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PECG Statement on Governor Brown's January Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Following the release of the Governor's January budget proposal, Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) President Mark Sheahan released this statement:

“It has been nearly a quarter century since funding for transportation in California was increased. The purchasing power of those dollars has declined dramatically. PECG appreciates the Governor's continuing support for addressing this infrastructure crisis in a meaningful way.

It is important to keep in mind that when taxpayers are asked to dig deep into their pockets to increase their financial support for transportation infrastructure or any other government program, they should have confidence that their money is being spent wisely. Currently, some transportation contracts are awarded without competitive bidding, wasting over \$100 million per year. One current legislative proposal would double that outsourcing and double the waste.

In providing long-overdue additional funding for transportation, PECG would urge the Governor and the Legislature to ensure that wasteful no bid contracts are eliminated. The taxpayers' money should be dedicated to essential construction projects, not excessive corporate profits.”

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PECG represents 13,000 state-employed engineers and related professionals responsible for designing and inspecting California's infrastructure, improving air and water quality, and developing clean energy and green technology.

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