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PECG SUPPORTS SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S CALL TO UTILIZE CALTRANS FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – This week, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California sent a letter to Governor Jerry Brown to express her “strong support” for moving the California High-Speed Rail Authority into a new state transportation agency while utilizing the expertise and resources of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) agrees with the assessment outlined in Senator Feinstein’s letter and supports shifting responsibility for high-speed rail to Caltrans.

“Caltrans has the expertise in areas that will be critical to the success of the high-speed rail project: design, engineering, right-of-way, and construction inspection,” said PECG President John Roberts. “The department’s pool of dedicated public servants can get the project on track and deliver it on time and on budget.”

In its May 2011 report on the high-speed rail project, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) recommended that Caltrans take over the responsibility for the project based on its “decades of experience in delivering large transportation infrastructure projects.” In the past five years, Caltrans has delivered 1,391 of its 1,394 projects on time.

“Moving responsibility for the delivery of the high-speed rail project to Caltrans is a win-win for California’s traveling public and taxpayers,” Roberts said.

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