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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR POSTS STRONG PERFORMANCE GAINS IN 2005

Revenues, Train Counts and Container Movements All See Significant Increases in 2005. Nearly 5,300 Tons Of Cumulative Emission Reductions Have Resulted Since 2002.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – With trade activity at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach continuing to grow, the Alameda Corridor saw significant increases in the amount of cargo, carried and revenues generated in 2005. The Alameda Corridor's operation has also produced significant air quality benefits to the South Coast Air Basin since opening in April 2002, according to data released at the recently held Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's (ACTA) Governing Board meeting.

The Alameda Corridor's performance has steadily improved over nearly four years of operation. The total number of trains using the Corridor has increased from just over 14,000 trains in 2003, the first full calendar year of operation, to more than 17,000 in 2005, with an average of 47 trains each day. The number of cargo containers transported via the Corridor has increased 20% from 2003 to 3.75 million TEU's in 2005. With the Alameda Corridor accommodating more than 34 percent of all imports, exports and empty container trips generated by the Ports, ACTA saw nearly 11 percent increase in fee revenues over 2004. Increased cargo movement along the Corridor has also resulted in traffic congestion relief in the port complex and throughout the region.

Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor has also produced significant air emission reductions. The Alameda Corridor's air quality benefits are derived primarily from increased rail efficiency and the elimination of vehicle delays at more than 200 road-rail crossings.

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Since its opening in April 2002, the Alameda Corridor's operation has resulted in 1,688 fewer tons of Nitrous Oxide (NOx), and 69 fewer tons of particulate matter (PM). In 2005 alone, the Corridor's operation resulted in more than 1,400 tons of total emission reductions, and nearly 5,300 tons of cumulative emission reductions have occurred since the Corridor's opening.

While ACTA officials were encouraged by the Corridor's 2005 performance, they continued to stress the importance of ACTA's Expanded Mission and the need to move forward with additional efforts to meet current and future trade demands, while further improving traffic congestion and air quality. More specifically, ACTA continues to work closely with state and local leaders to secure the funding needed to develop a new State Route 47 expressway and other critical improvements as the Governor and State Legislature discuss options to place a statewide infrastructure bond measure on the ballot later this year.

"ACTA's Expanded Mission will help provide for the steady increase of cargo moving through the ports while continuing to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion," said Long Beach City Councilman and ACTA Chair Frank Colonna. "The Corridor has been instrumental in strengthening our economy and developing a comprehensive, balanced approach to goods movement in Southern California."

"The Alameda Corridor's performance proves that we can move goods, accommodate growth and still continue to improve our air quality," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman and ACTA Vice Chair Janice Hahn. "ACTA will continue to play a critical role in addressing these issues, and we are confident that the state will recognize the importance of funding the SR-47 and other projects to improve Southern California's goods movement network, improve our air quality, safety and security and relieve traffic congestion."