



ORANGE COUNTY ENGINEERING COUNCIL (OCEC)

Alameda Corridor Tour

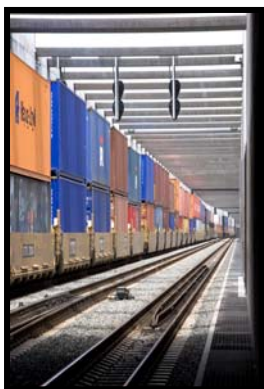
Friday, January 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Join OCEC as we explore the Alameda Corridor. The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile freight rail expressway linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the transcontinental rail network near downtown Los Angeles. It is a series of bridges, underpasses, overpasses and street improvements that separate freight trains from street traffic and passenger trains, facilitating more efficient transportation.

The Alameda Corridor was built primarily as a mitigation project to accommodate port growth. It consolidated four low-speed rail lines, eliminating conflicts at more than 200 at-grade crossings, providing a 40-mile per hour freight expressway, and minimizing the impact on communities.

Prior to completion of the Corridor, trains on the branch lines crossed more than 200 at-grade crossings at an average speed of 10-15 miles per hour. It was not uncommon for a motorist to wait up to 20-30 minutes for a train to pass at a crossing, causing traffic congestion and air quality impacts. The Alameda Corridor has eliminated conflicts at grade crossings and trains now travel at an average speed of 40-miles per hour.



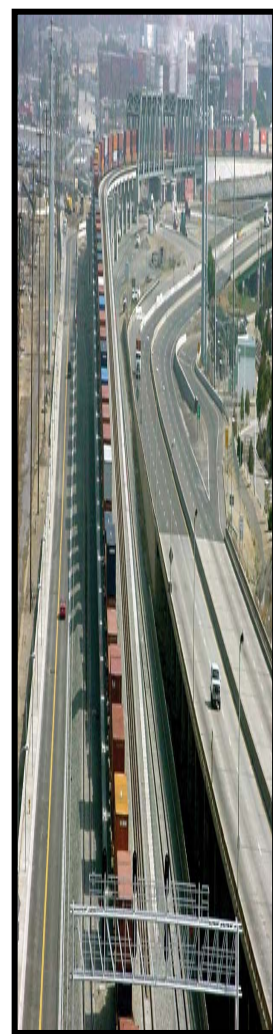
Cargo traveling through the Mid-Corridor Trench

The Alameda Corridor passes through the cities of Los Angeles, Carson, Compton, Lynwood, South Gate, Huntington Park and Vernon.

The project's centerpiece is the Mid-Corridor Trench, which carries freight trains in an open trench that is 10-miles long, 33-feet deep and 50-feet wide between State Route 91 in Carson and 25th Street in Los Angeles.

Construction on the Alameda Corridor began in April 1997 and operations began in April 2002.

To sign up, please contact [Mohammad Sadiq, OCEC Tour Director](mailto:mohammad_sadiq@dot.ca.gov), at mohammad_sadiq@dot.ca.gov no later than January 19, 2009. Registered participants will be provided with tour directions and parking instructions.



Freight train on the Henry Ford Grade Separation at the South End of the Corridor