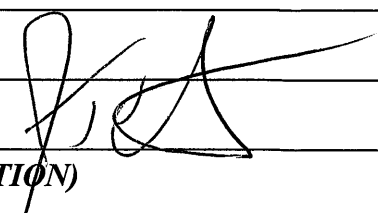


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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

February 8, 2018

To:	Governing Board	
From:	John T. Doherty, Chief Executive Officer	
Subject:	2018 Emergency Field Exercise (INFORMATION)	

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Discussion:

ACTA and the railroads conduct an annual Emergency Field Exercise to enable local fire departments and other emergency responders located along the Corridor to provide training to their personnel. The single-day exercise involves the simulation of emergency conditions in order to develop personnel skills, joint field command posts with multiple jurisdictions, and working relationships between the emergency responders and the railroads. The exercise includes working with the railroads' HAZMAT teams, practicing medical evacuations, and training personnel in the use of the access ladders and emergency phones.

Participating agencies include Los Angeles County Fire Department (who will act as lead fire department this year), Los Angeles Fire Department, Compton Fire Department, Vernon Fire Department, BNSF Railway (who will participate as the lead railroad) and Union Pacific. As in the past, the field exercise will be scheduled early in the year near the Chinese New Year when train volumes are low, and scheduled around other major commitments/conflicts of the responders during that time of year.

Coordination of this annual event is provided through an ACTA consultant contract with North American Emergency Management (NAEM) in conjunction with ACTA staff.

The 2018 Emergency Field Exercise will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

