

L.A. CITY COUNCILMEMBER JANICE HAHN ELECTED CHAIR OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Long Beach Councilmember Gary DeLong to serve as Vice Chair

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LONG BEACH, CA – Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn takes over as the 2010-11 Chair of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's (ACTA) Governing Board. Councilmember Hahn succeeds Long Beach Councilmember Gary DeLong, who will now serve as ACTA's Vice Chair.

"Eighty five percent of all of California's goods come through our ports and ACTA plays an important role by seeing that these goods are moved efficiently," said Councilwoman Hahn. "As Chair, I look forward to leading the agency in completing the infrastructure projects, like the Commodore Heim Bridge, and creating the jobs that are so vital to international trade and to our economic recovery."

"It was a pleasure working with my ACTA colleagues and the community as we strived towards reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality in the region," said Councilmember DeLong, who represents Long Beach's 3rd District. "ACTA's continued collaboration with the ports and the community is even more vital than ever as we are now beginning to see increases in cargo at the ports."

Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo from the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports to the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor's operation has resulted in significant air emission reductions. Since the opening of the Alameda Corridor in 2002, more than 11,000 tons of total emission reductions have resulted from the consolidation of freight rail operations and the alleviation of traffic congestion at the more than 200 rail crossings in the Southland.

Nearly 17 million containers have been transported via the Corridor since its opening in 2002, and more than 5,500 containers (10,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) are transported on the Alameda Corridor each day - almost one-third of the ports' average daily volume.