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## Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

March 11, 2021

<b>To:</b>	Governing Board
<b>From:</b>	Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2021 Emergency Drills (INFORMATION)</b>

**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 HAZMAT teams, practicing medical evacuations, Corridor firefighting procedures and training personnel in the use of the access ladders and emergency phones.

Participating agencies include Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles Fire Department, Compton Fire Department, BNSF Railway, Union Pacific Railroad and the Dispatch Center in San Bernardino.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Emergency Field Exercise was cancelled. We are coordinating with the participating agencies to hold virtual meetings in 2021 and hope to conduct the 2021 Emergency Field Exercise later in the year when participants, including ACTA staff, have received COVID-19 vaccines.

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.

