California exclusive and originated priority permit processing

Crafted by a working group of building officials and design professionals, PASS is a Sacramento regional initiative that enhances code conformance—while saving time and money for both public and private sector projects.

Benefits of PASS

- **Civic Leaders** achieve increased economic activity and community investment.
- **The public** is served by buildings that meet today’s high level of performance and design standards in energy, sustainability, and aesthetics.
- **Businesses** get on with their business sooner and save time and money.
- **Design Professionals** and all those involved in the creation and support of the built environment work more efficiently.
How does it work?

In its essence, PASS is a training and document approval program, run by industry professionals, that instructs participating organizations on how to implement a defined system of document standards that make for relatively uniform building plan documents. Documents that utilize PASS standards are much easier to review and in turn, provide a rapid approval process.

PASS is flexible enough to require minimum changes to normal operations for either Design Professionals or Code Officials, it does not shift any roles or responsibilities, and it saves all parties time and money.

In order to become PASS certified and eligible for expedited approval you must complete steps 1 and 2.

- Register and participate in the PASS training program.
- Graduate from the PASS training class and register as a PASS certified design, construction, or planning professional.
- Submit PASS compliant planning documents for review.
- Your PASS compliant documents will bypass the traditional intake examination and be reviewed by a PASS qualified plans examiner, allowing for expedited approval and an overall accelerated building completion.

PASS includes:
- A checklist that outlines document content and organization.
- A set of consensus derived drawing examples that make up a detailed training program.
- A test which must be passed for listing on the PASS registry.

To receive a notification about the date of the next class email admin@StreamlineInstitute.org

Who should take the class?

PASS is open to anyone who can be the responsible party for a set of commercial plans, and it can be used for any size Tenant Improvement, or Commercial or Multifamily project.

Broadly, anyone who can be the Professional of Record for a TI or New Commercial or Multifamily building project can/should take the training program.

Architects, engineers, contractors and designers. | Plan review professionals from jurisdictions adopting or considering adopting PASS | Anyone seeking knowledge of Construction Documents and the Permit Process

Who is currently using PASS?

Over 100 professionals are now on the PASS registry.

City of Citrus Heights | City of Lincoln | City of Roseville | County of Eldorado
City of Davis | City of Modesto | City of Sacramento | County of Placer
City of Elk Grove | City of Oakdale | City of West Sacramento | County of Sacramento
City of Folsom | City of Rancho Cordova | City of Woodland | County of Stanislaus
City of Galt | City of Rocklin

- Soon to join the PASS alliance: City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, County of Yolo, County of Yuba

In addition, a number of Plan Review consultancy firms use PASS, including Bureau Veritas, Interwest, and Four Leaf.

PASS is the same across the eighteen jurisdictions that currently use it, creating a regional consistency.

PASS is a collaborative process that increases the efficiency of the permit process, doesn’t change any existing roles or responsibilities, will not increase risk or liability, and will save owners, contractors, developers, jurisdictions time and money.

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