
MTA Joins in Celebration of Alameda Corridor Opening

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(April 12, 2002) MTA joined elected officials today in celebrating the opening of the Alameda Corridor project. After more than two decades of planning and five years of construction, the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway officially opened and is designed to speed the flow of cargo to and from the nation's two busiest ports. MTA provided \$358.7 million towards the project for preliminary engineering and construction. More than 1,000 people attended the grand opening ceremonies near downtown Los Angeles.



Moving freight signals long-awaited opening of Alameda Corridor.

The Alameda Corridor is a series of bridges, underpasses, overpasses and street improvements that separate freight rail, passenger and street traffic. By consolidating four railroad branch lines serving the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the Alameda Corridor eliminates more than 200 at-grade crossings where rail and street traffic conflict, thereby easing traffic congestion and significantly reducing air and noise pollution from idling trains, trucks and cars. The project stretches through eight cities along a 20-mile route. The centerpiece is the Mid-Corridor Trench, a below-ground trainway running parallel to Alameda Street for 10 miles.

GALLERY

> MTA Board Chairman John Fasana greets Mayor James Hahn as he arrives for the opening ceremonies of the Alameda Corridor Project.



^ MTA Board member Don Knabe, left, and Board President John Fasana welcome Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation, right, and Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to the official opening of the Alameda Corridor project.



< MTA Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe thanks MTA for its involvement in the Alameda Corridor Project at the opening ceremonies.

> CEO Roger Snoble greets Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency following the official opening of the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor Project.



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