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## **PECG's Reasons for Dismissing Performance-Based Infrastructure Just Don't Stand Up**

Sacramento, Calif. – The Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) today issued the following statement in response to the Public Engineers in California Government's (PECG) recent release regarding Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), also known in California as Performance-Based Infrastructure (PBI):

"For PECG to release a statement condemning PPPs as a "proven failure" is utterly misleading and ignores the success of PBIs and their ability to provide needed infrastructure without raising taxes," said Paul Meyer, executive director of CELSOC. "Route 91 and Route 125 are successful examples of PBIs and show how cooperative partnerships between the public and private sectors can lead to faster, higher quality delivery of infrastructure and savings to taxpayers."

The Route 91 (SR 91) Express Lanes were constructed for a much lower cost than California could achieve on its own, and more than 10 years ahead of the state's plan to add capacity to the roadway. Under the management of the California Private Transportation Company, Route 91 has consistently earned more than 95 percent customer satisfaction.

The SR 125 project further validates the value of PPPs. Having been on the books since 1959, the SR 125 South Bay Expressway expansion project is finally getting built, thanks to a PPP between the state and California Transportation Ventures, Incorporated (CTV), a private consortium selected by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in 1990. Once open to traffic, CTV will operate and maintain a portion of the project. After 35 years CTV will turn their portion over to Caltrans.

"The truth is that there are many examples of projects that clearly demonstrate that PBIs can, do and will work in California," Meyer added.

### **Additional Examples of Successful PBIs**

The Alameda Corridor project included collaboration on the part of the Union Pacific and BNSF Railroads, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the State of California and Federal Department of Transportation.

This highly effective PPP produced a 20-mile stretch of railway connecting the nation's largest port complex with the mail line rail routes toward central and eastern U.S. markets. The Alameda Corridor will continue to serve as the benchmark for future public-private partnerships to come

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and is considered by infrastructure leaders to be the most successful public infrastructure project in the last 20 years.

In addition, the San Diego County Water Authority is building its first regional water treatment facility in Twin Oaks Valley, located north of San Marcos. The Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant will produce up to 100 million gallons of treated water per day -- enough to supply up to 220,000 typical four-person households each year. The new facility will prevent treated water shortages in San Diego County and reduce the region's reliance on treated water from outside the county.

To speak to a project expert or for more information on the Alameda Corridor, the Twin Oaks Water Treatment Plant or for more information on successful PBIs across the state of California, contact CELSOC Communications Director Brian Heaton at [bheaton@celsoc.org](mailto:bheaton@celsoc.org) or (916) 441-7991; or CELSOC Legislative Advocate Mark Smith at (916) 441-7991.

For more information on PPPs, including examples and impact numbers, please visit <http://www.celsoc.org/news.asp?nid=99>.

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