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- **Provides broad, extensive, and clear definition of what constitutes a Record**
- **Provides for the posting on the Port Authority's Web site of fulfilled requests with the exception of police and accident/investigation reports**
- **Combines several of the exemptions from disclosure permissible**
- **Restates the exemptions for greater clarity**
- **Provides examples of the types of materials that would be exempt, and that would be available under several of the exemptions to avoid giving the appearance of *ad hoc* determinations**
- **Clarifies the nature of the materials exempt from disclosure as inter- and intra-agency materials and communications**

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- **Streamlines the procedure so that requesters will be able to obtain impartial, judicial review of decisions under the Code more quickly**
  - ✓ **no requirement to submit a formal legal appeal to the Port Authority's General Counsel**
  - ✓ **no further internal delays in obtaining a final agency decision on the availability of materials**
  - ✓ **no need to exhaust administrative remedies within the confines of the Port Authority**
  - ✓ **review may be sought in the courts of New York or New Jersey**
- **Provides more explicit instructions for dealing with a delay of more than 20 business days from the receipt of the request**
- **Provides for immediate and free availability of Information on the Web site, and suspension of requirements for the imposition of copying and search fees for up to one year**

## ***Transparency Program***

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**Hundreds of documents not previously readily available on website:**

- **Over 22,000 pages fulfilled FOI requests from 2011 to present**
- **Over 500 pages of public Board and Committee presentations**
- **Over 300 pages of toll and fare public hearing transcripts**
- **Posting of all fulfilled FOIs immediately upon completion**
- **Continuing efforts to make additional agency information public on the web site**