



Transportation
Security
Administration

October 26, 2009

Mr. Edward Hasbrouck
The Identity Project
1736 Franklin Street, 9th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: TSA10-0052

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated October 15, 2009, and to your request for a waiver of all assessable FOIA fees and expedited treatment. Your request was received in this office on October 23, 2009. Specifically, you requested a copy of the most recent version of the TSA's "Screening Management Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

We have determined to waive any fees associated with the processing of your request. As it relates to your request for expedited treatment, your request is denied.

Under the DHS FOIA regulation, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if the request involves "circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual," 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1)(i), or "an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information," 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1)(ii). Requesters that seek expedited processing must submit a statement explaining in detail the basis for the request, and that statement must be certified by the requester to be true and correct. 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(3).

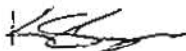
Your request for expedited processing is denied because you do not qualify for either category. You failed to demonstrate a particular urgency to inform the public about the government activity involved in the request beyond the public's right to know about government activity generally. Your letter was conclusory in nature and did not present any facts to justify a grant of expedited processing under the applicable standards.

If you deem the decision to deny expedited treatment of your request an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor, Office of the Special Counselor, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6020. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA

Appeal.” Please note the Special Counselor’s determination will be administratively final. Your envelope and letter should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” The implementing Department regulations establish the criteria under which the FOIA is administered. Copies of the FOIA and regulations are available at www.DHS.gov.

Your request has been assigned reference number **TSA10-0052**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at 1-866-364-2872.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act