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AIAI SUPPORTS COLORADO GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER'S VETO

Executive Action Represents Common Sense Direction for P3 Policy in Colorado

New York, NY, June 4, 2014: AIAI – the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure – applauds Colorado’s Governor John Hickenlooper for his courageous actions as he vetoed SB 14-197, the “High Performance Transportation Enterprise Transparency” bill and instead issued Executive Order D 2014-010. The objective of the Executive Order is to improve transparency, accountability and openness relating to the Colorado Department of Transportation’s High-Performance Transportation Enterprise.

William Marino, Chairman of AIAI expressed his support for the Governor and local officials, “Governor Hickenlooper’s veto of Senate Bill 14-197 reflects Colorado’s rational approach for understanding Public Private Partnerships (P3s). P3s offer a viable and valuable means for the state of Colorado and the rest of the country to build the critical infrastructure projects that it needs while boosting local economies and creating jobs.”

Richard Fierce, President of AIAI acknowledged the Governor for being a steward for public accountability and said, “AIAI supports all efforts by local, state and the Federal government to increase opportunities for Public Private Partnerships, and we commend Governor Hickenlooper for his actions. Through his efforts, he has demonstrated that Colorado is open for business, allowing the State of Colorado to realize the benefits of innovative project delivery that P3s bring to these critical infrastructure projects.”

AIAI fully supports public participation throughout infrastructure planning, environmental review and project prioritization processes. Those thorough evaluations should be completed before starting contract procurement activities. P3s are an effective method for delivering public projects and maintaining critical public infrastructure. It is important to distinguish issues related to prioritizing and selecting projects from those related to delivering projects and services.

The proposed bill would have meant Colorado taking a step back from its progressive policy of enabling P3s. Public Private Partnerships are a proven method of designing, developing, financing operating and maintaining much needed public infrastructure. The proposed bill would have discouraged investment on Colorado by restricting P3 opportunities.

ABOUT AIAI

AIAI - the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure is a non-profit organization formed to help shape the direction of the national Public Private Partnership marketplace. AIAI serves as a national proponent to facilitate education and legislation through targeted advocacy.

AIAI’s Board of Directors has national and international experience and industry knowledge that provides the Association with a clear direction for developing and advocating policy and legislative solutions, allowing more equitable and effective partnerships across diverse market sectors from transportation and energy to educational, health and public service institutions.

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