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ACE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY PRESENTED WITH OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AWARD

*Rail-roadway grade separation agency acknowledged for
contributing to improved quality of life in region*

The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) was presented with the 2016 Outstanding Organization Award by a leading public administration society in acknowledgement of the agency's role in improving the quality of life in the region through its \$1.7 billion program of infrastructure improvements along the transcontinental rail lines in the San Gabriel Valley.

"While freight trains reduce the number of large trucks on our congested highways, they also block traffic at crossings – for more than two hours a day at some crossings – and can result in deadly crossing collisions. These impacts were and remain, quite frankly, unacceptable," said Montebello Councilman and ACE Board Chairman Jack Hadjinian. Southern California is the nation's leading trade gateway and inland corridor.

Hadjinian accepted the Henry Reining Outstanding Organization Award on behalf of the agency at the annual awards luncheon yesterday of the Southern California Chapter of the America Society for Public Administration (ASPA). The award has been presented annually since 1964 and past recipients include numerous Southland cities, the League of California Cities, the Los Angeles Police Department, Habitat for Humanity LA, and other public and nonprofit organizations.

Established in 1998, ACE is charged with funding and constructing 20 rail-roadway grade separations, where the road goes under or over the railroad, at the most congested and hazardous crossings in the San Gabriel Valley, and safety improvements at the remaining at-grade crossings. More than \$1.65 billion in transportation grant funding has been secured for the ACE program and ACE recently opened its ninth grade separation to traffic. Seven grade separations are in active construction and another four grade separations are in design.

Others recognized at the ASPA luncheon include Los Angeles County Metro CEO Phil Washington (Tom Bradley Equal Opportunity Award); Glendale City Council (Winston Crouch Award for Innovation in Government); Los Angeles County Director of Personnel Lisa Garrett (Clarence A. Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government) and ACE Government and Community Relations Director Paul Hubler (Will Baughman Chapter Development Award).

About the ACE Project: The ACE program calls for constructing safety improvements at 39 crossings and 20 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.