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## Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

June 16, 2022

<b>To:</b>	Governing Board
<b>From:</b>	Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 
<b>Subject:</b>	<i>Proposed Alameda Corridor Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento (INFORMATION)</i>

### Discussion:

The California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) approached ACTA regarding a multiyear Alameda Corridor Exhibit. CSRMF envisions that the exhibit will be a multimedia exhibit including posters and video of trains traversing the ports and corridor as well as the dockside loading and unloading of container ships. The exhibit would highlight the importance of the two ports to the state, regional and national economies. It will also demonstrate the community benefits resulting from consolidating three at-grade railroad lines serving the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles into the grade-separated Alameda Corridor.

The California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) focuses on railroad history, with a unique collection of railroad equipment primarily used in California and the West, and provides a library and archives that hold the largest railroad document collection in the United States. The transportation curator for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History has called the CSRM the "Louvre of railroad technology."

The mission of the CSRM is to design immersive exhibits, engaging interpretations, and programs that create experiences that inspire an appreciation of the history and impact of railroads in California, the west, and the nation. The CSRM has relevant equipment in its collection, including two prototype double-stack container cars. Southern Pacific Railroad built these cars in 1977 to evaluate the feasibility of operating container trains on its system. These cars would be available for incorporation into the Alameda Corridor exhibit.

The exhibit will contribute to public awareness of the extraordinary successful \$2 billion Alameda Corridor investment, which benefits both California and the nation. The exhibit would be the first to feature a major Southern California railroad activity.

Prior to COVID, the museum's annual attendance ranged between 480,000 and 510,000 visitors.



**Budget Impact:**

There will be no budget impact to Alameda Corridor. To meet the California State budget deadline of June 15, 2022, CSRMF has contacted Senator Lena Gonzalez to request to allocate \$300,000 in the state budget to cover half of the costs to design and assemble the exhibit. Depending on approval from the state, a request to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, BNSF Railway, and Union Pacific Railroad will be made to match the funds for a maximum total cost of \$600,000. The funds will be administered by the CSRMF, a nonprofit organization incorporated under the terms of section 501(c)(3).

**Co-General Counsel Review:**

ACTA's Co-General Counsel has reviewed this board report and there are no legal issues at this time.