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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER EXPANDING AGENCY'S MISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The public agency that built the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway on time and on budget formed an ad hoc committee Thursday to explore the possibility of expanding the agency's mission to include other projects that improve the movement of goods in the region.

The Chairman of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Governing Board, Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank A. Colonna, named three other board members to join him on the ad hoc committee. They are board Vice Chairwoman and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Port of Los Angeles Commissioner Thomas H. Warren and Port of Long Beach Commissioner James C. Hankla.

“Given the economic benefits of international trade in our region, it is imperative that public agencies and the private sector work cooperatively to ensure the efficient delivery of goods in a manner that preserves the quality of life in our region,” Colonna said.

The ad hoc committee will confer with various stakeholders and ACTA staff to help define ACTA's role regarding goods-movement infrastructure projects and systems improvements.

Formation of the committee was triggered by a memo from Colonna and Hahn noting that increasing cargo volumes are straining the transportation distribution network and requesting input from ACTA and Port officials on a potentially expanded role for ACTA. “The next major, important step could be utilizing the existing potential within the framework of our ACTA charter to allow for a broadened role. . . ,” Colonna and Hahn wrote.

ACTA officials noted that the study of a potentially larger mission is consistent with the Governing Board's previously adopted goal of supporting projects that facilitate goods movement.

“ACTA has a successful track record. ACTA delivered the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor project on time and on budget utilizing a joint powers approach, multi-jurisdictional cooperation and partnerships with the private sector – providing a useful model of how to develop, finance and construct complex goods movement projects,” said ACTA CEO John Doherty.

ACTA officials said the ad hoc committee will meet for a limited term and transmit final recommendations to the full Governing Board.

Opened in April 2002, the Alameda Corridor consolidated four branch rail lines into a high-speed freight rail expressway stretching 20 miles between the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and the transcontinental rail yards and railroad mainlines near downtown Los Angeles. It eliminated conflicts at more than 200 street-level railroad crossings, thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution.

The project was built by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, a joint powers authority formed by the Cities and Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. ACTA's seven-member Governing Board is comprised of two representatives from each Port, one from each City, and one from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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