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## **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR AGENCY NAMES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ELECTS NEW GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN**

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Governing Board of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) on Thursday elected a new chairman and vice chairwoman, named a Chief Executive Officer and welcomed a new board member.

Elected chairman was Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank A. Colonna, who had served the past year as vice chairman. He succeeds Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who was elected vice chairwoman. Leadership of the Governing Board traditionally rotates between representatives of the Los Angeles and Long Beach city councils each year.

“I’m grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve once again as chairman of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, which is delivering multiple benefits to the region, state and nation,” said Colonna, who last served as chairman in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2002.

John Doherty was named the agency’s CEO. He had been filling the position in an interim capacity since the July 1 departure of James C. Hankla, who resigned to accept an appointment to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. Doherty, a civil engineer with 35 years’ experience in rail-related construction management and operations, has been a member of the Alameda Corridor team for eight years, serving as director of construction for the Alameda Corridor Engineering Team (ACET), ACTA’s joint venture program manager, before being named ACTA’s director of construction and engineering in February. Previously, Doherty served 24 years in various capacities for the Long Island Railroad, the nation’s largest commuter railroad, including vice president of operations. He also has provided consulting services to the Metrolink Commuter Rail Project, the Honolulu Rapid Transit Development Project and the California High Speed Rail Study as a senior staff member of leading engineering and construction management firms.

“I’m proud of our work on the Alameda Corridor and grateful for the opportunity to help lead the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority as we continue to enhance goods movement while minimizing the impact on local communities,” Doherty said.

“John Doherty is a skilled civil engineer and construction manager who was instrumental in the success of the Alameda Corridor, and we have every confidence in his ability to help lead the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority,” Colonna said.

Joining the ACTA Governing Board was Hankla, who was selected by the Long Beach harbor commissioners as their representative. He succeeds Roy H. Hearrean, whose term on the Long Beach commission expired.

Board members and ACTA staff paid tribute to Hankla, Hearrean and Carmen O. Perez, a Long Beach harbor commissioner who has served as an alternate on the ACTA since 1991. Her term on the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners expired. Representatives presented proclamations and other gifts to the three, thanking them for their contributions.

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Opened on time and on budget in April 2002, the \$2.4 billion 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 rail yards near downtown Los Angeles. It eliminated conflicts at more than 200 street-level railroad crossings, thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution.

The agency continues to work on projects that enhance the benefits of the Alameda Corridor. For example, ACTA is working under a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation to manage design and construction of the \$107 million Pacific Coast Highway Grade Separation in Wilmington. The volume of cargo moving through the ports is expected to approximately double in the next 10 years, making additional improvements to the transportation system critical.

ACTA is a joint powers agency governed by the cities and ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, as well as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Besides Colonna, Hahn and Hankla, other members of the ACTA Governing Board include Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe; Port of Los Angeles Commissioner Thomas H. Warren; Port of Long Beach Executive Director Richard D. Steinke, and Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry A. Keller.

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