

## **Additional ACTA/Port Quotes re: BST Economic Study**

### ***Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority***

#### **Janice Hahn – Los Angeles City Council, ACTA Chair**

"This study puts the significance of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach into real numbers. No one can argue the importance of our ports to the economy of the entire nation," said Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn, ACTA Board Chair. "Every lawmaker in Sacramento and Washington DC can see exactly how their own districts benefit from trade moving through our ports. We are counting on federal and state funding to keep goods moving through our region, with as little negative impact on our communities as possible."

#### **Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach City Council, ACTA Vice Chair**

"This study demonstrates the importance the Alameda Corridor plays in linking the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the rest of the nation's goods movement network, while at the same time providing environmental benefits to the communities along the Corridor's route," said Long Beach Vice Mayor and ACTA Vice Chair Bonnie Lowenthal. "A strong commitment from both Washington, D.C. and Sacramento will be needed to help improve the region's infrastructure while committing to a improvement in air quality."

#### **John Doherty – ACTA Chief Executive Officer**

"The Alameda Corridor has seen 106% growth in cargo movements over the last four years, a tremendous level of growth clearly reinforced by this study," said ACTA Chief Executive Officer John Doherty.

### ***City and Port of Los Angeles***

#### **Antonio Villaraigosa – Mayor, City of Los Angeles**

"Southern California is America's Gateway to the global economy and plays a central role in sustaining the nation's prosperity. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are massive economic engines that create millions of jobs and generate billions of dollars in tax revenue across the nation.

However, as container traffic continues to grow, we must invest more in our infrastructure and address the environmental and health impacts caused by the flow of trade through our region.

I will carry this message to Sacramento and Washington DC: We must receive a fair share of funding to expand our goods movement infrastructure while reducing the environmental and health impacts of our ever-expanding international trade."

#### **S. David Freeman -- Los Angeles Harbor Commission President**

"These numbers once again validate the national importance of our two ports and rail corridor. Goods movement through this vital trade gateway isn't just about keeping

department store shelves well stocked. It's about the livelihood of millions of individuals and families nationwide. With this kind of trade volume benefiting every congressional district in the nation, our priority here locally is to keep the system moving and to ensure that port-related pollution is aggressively curbed so that the nation's economic benefit isn't to the detriment our local environment. "

**Geraldine Knatz, Pd.D. – Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles**

"This study once again underscores the magnitude of maritime and rail operations here in the San Pedro Bay port complex. We are a well-oiled machine today – the backbone of a national goods movement corridor. But our elected representatives in Sacramento and Washington D.C. need to know that state and federal funding for infrastructure, security and air quality programs are essential in order in order to keep this economic engine running for decades to come."

***City and Port of Long Beach***

**Bob Foster, Mayor, City of Long Beach**

"The study re-affirms the national significance of the San Pedro Ports. These two ports lead the way not only in cargo volumes **but in implementing forward-thinking** environmental mitigation strategies that **recognize the severe health impacts on our communities** of such monumental commerce."

**James, Hankla, Long Beach Harbor Commission President**

"The findings show very clearly that the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are America's ports, supporting trade and jobs not only in California but as far away as Kansas, Michigan, Texas, and many other states throughout the country. These findings demonstrate why we need state and national support for our critical infrastructure, security and environmental improvements."

**Richard Steinke, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach**

"This report underscores just how vital port operations are to the local, regional and national economies. Through strong partnerships with our many stakeholders, we can ensure that our economic vitality continues here and across the country, while also improving the environment and the quality of life in our communities."