



RE-ENVISIONING DOYLE DRIVE



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Southbound Hwy 101 to Southbound Hwy 1 – New Roadway Condition

*Overnight ramp closure will shift traffic to temporary bridge
Motorists should be aware of new alignment and potential weekend delays*

SAN FRANCISCO – The Presidio Parkway replacement of Doyle Drive has reached an important milestone with the completion of a temporary bridge on Highway 1, north of the MacArthur Tunnel. In order to switch traffic to the temporary bridge, there will be a 12-hour closure of the southbound connection from the Golden Gate Bridge to Highway 1/19th Avenue scheduled from 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22.

On Saturday morning, one lane of the southbound Highway 101 to Highway 1 off-ramp will open to traffic; two lanes will be open by Monday morning. Motorists could encounter delays over the weekend due to the temporary one-lane off-ramp and new alignment.

Motorists should be aware of the new roadway configuration, reduce speed to 25 miles per hour on the off-ramp and the new temporary bridge, and otherwise exercise caution in construction zones.

Temporary Bridge Keeps Traffic Moving During Construction

After traffic is on the temporary bridge, the old bridge will be demolished and reconstructed. The new, temporary bridge can be seen adjacent to the existing southbound lanes via webcam at www.presidioparkway.com/webcam/?cam=2.

“We built the temporary bridge in order to keep traffic moving while we replace the old bridge,” said Dave Pang, construction manager, Caltrans. “Construction is moving along very smoothly and this traffic shift is an important step.”

View a simulation video of the traffic switch onto the temporary bridge at www.presidioparkway.org/video/?id=17.

Weekend Detour Information

Detour signage will direct southbound travelers to continue on Highway 101 (Lombard Street and Van Ness Avenue) to Geary Boulevard to Highway 1/19th Avenue. 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 lowest and crews can work safely without endangering the traveling public. Optional trips should be avoided during this closure.

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.

For printable advisory, visit

www.presidioparkway.org/project_docs/files/OvernightRampClosureAdvisoryMay2010.pdf

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