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Judge Removes TRO Sought by Public Sector Union to Halt San Francisco's Doyle Drive Improvement Project

SACRAMENTO, January 3, 2011 -- An Alameda County Superior Court judge today dissolved a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) which halted work on the Park Presidio (Doyle Drive) project in San Francisco last month. Judge Wynne S. Carvill also denied a request for a preliminary injunction against the project sought by Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG), the state employees union that has attempted to block the project approved by the California Transportation Commission last May.

PECG has taken issue with the Doyle Drive project because it is structured as a public-private partnership (P3). The Doyle Drive P3 – one of just a handful currently allowed under statute in the state of California – has been recognized by CalTrans (which happens to be PECG's employer), the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) as providing environmental, aesthetic and financial benefits to the state in the form of shifting large upfront costs and financial risk to the private sector, thereby freeing up the state's limited transportation dollars for other projects.

"Today's court ruling is a major win for public safety, improved transportation mobility and the prudent use of the taxpayers' dollars. The P3 model works for transportation projects such as the Doyle Drive/Presidio Parkway improvement for many reasons--not

the least of which is that the project allows the state to shift liability to the private sector and this in turn gives greater certainty over the project schedule and cost,” said Paul Meyer, Executive Director of ACEC California. “At this time of economic uncertainty throughout all levels of state government, that is a critical benefit for taxpayers,” he added.

Soon after the judge issued his decision CalTrans and the SFCTA signed the long standing proposed P3 contract with Golden Link Partners, paving the way for construction to begin later this year. Meyer concluded by saying that CalTrans had acted in a prudent manner on behalf of California taxpayers in signing the agreement today in order to ensure the project stays on schedule and budget.

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