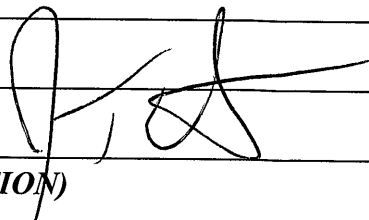


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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

April 12, 2018

To:	Governing Board	
From:	John T. Doherty, Chief Executive Officer	
Subject:	2018 Emergency Field Exercise (INFORMATION)	

Discussion:

The ACTA annual Emergency Field Exercise was held the morning of Sunday, March 11, 2018. A presentation of the results will be made at the April 12, 2018 Board meeting.

Background:

ACTA and the Railroads conduct an annual Emergency Field Exercise to enable the fire departments and other emergency responders along the Corridor to provide training regarding the safety features of the Alameda Corridor Trench. The exercise simulates emergency conditions in order to develop personnel skills, establish joint field command posts with multiple jurisdictions, and foster working relationships between the emergency responders and the Railroads. The exercise includes working with the Railroads' HAZMAT teams, practicing medical evacuations, and training personnel in the use of the access ladders and emergency phones.

Participating agencies included Los Angeles County Fire Department (which acted as lead fire department this year), Los Angeles Fire Department, Compton Fire Department, Vernon Fire Department, BNSF Railway (which participated as the lead railroad) and Union Pacific. As in the past, the field exercise was scheduled during Chinese New Year when train volumes are low and was scheduled around other commitments/conflicts of the responders during that time of year.

Coordination of this annual event is provided through an ACTA consultant contract with North American Emergency Management (NAEM) in conjunction with ACTA staff.

