

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Notice of Mutual Agreement No. 2026-1; Approval of a Two-Year Term Extension for the Alameda Corridor Dispatch Agreement

State Clearinghouse No.: [EPD: Enter Assigned SCH No. Here]

Project Location – Specific: Harbor District

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Port of Long Beach, acting by and through its Harbor Commissioners (Port), approved Notice of Mutual Agreement (NMA) No. 2026-1 between the Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and BNSF Railway Company. NMA No. 2026-1 approves a two-year extension of the Alameda Corridor Dispatch Agreement through October 14, 2028. The existing Dispatching Agreement between the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), the BNSF Railway, and the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) has been in place since January 30, 2002 and is set to expire on October 14, 2026. The current Dispatching Agreement allows for the use of subcontracting in regards to the dispatching services provided to ACTA. Alameda Belt Line, Inc. (ABL) was selected to perform the dispatching services for the Alameda Corridor on July 22, 2024, and will continue serving in this role under this proposed extension.

Exempt Status:

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| ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; | ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3)) |
| ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | ☐ Other: |
| ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)] | |
| ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number and class: Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1) | |
| ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number and type: | |

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. NMA No. 2026-1 approves a two-year extension of the Alameda Corridor Dispatch Agreement through October 14, 2028, with no expansion of existing or former use.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.