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Judge Rejects PECG Lawsuit Threatening California Construction Jobs

SACRAMENTO, February 22, 2011 -- The American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC California) today hailed last Friday's Alameda Superior Court decision confirming the legality of California's public-private partnership (P3) law to build the second phase of the Presidio Parkway project (also known as Doyle Drive) in San Francisco. The ruling handed down by Judge Wynne Carvill rejected all of the arguments in a lawsuit filed by Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) seeking to halt the project.

"On behalf of those interested in improving California's economy—especially our member engineering firms—we applaud the ruling and look forward to the project now moving forward at full speed in order to deliver this crucial infrastructure improvement on schedule and on budget. The project is creating hundreds of local and California based jobs," said Paul Meyer, Executive Director of ACEC California.

Meyer also pointed out that the project is also vital for making the San Francisco approach to the Golden Gate Bridge seismically safe.

The Presidio Parkway project was structured as a public private partnership under California's innovative P3 law enacted last year. Meyer said that the law is critically important if California is to compete in a global economy while also creating sustainable construction jobs.

"Our critical transportation infrastructure in California is desperately in need of modernization and without the flexibility offered by alternative delivery mechanisms—such as P3s—major projects will not get off the drawing board, crucial jobs will be lost, and we will be left in the dust by our economic competitors," said Meyer.

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