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Chief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

Re: 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

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

The City of Long Beach, a municipal corporation acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, commercially known as the Port of Long Beach ("POLB") submits this letter to advise the Board that the City of Long Beach acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners formally approved (1) the selection of Alameda Belt Line ("ABL") to be the next port rail operator of POLB's rail facilities, and (2) the Rail Operating Agreement between POLB and ABL that will govern ABL's operations. The formal approval came at a POLB Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting held yesterday November 9, 2026.[1]

The Board is aware from prior filings in this proceeding, but POLB reiterates, POLB and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), have been planning and working toward a two-step transition with terminal maintenance and train control operations (dispatching) on December 2, 2026, and switching operations on January 1, 2027. This is in keeping with the terms of the operating agreement of Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) which is set to expire on December 31, 2026.

To fully move forward with a smooth transition and planning, it would be beneficial to all parties if the Board would eliminate the administrative uncertainty over ABL's ability to take over the rail service operations due to the Board's postponement of the effective date of ABL's exemption. We respectfully request that the Board expeditiously issue an order lifting the postponement and allowing ABL's exemption to become effective immediately.

Copies of this letter are being sent to all parties of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners likewise approved its operating agreement with ABL at a meeting held on October 8, 2026, and is proceeding with the process to obtain approval of the Los Angeles City Council.