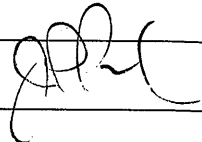


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## Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

February 12, 2020

<b>To:</b>	Governing Board
<b>From:</b>	James P. Preusch, Interim Chief Executive Officer 
<b>Subject:</b>	2020 Emergency Field Exercise (INFORMATION)

### *Information only*

#### 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 (which will act as lead fire department this year), Los Angeles Fire Department, Compton Fire Department, Vernon Fire Department, BNSF Railway (which will participate as the lead railroad) and Union Pacific Railroad.

The 2020 Emergency Field Exercise will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020. As in the past, the field exercise has been 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.

#### Co-General Counsel:

ACTA's Co-General Counsel has reviewed this Board Report and there are no legal issues at this time.

