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## **LONG BEACH VICE MAYOR BONNIE LOWENTHAL TAKES THE HELM OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Vice Mayor Lowenthal Elected Chair of ACTA's 2007-2008 Governing Board  
Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn to Serve as Vice Chair**

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**LONG BEACH, CA** – At its Governing Board meeting today, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) elected Long Beach Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal as the 2007-2008 Chair of its Governing Board. Vice Mayor Lowenthal assumes the position from Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn, who will now serve as ACTA's Vice Chair.

“I am excited to take on this leadership position at such an important time,” said Vice Mayor Lowenthal. “ACTA's efforts to improve air quality while reducing congestion, are yielding positive results, but the work before all of our regional agencies in this regard will be challenging. I look forward to helping guide this agency and its collaboration with other agencies to aggressively pursue strategies reducing congestion caused by goods movement while improving air quality throughout this entire region.”

Vice Mayor Lowenthal will lead ACTA during a time of tremendous activity and attention on the issues of air quality, goods movement and congestion relief. Since the Alameda Corridor's opening in 2002, more than 6,600 tons of emission reductions have resulted from the consolidation of freight rail operations and the alleviation of traffic congestion at the more than 200 rail crossings in the Southland. The air quality benefits resulting from the Alameda Corridor's operation will continue to increase as usage of the Corridor grows, because trains generate significantly less pollution than the number of trucks (250-280) needed to move an equivalent volume of cargo.

The performance of the Corridor has steadily improved over its first five years of operation. More than 86,000 trains have used the Corridor since opening, increasing from just over 14,000 trains in the first full year of operation (2003) to nearly 20,000 trains in 2006.

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“This past year has been transitional at the ports, and I know that Vice Mayor Lowenthal will effectively lead ACTA in the coming year,” stated Los Angeles City Councilmember and past ACTA Chair Janice Hahn. “As Vice Chair, I will continue to urge this Board to advance additional projects such as the SR-47 Project to move goods more efficiently, clean up the air and improve the quality of life for residents throughout the region.”

ACTA’s Governing Board is made up of representatives from the cities and ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, as well as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. ACTA is responsible for the construction and operation of the Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile dedicated freight expressway linking the ports to the rail yards east of downtown Los Angeles.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal was elected to the First District of Long Beach in 2001 and was elected by her peers as Vice Mayor in 2006. She is a member of the 710 Freeway Oversight Committee, which dramatically changed the direction of a proposed expansion of that freeway. She is also on the Personnel and Civil Service Committee, State Legislation Committee and Tidelands and Harbor Committee. Vice Mayor Lowenthal chairs the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and serves as the Long Beach representative on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the National League of Cities. In addition to her duties as City Councilmember, Vice Mayor Lowenthal is a member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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