



## Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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November 9, 2015

Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III  
Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman  
Commissioner Miller  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman and Commissioner Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. ACE is a single purpose construction authority established by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in 1998 to implement a construction program intended to mitigate the adverse impacts at rail-roadway crossings in the San Gabriel Valley, east of Los Angeles. Rail traffic through this area, along the nationally significant ACE Trade Corridor is projected to nearly double by the year 2035 as increasing numbers of freight trains carry freight to and from the nation's busiest container ports in the San Pedro Bay.

The ACE Project is a comprehensive program of constructing grade separations and safety and mobility upgrades at 53 crossings in the San Gabriel Valley. Eight grade separations have been completed, eliminating ten rail-roadway crossings. There are an additional eight active projects with four grade separations and pedestrian crossing safety program at four crossings starting within the next two years. Jump Start safety improvements were completed at 40 at-grade crossings. These projects not only enhance public safety but also contribute to continued growth in the national, state and local economy by creating faster, more efficient rail travel between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the transcontinental rail network.

We have experienced delays and increased costs to some of our past and current projects as a direct consequence of underground utilities' failure to relocate in a timely manner or at times refusing to move at all. We have needed congressional intervention on some of these publicly funded projects to compel the underground utility to relocate.

We have reviewed the Petition for Declaratory Order filed by Union Pacific and we believe that the issues raised deserve your attention. Your action on this matter may facilitate ACE's future endeavors to accomplish its goals of enhancing safety and improving transportation. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Christoffels', is written over a blue horizontal line.

Mark Christoffels  
CEO/Chief Engineer  
Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority



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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

I certify that I have this day served copies of document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by E-mail.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Hubler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Hubler  
Director of Government and Community Relations

Date: Nov. 19, 2015