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ACTA CHAIR FRANK COLONNA EXPLORES ALTERNATIVE FUEL LOCOMOTIVE OPTIONS

Alameda Corridor Chair Tours the “Green Goat” Hybrid Yard Locomotive
Being Tested By Pacific Harbor Line
(PHOTOS AVAILABLE)

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WILMINGTON, CALIF. – In an effort to explore and support alternative fuel options for various aspects of harbor operations, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Chair and Long Beach City Councilman Frank Colonna rode the “Green Goat” hybrid locomotive currently being tested by Pacific Harbor Line.

The Green Goat, which PHL has been testing, is an innovative new locomotive design that combines long-life batteries with a small diesel generator. The Green Goat substantially reduces emissions by more than 80 percent and fuel usage by 40 to 60 percent, meeting the “Tier 2” locomotive requirements set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“As ACTA Chair, as a city councilman and a Long Beach resident, I have always supported efforts to curtail emissions and make harbor operations less environmentally intrusive on nearby communities,” said Colonna. “I am intrigued about the possibilities that the Green Goat holds to making rail operations in the harbor area a much cleaner and quieter endeavor.”

The operation of the Alameda Corridor has also been a major contributor to air quality improvements since its opening in 2002. A study released by ACTA earlier this year showed that the Alameda Corridor’s operation has resulted in a reduction of more than 3,800 total tons of air pollutants, including 1,169 tons of NOx and 49 tons of particulate matter.

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In addition to testing the Green Goat, PHL and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach recently announced a tentative agreement to replace the 18 harbor locomotives with new “clean diesel” and other alternative fuel locomotives. Once implemented, the new locomotives are expected to eliminate 163 tons of nitrous oxide (NOx) and three tons of particulate matter produced each year.

Photos of today’s Green Goat tour with ACTA Chair Colonna are available by calling Jeff Lustgarten or Dan Witzling of Cerrell Associates at 323/466-3445. For more information about the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, visit the ACTA web site at www.acta.org. For more information about Pacific Harbor Line, contact Andrew Fox at 310/834-4594.

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