



RE-ENVISIONING DOYLE DRIVE



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Doyle Drive Team Begins Next Phase of Constructing Seismically Safe Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO – A 13-hour closure of the northbound connection from Highway 1/19th Avenue to Doyle Drive and the Golden Gate Bridge has been scheduled from 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 18 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. This closure is necessary in order to shift northbound Highway 1 traffic to the former southbound lanes of the Ruckman Bridge (north of the MacArthur Tunnel).

This closure and northbound traffic shift will allow crews to demolish the old bridge and begin construction of the permanent replacement bridge. See a video here: www.presidioparkway.org/video/?id=17

Optional trips should be avoided during this closure. Motorists should avoid northbound Highway 1 in San Francisco during this time.

Construction of the Presidio Parkway has been carefully planned to allow mainline traffic to flow during construction of the new roadway. Accordingly, this shift allows traffic to continue moving while the permanent Ruckman Bridge is built.

“This is an important step to ultimately move traffic onto a brand new bridge and on-ramp connecting to Highway 101,” said Dave Pang, construction manager, Presidio Parkway Project. “These short term closures and traffic shifts are critical to avoid long term traffic impacts and delays. We ask that the public avoid traveling in the area during the closure, if possible.”

After the roadway opens up again on Saturday, June 19, motorists should be aware of the new roadway configuration and exercise caution in construction zones.

Weekend Detour Information

Detour signage will direct motorists traveling northbound from Highway 1 to Highway 101 via Geary Boulevard/Van Ness Avenue/Lombard Street.

View a map of the detour route on page 2 of the advisory:

www.presidioparkway.org/project_docs/files/FinalRampClosureAdvisoryJune18.pdf

This detour route was selected because it is able to carry a high volume of traffic and uses relatively flat streets. The signed detour must be accessible to all vehicles, including large trucks, motor homes, etc.; however, most people will choose their alternate route based on what is most convenient for where they are coming from and going to.

The closure was scheduled for a time when traffic volumes are low.

Construction Webcam and Traffic Shift Simulation

After traffic is moved to the old southbound bridge lanes, the old northbound bridge lanes will be demolished and reconstructed. This work can be seen via webcam at www.presidioparkway.com/webcam/?cam=2.

About The Doyle Drive Replacement Project

The replacement of Doyle Drive with the Presidio Parkway is a collaborative effort led by the California Department of Transportation and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.

Doyle Drive is the portion of Route 101 located within the Presidio of San Francisco that winds 1.5 miles along the northern edge of San Francisco and connects the San Francisco peninsula to the Golden Gate Bridge and the North Bay. Each weekday, more than 100,000 vehicles travel between Marin and San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge along Doyle Drive.

Doyle Drive is structurally and seismically deficient and must be replaced. The roadway is facing the same problem that threatens other crucial components of the nation's infrastructure – the ravages of time and continual use. Originally built in 1936, Doyle Drive has reached the end of its useful life. The new Presidio Parkway replacement is based on a world-class design that will improve the seismic, structural and traffic safety of the roadway. It also will be far more sensitive to community needs and the national park setting, reducing impacts on biological, cultural, historical and natural resources and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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