

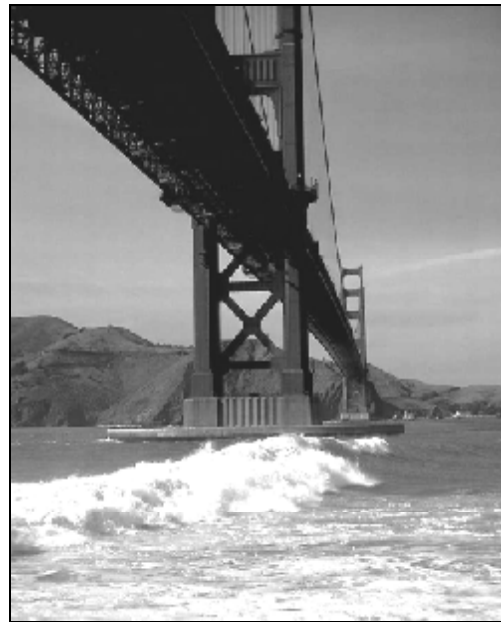
In 1972, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area was created, and the Presidio was designated to be part of the recreation area if the military ever closed the base. As part of a military base reduction program in 1989, Congress decided to close the post. As such, the Presidio was transferred to the National Park Service on October 1, 1994. Then in 1998, the management of the Presidio became split between the National Park Service (Area A) and the Presidio Trust (Area B).

1.3 Project History

The history of this project dates back to 1933 when the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District (renamed in 1969, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District) started construction on Doyle Drive as the southern approach to the Golden Gate Bridge. Doyle Drive was named after Frank P. Doyle, a director of the California State Automobile Association. Mr. Doyle was a roadway advocate and civic leader, and the first private citizen to cross the Golden Gate Bridge.

Doyle Drive was designed and built to operate with three, three-meter (ten-foot) lanes in each direction, separated by painted double stripes. In September 1945, Doyle Drive became a state highway. Subsequently, the California Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans, assumed responsibility for maintenance of the section extending from near the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza to the Palace of Fine Arts and the Marina District of San Francisco.

In 1955, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway District requested that the State widen and reconstruct Doyle Drive to handle increasing congestion. In 1962, the District specifically asked for an eight-lane divided roadway as part of a proposed Golden Gate Freeway. The proposal was not pursued due to public objection. In 1970, after a fatal accident on the facility, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that Doyle Drive be upgraded to current freeway design standards. In 1973, a *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS) was completed for reconstruction of Doyle Drive as an eight-lane highway with a fixed median barrier. The public objected to the proposal, and the following year the state legislature passed the Marks Bill, which prohibited



Doyle Drive provides access to the Golden Gate Bridge