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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

To: Governing Board

Meeting Date: October 10, 2024

From: Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: APPROVE the Twelfth Amendment to the Alameda Corridor Dispatching Agreement for a Term Extension of up to Two Years to October 14, 2026

Recommendation:

Approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Alameda Corridor Dispatching Agreement and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the proposed amendment. The amendment will extend the term of the Alameda Corridor Dispatching Agreement between ACTA, the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), for up to two years through October 14, 2026. Absent this extension, the Agreement will expire on October 14, 2024.


Discussion:

The Amended and Restated Use and Operating Agreement (UOA) requires that the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles as owners of the Alameda Corridor property (referred to collectively in the UOA as “Owner”) and BNSF and UP (collectively the “Railroads”), through the process of Mutual Agreement set forth in the UOA, select a Corridor Dispatcher, and that ACTA endeavor to enter into an agreement with the selected entity on the business terms specified by the Owner and Railroads.

The existing Dispatching Agreement (Agreement) between ACTA and the Railroads has been in place since 2002 and will expire on October 14, 2024. The services provided under the Agreement are paid for directly by the Railroads. The original term of the Agreement was five years, as approved by the former Operating Committee (OC), and extended twice with OC approval for an additional 10 years via two amendments through October 14, 2017. Since that time, additional amendments to extend the term of the Agreement through October 14, 2024, have been approved by the Ports and Railroads through Mutual Agreement, approved by the ACTA Governing Board, and subsequently executed by ACTA and the Railroads.

The Twelfth Amendment to the Agreement will extend the term of the Agreement for up to two years through October 14, 2026. Through Notice of Mutual Agreement No. 2024-2, the Ports and Railroads approve the Twelfth Amendment.

ACTA Governing Board approval of the Twelfth Amendment is hereby requested to extend the term of the current Agreement until such time as either a new agreement is approved and executed, or through October 14, 2026, whichever is earlier. The Twelfth Amendment to the existing Agreement is attached as Transmittal 1.





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Budget Impact:

The approved ACTA Operating Budget will not be impacted by the approval of the amendment.

Co-General Counsel Review:

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

Transmittals:

Transmittal 1 – Twelfth Amendment to the Alameda Corridor Dispatching Agreement