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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

To: Governing Board
Meeting Date: February 2, 2023
From: Michael C. Leue, Chief Executive Officer 
Subject: INFORMATION on 2023 Alameda Corridor Emergency Drill

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, and training personnel in the use of the access ladders and emergency phones.

Participating agencies include Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles City Fire Department, Compton Fire Department, BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Emergency Field Exercises were cancelled. This will be the first Emergency Field Exercise since 2019.

Coordination of this annual event is provided through an existing ACTA consultant contract with North American Emergency Management (NAEM) in conjunction with ACTA staff.

Budget Impact:

Costs for the emergency drills are included in the FY23 Operating Budget. There is no impact to the FY23 Operating Budget for the subject work.

Co-General Counsel Review:

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