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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

April 11, 2019

To:	Governing Board
From:	Connie Rivera, Director of Government and Community Relations <i>Connie Rivera</i>
Subject:	<i>Homeless Encampment Adjacent to the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Grade Separation (INFORMATION)</i>

Discussion:

This memo is to advise the ACTA Governing Board of a homeless encampment on ACTA property adjacent to the PCH Grade Separation in Wilmington. ACTA staff recently received a request from the staff of L.A. Council District 15 to clear this encampment based on a complaint from an adjacent business.

This property was acquired by ACTA through a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to build the PCH Grade Separation. The property is expected to be turned over to Caltrans within the next several months.

The encampment occupies about half of the 800-foot length of the property, and is located next to the southwestern retaining wall of the grade separation. (See attached site plan.) Fencing around the encampment as well as the gate at the east end have been broken. There are several RV's, several disabled cars and functioning cars on the property. It does not appear there are any children living in the encampment.

It has been ACTA's policy to temporarily allow the occupation of its land by the homeless while services are offered, unless there is a threat to train operations or the safety of the occupants. In this case, there is no apparent threat to train operations or human safety. However, this is also not a typical encampment in that the occupants are using the site for commercial purposes to dismantle vehicles and stockpile parts.

ACTA staff has advised L.A. Council District 15 that ACTA staff will seek Board direction on how to proceed. ACTA can enlist its on-call consultant, Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc., to perform a cleanup of the encampment with security assistance provided by the Los Angeles Police Department.



Co-General Counsel Review:

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

Transmittal:

Transmittal 1 – Location Plan - PCH Homeless Encampment