

SERVICE DATE – OCTOBER 9, 2026

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36946

ALAMEDA BELT LINE—OPERATION EXEMPTION—BOARD OF HARBOR
COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, BOARD OF HARBOR
COMMISSIONERS (LONG BEACH), ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY, AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: October 9, 2026

On September 16, 2026, Alameda Belt Line (ABL), a Class III railroad, filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41 to assume common carrier operations over various tracks and terminal facilities in the Los Angeles Basin area (the Lines). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on October 2, 2026 (91 Fed. Reg. 62,804). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on October 16, 2026.

As explained in the October 2 notice, ABL states that it would replace Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (PHL), the current operator of the Lines. Because the verified notice did not state whether PHL consented to the replacement, the October 2 notice indicated that PHL would retain all existing common carrier operating authority over the Lines. On October 7, 2026, PHL filed a request for a housekeeping stay, arguing that a stay should remain in place “until ABL provides the Board, PHL, and the shipping public with sufficient information to evaluate whether the proposed transfer of operations qualifies for the class exemption process and can occur without disruption.” (Stay Request 1.)

ABL will be directed to reply to PHL’s request by October 13, 2026.

It is ordered:

1. ABL is directed to reply to the request for a housekeeping stay by October 13, 2026.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.