



## Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## JULI COSTANZO & VICTORIA MARTINEZ ELECTED ACE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

(Montebello, CA) – San Gabriel Councilmember Juli Costanzo was unanimously elected as Chair and El Monte Councilmember Victoria Martinez as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) at a regular board meeting yesterday. For the first time in the agency's 18-year history, both of the top leadership posts are occupied by women. The seven-member Board oversees the nearly \$1.7 billion ACE program of constructing underpasses, bridges and other safety improvements at congested and hazardous rail-roadway crossings in eastern Los Angeles County.

"I am honored to be chosen as Chair of the ACE Board of Directors and I look forward to leading the ACE Construction Authority as we focus on eliminating freight chokepoints and railroad crossing collisions throughout the San Gabriel Valley," said Chair Costanzo. "This will be an especially exciting year as construction of the San Gabriel Trench, our largest single project, is expected to open to rail traffic this spring and be completed later this year."

"I appreciate the support of my colleagues as we continue to make significant progress on our comprehensive program of grade separations and crossing improvements that will improve traffic, safety and air quality in our region," said Vice Chair Martinez.

First elected to the San Gabriel City Council in 2003, Costanzo has been a member of the ACE Board of Directors since 2008. Martinez was elected to the El Monte City Council in 2011 and has been a member of the ACE Board of Directors since 2015. Elected officials from the cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel, Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the SGVCOG serve on the seven-member ACE Board.

Southern California is home to the largest port complex in the western hemisphere which handles more than 40 percent of our nation's containerized imports and nearly 30 percent of exports. Nearly half of these goods are transported to and from the ports via the Alameda Corridor-East, a federally designated transcontinental rail corridor of national significance.

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**About the ACE Project:** The ACE program calls for constructing safety improvements at 39 crossings and 19 roadway-railroad grade crossing separations. The ACE Project will relieve traffic congestion, improve safety and reduce emissions and noise at rail crossings while helping ensure the San Gabriel Valley's continued economic vitality. For a copy of the ACE Project DVD, please call (888) ACE-1426 or visit [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org).