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DOYLE DRIVE'S RECOVERY ACT PROJECT IN SAN FRANCISCO MOVES FORWARD

Sacramento – Caltrans opened eight bids on Friday for the long-awaited replacement of Doyle Drive in the Presidio Parkway. The project is broken into eight individual contracts in an effort to expedite delivery and will be funded in part by \$168 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).

"This project is a solid investment in the future of the Bay Area's transportation infrastructure. It will reduce traffic congestion while creating thousands of jobs for California and improving our economy," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "Thanks to the Recovery Act, we have been able to expedite construction on this project a full year ahead of schedule."

The second contract, specifically, allows for \$122 million in Recovery Act funding. It will construct a temporary bypass, a southbound tunnel and a section of permanent roadway. Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration will review the apparent low bid of \$57,712,535 by R & L Brosamer Inc. of Walnut Creek to ensure it meets all contract requirements. If it does, the contract should be awarded in late March and construction is expected to begin in May. The lower than expected bid amount will allow Caltrans to use the remaining Recovery Act funds on additional highway projects. In December 2009, work began on Doyle Drive's first major construction contract, a \$48.4 million project to build a new southbound viaduct bridge.

The goal is to award 25 percent of the project to small businesses. The project has been very successful in actively engaging small businesses throughout the Bay Area and the state. The first contract for preconstruction work achieved a remarkable 87 percent small business participation rate, with more than \$3.6 million of the contract's total \$4.1 million going directly to small businesses.

The key feature of the second major construction contract is the addition of the southbound Battery Tunnel, one of two short tunnels that will enhance the connection between the Presidio and Crissy Field. The top of the tunnel will function as a parkway





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corridor with new pathways and pedestrian and bicycle trails. In addition, a temporary bypass will be built that will allow traffic to flow unimpeded during construction.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California leads the nation with \$2.54 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 907 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 516 projects worth \$2.5 billion have been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$456 million in Recovery Act funds expected to be awarded to 103 projects by April. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: www.recovery.ca.gov

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