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## NOGALES ST. ROADWAY UNDERPASS TAPPED AS THE TOP SAFETY PROJECT AT TRANSPORTATION AWARDS EVENT

(Sacramento) – The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) recognized the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Nogales Street rail-highway grade separation project as the 2016 Safety Project of the Year at an awards luncheon today. The award was announced at the annual CTF Transportation Awards luncheon in Sacramento to recognize the foremost California public and private sector transportation projects from all regions of the state.

Before being closed in 2014 for construction of a roadway underpass and railroad bridge, the Nogales Street crossing ranked as the third most hazardous in the nation and the most hazardous crossing in California, with 10 crossing collisions recorded over 10 years, according to Federal Railroad Administration records. The roadway underpass opened to traffic in June 2016.

"The Nogales Street project eliminates the potential for train-vehicle collisions, delays for emergency responders, locomotive horn noise and reduces vehicle emissions," said ACE Board Chair and San Gabriel Mayor Juli Costanzo. "ACE appreciates the California Transportation Foundation's recognition of the successful partnership which resulted in the funding and construction of this high priority safety project."

The nomination was submitted by ACE. Project partners include the construction contractor on the project, the Griffith Company of Brea, Calif., City of Industry, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, AECOM and WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff engineering and construction management firms, and Union Pacific Railroad.

The Alameda Corridor-East transcontinental rail route, recognized by Congress as a trade corridor of national significance, accommodates about one-fifth of the nation's container traffic, carried on trains to and from the San Pedro Bay ports. The ports are the largest in the western hemisphere, handling more than 40 percent of our nation's containerized imports and nearly 30 percent of exports.

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