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LONG BEACH COUNCILMEMBER FRANK COLONNA TAKES THE HELM OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Councilmember Colonna Elected Chair of ACTA's 2005-2006 Governing Board
Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn to Serve as Vice Chair**

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIF. – At its Governing Board meeting today, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) elected Long Beach City Councilmember Frank Colonna as the 2005-2006 Chair of its Governing Board. Councilmember Colonna assumes the position from Los Angeles City Councilwoman 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 for ACTA," said Councilmember Colonna. "ACTA's Expanded Mission to reduce congestion, improve air quality and solidify California's position as the nation's pre-eminent trade center has already started to yield positive results, but the work in front of us will be difficult. I look forward to the challenge of helping to guide the agency through its efforts."

Councilmember Colonna will lead ACTA as it seeks to implement elements of its Expanded Mission, which includes developing a four-lane elevated expressway on State Route 47 to alleviate truck congestion; implementing a shuttle train demonstration project; and working with the private sector to develop an inland truck depot. ACTA will also be advocating these and other goods movement priorities with both federal and state policymakers.

"This past year has been very successful for ACTA, and I know that Frank will effectively lead ACTA in the coming year," stated Los Angeles City Councilwoman and past ACTA Chair Janice Hahn. "As the Vice Chair I will continue to urge this Board to take on additional projects 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 Los Angeles and Long Beach, as well as the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. ACTA is a joint powers authority governed by the Cities and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The Authority constructed the Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile dedicated freight expressway linking the ports to the rail yards east of downtown Los Angeles. It eliminated conflicts at more than 200 street-level railroad crossings, thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution.

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Councilmember Colonna was first elected to Long Beach City Council in 1998 and served as the city's Vice Mayor from July 2002 to July 2004. Colonna also serves at the Chair of the Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee, Vice Chair of the Personnel and Civil Service Committee and Vice Chair Tidelands and Harbor Committee in the City. He has served this past year as Vice Chair of ACTA's Governing Board. Colonna's additional leadership positions include serving as Chair of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Chair of the RMC Watershed Conservation Authority and Executive Board member of Gateway Cities Council of Governments. He also is a member of the National League of Cities and a member of the League of California Cities.

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