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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

December 13, 2018

To:	Governing Board
From:	Connie Rivera, Director of Government & Community Relations
Subject:	<i>Homeless Encampments On or Adjacent to the Alameda Corridor</i> (INFORMATION)

For

Discussion:

This memo is provided to update the ACTA Governing Board on activities at the homeless encampments on and adjacent to the Alameda Corridor. There are five areas (Areas 1-5) that are continually monitored. Area 2 south of Nadeau Street is the most populous. The entities involved in providing assistance to ACTA on this matter are described in the Background Section below.

Area 2 Update:

This encampment has the largest population and is about one-half mile long. PATH, Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC), LAHSA, Department of Health Services (DHS), members of Los Angeles County's Public Health team, Mental Health Triage, and ACTA staff visit this area every Thursday morning.

On November 26, 2018, ACTA staff and its contractors, Balfour-Beatty and Ocean Blue, conducted its third clean-up of the area. The crew filled three 20-foot trash containers. Other cleanups were conducted in March and June of 2018.

The Sheriff Department's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) has joined the existing outreach team to provide services to the individual in the encampments. The newly combined team visits the location more frequently, encouraging more individuals to accept services.

At the October 2018 Board meeting, ACTA staff introduced the outreach team, members of which presented the results of their providing services to the homeless along the Alameda Corridor, particularly Area 2 south of Nadeau Street which has the largest population. The outreach team noted that many of the original residents have accepted services or moved on and that a criminal element has moved into the location. The team recommended that a plan be developed to help those individuals still willing to accept services, and cleanup and permanently close the site in the near future. The Board requested that it be advised of the proposed closure date and protocols to be used.

ACTA staff has begun posting signs notifying the population that ACTA will be clearing the site and that all personal belongings will need to be removed by January 7, 2019. Belongings left behind will be stored for 90 days before disposal. The team is encouraging residents to accept



services and take advantage of the Winter Shelters that became available on December 1, 2018.

The team has a meeting scheduled in early December to discuss how to best assist and encourage remaining occupants to accept shelter and services.

Update – Other Areas

- **Area 1 – Redondo Junction & Santa Fe Avenue – PATH**
 - There is currently no encampment in this area.
- **Area 3 – 92nd Street to Tweedy (South Gate) – PATH**
 - The City of South Gate recently conducted a clean-up of the area and this population has moved on.
- **Area 4 – El Segundo Boulevard – HOPICS**
 - There are currently no encampments in this area.
- **Area 5 – Dominguez Channel Bridge Harbor – Interfaith Services**
 - There are currently no encampments in this area.

Background:

At the November 2017 Governing Board meeting, staff reported the increasing number of encampments on and adjacent to the Alameda Corridor. Five homeless encampments were identified along the Corridor's 20-mile route.

On November 21, 2017, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn successfully put forth a motion to the County Board of Supervisors that allowed the County's Office of Homeless Initiative to develop a strategic partnership with ACTA and other stakeholders. The partnership was to focus on implementing best practices and explore the opportunity to use Measure H-funded services along the Alameda Corridor.

With the help of the County's Chief Executive Office (CEO), ACTA staff met with the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Sheriff's Department Homeless Outreach Services Team Liaison, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), the City of Long Beach Homeless Services, and The People Concern. At that meeting, it was determined that, because the entire length of the Alameda Corridor is located in Los Angeles County, the homeless along or near the Corridor would be eligible for the programs and services provided under Measure H-funding.

The County's LAHSA assigns Service Planning Areas (SPA) to provide services under the programs. Each SPA is managed by a different community outreach coordinating agency. Homeless encampments along the Alameda Corridor have been identified in five areas and services to these areas are provided by three LAHSA SPAs:

- SPA 7 – People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) provides services to Areas 1, 2 and 3.
- SPA 6 – Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) provides services to Area 4.
- SPA 8 – Harbor Interfaith Services provides services to Area 5.

Staff engages with the service providers during their weekly site visits, arranges for periodic rubbish removal from the areas, and works with various entities to determine effective near- and long-term solutions.