permitted by law to do so.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alethea Humphreys at (732) 732-750-5300, ext. 8738.

Very truly yours,

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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