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DKS Associates Awarded \$15 Million Contract from Caltrans to Develop Corridor System Management Plans

Sacramento, CA...DKS Associates recently signed a \$15M contract with Caltrans to help develop Corridor System Management Plans for major travel corridors throughout California. This innovative new program will support the California Transportation Commission's Prop 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account program by identifying corridor management actions that will preserve the mobility gains of the urban corridor capacity improvements funded by the program. The plans will explore the potential role of recent innovations in transportation management including Intelligent Transportation Systems, Integrated Corridor Management and Active Traffic Management along with other management strategies.

The planning efforts will draw on innovative new data collection techniques to develop a multi-level performance monitoring program in each corridor. The monitoring program will be used to identify the specific locations and causes of existing congestion and to ensure that the plan is a "living document" that provides guidance for management of the corridor well into the future. The corridor plans will be designed to be flexible so that they can be updated or modified to accommodate changes as performance monitoring provides new information.

To develop the plans, DKS will undertake a comprehensive assessment of the existing and forecasted future travel conditions in each corridor and will evaluate a broad range of management strategies. Strategies will be considered that can relieve congestion, enhance mobility, improve safety and provide greater connectivity in the transportation system. DKS will be responsible for completing data collection, modeling, micro-simulation, engineering analysis and communication of project findings to support the planning in each corridor.

DKS will use complex, state-of-the-art modeling systems that can forecast future traffic conditions and accurately reflect the potential benefits of system management strategies. The modeling will include freeway mainline lanes, ramps, HOV lanes, potential express lanes and major transit services as defined by project alternatives. The modeling will also include major arterials parallel to the freeways and connecting cross streets to ensure that all potential responses to the management strategies are captured by the analysis.

Most of the corridors to be studied involve multiple jurisdictions because they pass through numerous local agencies and are used by transit and other operating agencies. The development of the plans will require consensus building skills to secure the understanding and commitments of stakeholders across jurisdictional boundaries for successful implementation and phasing or corridor improvements. The improvements recommended in each plan will be designed to function efficiently and effectively in an integrated manner with other locally proposed improvements.

DKS will be developing plans for the following corridors as shown on the graphic below:

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