



## Member Spotlight



# CAGTC Member: Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

Southern California is the nation's leading trade gateway and home to the two busiest container ports in America. Three-quarters of the goods arriving in Southern California leave the region, with the majority carried aboard transcontinental trains bound for domestic destinations across the United States. As frustrated motorists waiting at rail crossings in Southern California can attest, up to 100 freight trains a day traverse the region, with more than 90 percent heading east. By 2025, that number is projected to increase to 250 trains per day, according to a study conducted for the Southern California Association of Governments.



*SGTC Fiber Optic Installation Drilling*



*SGT Fiber Optic Cable Pulling and Splicing*

In response to growth in Pacific Rim trade and associated freight rail traffic, the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority was established in 1998 to oversee a construction program of highway-rail grade separation projects (where the road goes over or under the railroad) and grade crossing safety improvements in eastern Los Angeles County. Fifteen years later, the ACE Construction Authority is in its most productive phase ever, having secured more than \$1.6 billion in federal, state, local and railroad funding commitments for a program of 22 grade separations and a corridor safety upgrade.

With seven grade separation projects and the corridor safety upgrade completed, today the ACE Construction Authority is busy constructing six grade separations while overseeing design engineering and property acquisition on another five projects.



*SGT Retaining Wall Tie Back Testing and Installation*

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Highway-rail grade separations in Southern California mitigate the impacts of nationally significant goods movement by eliminating traffic chokepoints and potentially deadly collisions at crossings, reducing vehicle emissions and eliminating train horn noise. Studies have shown that without construction of the ACE grade separations, traffic delays at highway-rail crossings in the San Gabriel Valley would increase by up to 300 percent. Additionally, the ACE grade separations are an integral element of Southern California's strategy to encourage the long-haul movement of the nation's freight by train rather than by trucks on the region's congested highway network. Other regional projects being planned and implemented include on- and near-dock rail yard projects as well as railroad capacity enhancement projects.



*Nogales Charlie Road Detour Road Paving Curb and Gutter*



*Nogales Gale Avenue Street Widening Asphalt Paving Crew*



*Nogales Storm Drain Line A Alignment*



*Nogales Railroad Storm Drain and Charlie Road Detour Crossing*

Since inception of the ACE grade separation program in eastern Los Angeles County, which followed the opening of the Alameda Corridor, the national significance of the program has been consistently recognized by Congress in federal transportation legislation. Moreover, with State and local encouragement, Congress legislatively expanded the ACE program's scope to encompass a 282-mile ACE Trade Corridor through Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. A total of 131 grade separations are proposed along these freight mainlines at an estimated cost of \$4.6 billion (in 2006 dollars).



*Nogales Storm Drain Line A Rebar for Concrete Floor*

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The ACE Construction Authority has long sought stable federal funding for regionally and nationally significant highway projects and has been active in the fight for a new federal freight program. In fact, ACE is a founding member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC). With the leadership of Congressional champions and the advocacy of CAGTC and other stakeholders, the National Freight Program authorized in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), was a significant and promising policy breakthrough.



*Baldwin Retaining Wall Forming  
Pouring and Striping*

As Congress drafts successor legislation to MAP-21, the ACE Construction Authority will work diligently with Congress, our CAGTC partners and other stakeholders to seek funding to support highway infrastructure projects and programs like ACE. If adequate federal resources are made available, the ACE program in Los Angeles County can be completed for the benefit of the region and our nation.

For more information about the ACE projects, please visit the ACE website at [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org) or call the ACE Helpline at (888) ACE-1426.

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Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Please RSVP by March 4 to Ricky Choi  
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(626) 962-9292 ext. 154

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*Baldwin Retaining Walls and  
Railroad Bridge Columns*



*Baldwin Project Storm Drain  
Line A Construction*

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