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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

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To:	Governing Board
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Subject:	<i>Homeless Encampments On or Adjacent to the Alameda Corridor (INFORMATION)</i>

Discussion:

This memo is provided to update the ACTA Governing Board on activities at the homeless encampments on and adjacent to the Alameda Corridor.

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 Liaisons, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), the City of Long Beach Homeless Services, and The People Concern. During this 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. The 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 continues to engage with the service providers during their weekly site visits, arrange for periodic rubbish removal from the areas, and work with various entities to determine effective near and long term solutions.

Update:

At the April 2018 Board meeting, staff reported that only one of the six areas being monitored (Area 2) had a homeless encampment. As anticipated, this area and many of the other areas are showing signs of growth with the warmer weather. The different Service Planning Area (SPA) teams have been visiting their designated areas on a regular basis and have made the following recent observations.

- **Area 1 – Redondo Junction & Santa Fe Avenue – PATH**
 - There is currently no encampment in this area.
- **Area 2 – South of Nadeau Street - PATH**
 - This encampment has the largest population. PATH, accompanied by Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC), is working with ACTA staff and visit this area every Thursday morning.
 - There are about twenty-three (23) tents/structures in the encampment. While only a few have been added since staff’s April 2018 report, more people seem to be sharing quarters. Structures are as large as 10 feet wide by 30 feet long.
- **Area 3 – 92nd Street to Tweedy (Compton) – PATH**
 - There are six tents/structures located south of Firestone Blvd. and two on Southern Ave.
- **Area 4 – El Segundo Blvd – HOPICS**
 - There are a few structures in the area. Individuals are also parking RV’s/campers along the curb of East Alameda St.
- **Area 5 – Dominguez Channel Bridge Harbor – Interfaith Services**
 - There are currently no encampments in this area.

At a May 1, 2018 meeting with the LA County CEO staff and the LAHSA team, ACTA staff was informed that the biggest challenge facing the services program is finding available transitional housing for individuals who are ready and willing to come off the streets. ACTA staff is coordinating meetings with the LA County CEO staff and The Salvation Army Southern California Division to research the option to apply available funds toward available transitional housing.