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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

November 9, 2017

To:	Governing Board
From:	John T. Doherty, Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	<i>Proposed LA Metro West Santa Ana Branch Project (INFORMATION)</i>

Discussion:

A new 20-mile long light rail transit line is being planned by LA Metro that extends from Union Station in the City of Los Angeles to a terminus in the City of Artesia just south of the SR91 and east of the I-605 in southeast LA County. The project is known as the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor Project (Project). Proposed funding for the Project is through Measure M, Measure R, and potentially a public private partnership. A representative from LA Metro will make a short presentation to the ACTA Governing Board about the Project at ACTA's November 9, 2017 meeting.

About five miles of the 20-mile transit line is proposed to be along right-of-way owned jointly by the Ports between east Huntington Park and north Paramount. See Transmittal 1. This five-mile segment is part of what is known as the Union Pacific San Pedro Branch, which was purchased by the Ports in 1994 as part of the property assembled for the Alameda Corridor Project. Pursuant to the terms of the purchase, UPRR retained an easement for its freight operations serving existing and future customers along the branch. The branch also serves as an alternative route should service on the Alameda Corridor be disrupted.

The Draft EIR/EIS process is underway. The Final EIR/EIS is scheduled to be published in late 2019. During the scoping process this year, the Ports, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and ACTA submitted initial comments, which will also be discussed at the November 9, 2017 meeting. See Transmittal 2.

Transmittal:

Transmittal 1: Map

Transmittal 2: Comment Letters

