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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

ACTA Findings Indicate Alameda Corridor's Increased Usage Is Providing Traffic, Air Quality Relief

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Alameda Corridor continues to produce significant traffic and air quality relief and economic benefits to Southern California, according to new findings recently released by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA).

ACTA CEO John Doherty reported that the performance of the Alameda Corridor continues to steadily improve as compared to this time last year. During the first four months of 2005, 5,434 trains utilized the Alameda Corridor, a 14% increase in trips over the same time period in 2004. With the average train carrying over 200 cargo containers, the reported usage of the Alameda Corridor equates to nearly 900,000 truck trips that would have been required to accommodate the same cargo volume during the first four months of the year.

A similar increase was reported for the fee revenue generated by activity on the Corridor. From January to April 2005, ACTA collected nearly \$22 million in fee revenues, compared to just under \$20 million during the same period in 2004, representing a 10% increase.

"The Alameda Corridor has proven to be a great success, getting trucks off our roads and eliminating the hours that people used to spend waiting at rail crossings in our residential neighborhoods," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman and ACTA Chair Janice Hahn. "We are moving goods more efficiently and improving our air quality in the Harbor Area and throughout the region and I look forward to continuing to work to positively impact the quality of life in the communities I serve."

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Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor's operation has also resulted in significant air emission reductions. According to a recent ACTA study, the consolidation of freight rail operations and the alleviation of traffic congestion at the more than 200 rail crossings in the Southland have resulted in a reduction of more than 3,800 tons of air pollutants in its first three years of operation.

"The Alameda Corridor is allowing us to move goods more efficiently while improving the quality of life for people living in the Harbor Area and throughout the region," said Long Beach City Councilman and ACTA Vice Chair Frank Colonna.

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