



RE-ENVISIONING DOYLE DRIVE



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Long-term Closure of Lincoln Boulevard Starts Tomorrow

Crews begin construction of the Presidio Parkway's first tunnel

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Breathtaking views of the San Francisco Bay, more trails and open space for bicyclists and pedestrians in the Presidio...these improvements are quickly moving towards reality as construction begins on the new southbound Battery Tunnel, a signature design element of the new Presidio Parkway that lowers the roadway and covers portions with short tunnels to make room for more park land. To construct the tunnel, Lincoln Boulevard will be closed in front of the San Francisco National Cemetery between McDowell Avenue and Montgomery Street for approximately 18 months between June 2, 2010 and late 2011.

“Construction of the first Presidio Parkway tunnel is an exciting milestone that will begin to showcase what a positive difference the new design is going to make in the area,” said Dave Pang, Caltrans construction manager. “We’re pleased that the project continues to move forward on schedule.

Construction of the Battery Tunnel falls under the second major construction contract for \$57.7 million that began in April 2010. Once the first two major contracts are completed in 2011, motorists will be shifted onto completed sections of the permanent Presidio Parkway as well as the temporary bypass – and will be driving on a seismically safe roadway.

For a map of the closure and detour routes, see:

http://www.presidioparkway.org/project_docs/files/LincClosureDetours_June2010.pdf

Upon completion of the southbound Battery Tunnel in 2011, Lincoln Boulevard will be temporarily replaced over the top of the tunnel and re-opened to traffic.

See simulations of Lincoln Boulevard and the Southbound Battery Tunnel and a video construction process:

www.presidioparkway.org/press_center/

How to Get Around During the Closure

Vehicles

Vehicles should use the signed detour along from Halleck Street and McDowell Avenue to Mason Street and Lincoln Boulevard during this closure.

Bicyclists

Bicyclists traveling west should use Halleck Street to Mason Street to Crissy Field Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard. Bicyclists traveling east (from the Golden Gate Bridge) should use Long Avenue (access road down to Fort Point) to Mason Street to avoid the construction area.

Bicyclists and motorists are encouraged to be cautious when traveling around construction sites and to follow the instructions from traffic controllers and construction signage.

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 to the national park setting, reducing impacts on biological, cultural, historical and natural resources and on the surrounding neighborhoods.

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