

L.A. CITY COUNCILWOMAN JANICE HAHN ELECTED CHAIR OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Long Beach Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal to serve as Vice Chair

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LONG BEACH, CA – The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) today elected Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn as the 2008-09 Chair of its Governing Board. Councilwoman Hahn succeeds Long Beach District One Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, who will now serve as ACTA's Vice Chair.

"I am looking forward to working with the ACTA Board and agency staff to build upon our strong track record of reducing traffic congestion, improving our air quality, and collaborating with other regional agencies to address the issues associated with goods movement," said Councilwoman Hahn. "In the coming year, I would like to see ACTA take a leadership role in working with the ports to move cargo with zero emissions using technology such as maglev."

"I am proud to have served as Chair of the ACTA Board in a year in which we had our 100,000th train using the Alameda Corridor since its opening six years ago," said Councilmember Lowenthal. "It would take up to 300 trucks to move the same cargo volume that is being transported by each train on the Alameda Corridor, and with nearly 45 trains using the Alameda Corridor each day, I know that area residents are breathing a little easier."

In another action at today's meeting, the Board passed a resolution focusing ACTA staff on four critical projects: the SR-47 Port Access Expressway to reduce freeway congestion, a new Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge to support increased on-dock rail loadings, a feasibility analysis for a zero emissions container mover system as an alternative to trucks, and the movement of the storage of empty containers away from residential neighborhoods.

Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo from the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports to the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor's operation has resulted in significant air

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emission reductions. Since the opening of the Alameda Corridor in 2002, more than 8,000 tons of total 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.

Nearly 13 million containers have been transported via the Corridor since its opening in 2002, and more than 6,400 containers (11,500 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) are transported on the Alameda Corridor each day – almost one-third of the ports' average daily volume.

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