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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

To: Governing Board

Meeting Date: August 15, 2024

From: Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: APPROVE Memorandum of Agreement for Port of Long Beach Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Locomotive Facility Turnout and Crossover Connecting to the Alameda Corridor among the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (POLA), the Port of Long Beach (POLB), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and ACTA

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (POLA), the Port of Long Beach (POLB), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and ACTA for the On-Dock Rail Support Facility Locomotive Facility Turnout and Crossover Project (Project); and authorize ACTA's CEO to execute and the Governing Board Secretary to attest to the MOA, attached as Transmittal 2, on behalf of the Governing Board.

Background:

Reference is made to that certain Amended and Restated Alameda Corridor Use and Operating Agreement (Use Agreement), dated December 15, 2016, by and among the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (POLA), the City of Long Beach, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (POLB), and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), which governs the use and operations of the Alameda Corridor. The Project falls within the scope of jurisdiction of the Use Agreement, and with the MOA establishing the terms and conditions for the design and construction of the Project, the MOA needs to be approved by the five parties to the Use Agreement.

The POLB Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the MOA at its meeting on July 8, 2024. The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the MOA at its meeting on June 27, 2024. Both UP and BNSF have approved the MOA.

Discussion:

The POLB Pier B On-dock Rail Support Facility (Pier B Program) is a key component of the POLB's 10-Year Capital Plan. The Pier B Program will reconfigure and expand the existing rail yard to serve intermodal cargo, and enable cargo movements to shift from trucks to trains. The Project supports POLB's goal of moving 35% of all POLB cargo by on-dock rail which will reduce highway congestion and the carbon footprint of the supply chain.

The Project is an element of the Pier B Program as shown in Transmittal 1. The Project includes portions within ACTA jurisdiction and requires the execution of this MOA to perform work within this area. The proposed MOA is required to address the specific details of the proposed Pier B Locomotive Service Facility (Project), including but

not limited to the design, construction, operations, maintenance and repair of the Project. The MOA requires POLB to have sole responsibility for all costs associated with the Project.

The Pier B Locomotive Facility Project bidding is planned to bid and begin construction in 2024 with construction pending approval of the MOA and its requirements. The Project consists of a locomotive support facility with tracks to be used for staging, fueling and light maintenance of locomotives can be performed; paving around the tracks; perimeter fencing; and a lead track from the Mainline 2 to provide locomotive access.

The Project elements within ACTA's jurisdiction include a new turnout from ACTA Mainline 2 and a new crossover between ACTA Mainline 1 and Mainline 2, inclusion of railroad signal control to incorporate the new turnout into CP Perry and the new crossover into CP Gaspur, as well as shifting of mainline track alignment to accommodate those elements.

The ACTA Governing Board is requested to approve the MOA for Pier B Locomotive Facility as provided in Transmittal 2.

Budget Impact:

There is no direct impact on the ACTA Operating Budget since all costs will be either paid directly by Port of Long Beach or reimbursed by POLB to ACTA.

Co-General Counsel Review:

ACTA's Co-General Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Memorandum of Agreement as to form.

Transmittals:

Transmittal 1 – Pier B Program Location and Overview

Transmittal 2 – Memorandum of Agreement for Port of Long Beach Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Locomotive Facility Turnout and Crossover Connecting to the Alameda Corridor