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PECG ASKS CALIFORNIA STATE SUPREME COURT TO SAVE TAXPAYERS ONE BILLION DOLLARS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) has asked the California State Supreme Court to stop the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) from proceeding with a no-bid contract that will waste one billion dollars of taxpayer money and allow a construction contractor to inspect its own work.

“The State Supreme Court is the taxpayers’ last hope in stopping this horrendous waste of taxpayer dollars and threat to public safety,” said Matt Hanson, President of PECG.

The Presidio Parkway project would replace the 1.6 mile connection between the Golden Gate Bridge and the City of San Francisco. Originally scheduled to cost \$473 million through competitively bid contracts, the project was changed to a public-private partnership (P3), resulting in a no-bid contract for \$1.4 billion.

PECG has asked the State Supreme Court to determine if the contract award violates state law. A decision by the Court on whether to consider the issue is expected in about a month.

“It is outrageous that the decision was made to award a no-bid contract that wastes \$1 billion to a firm which will design and build the project and then be responsible for inspecting its own work,” said Hanson. “Contractors inspecting their own work has resulted in numerous well-publicized disasters in the past, sometimes resulting in fatalities.”

“This wasted one billion dollars could be used on other projects to relieve traffic congestion and could create 35,000 jobs. It is inexcusable to waste one billion dollars, lose 35,000 jobs, eliminate competitive bidding, and put public safety at risk,” said Hanson.

ABOUT PECG

PECG represents the 13,000 state-employed engineers and related professionals responsible for designing and inspecting California’s highways and bridges, ensuring that schools and hospitals are safe during earthquakes, and protecting our air, water and beaches from polluters.