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## Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

June 13, 2019

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

### Discussion:

This memo provides the ACTA Governing Board with a summary of the activity regarding the clean-up and securing of ACTA property adjacent to the PCH Grade Separation in Wilmington, as discussed with the Board at its April 2019 meeting. This activity was the result of ACTA staff receiving a request from the staff of L.A. Council District 15 to clear the encampment based on complaints from adjacent local businesses.

### Update:

On April 30, 2019, working with staff from L.A. Council District 15 and LAPD's Harbor Division, ACTA staff began posting "No Trespassing" signs at the location. Council District staff also committed to having service providers from LAHSA begin an intensive effort of outreach and placement of homeless individuals. LAPD's Harbor Division also made regular patrols to emphasize the pending clean-up and encourage individuals to accept services and/or to leave the property.

A week later, on May 3, 2019, ACTA staff posted an additional notice indicating the date and time of ACTA's plans to clean and remove all trash from the area and secure the fencing. Eight K-Rail barriers (each 20-feet long and over 10,000 lbs.) were also brought in for eventual placement in designated areas to discourage future unauthorized vehicles from accessing the area.

On May 14, 2019 ACTA's maintenance personnel and LAPD began the process of closing the site. All vehicles had been voluntarily removed from the property by the cleaning date. A small group of trespassers were escorted by LAPD off the property.



Once the area was secured, ACTA's contractors re-fenced the entire area, replaced broken wrought iron panels and repaired the gates. The K-Rail barriers were placed in strategic locations to prevent individuals from returning to the property with cars, trucks and RVs.

ACTA's contractor, Ocean Blue, began the remediation process to clean the area on May 20, 2019 and removed oil, grease, needles and other biohazardous materials.

The Harbor Division's Neighborhood Prosecutor from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office issued four criminal cases for trespass at this location.

LAPD will continue regular patrols of the area to prevent it from becoming repopulated and ACTA's maintenance crew will monitor the area periodically for breaches to the fence or gate.

**Co-General Counsel Review:**

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