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Overnight Closures of Northbound Highway 1 Connection to Highway 101 *Closures Required for Deconstruction of Old High Viaduct – Begin Wednesday at 12:01am*

SAN FRANCISCO – Removal of the last remnant of the old Doyle Drive is underway as Phase II construction continues for the Presidio Parkway project. Removal of the old High Viaduct is necessary to make way for construction of the new northbound High Viaduct that will be built in the same footprint. To ensure safety during removal of the old High Viaduct, there will be overnight closures of northbound Highway 1 starting Wednesday, May 15 from 12:01 to 4:00 a.m. Nighttime work and highway closures are expected to continue during the early morning hours, Monday through Saturday, for approximately three weeks.

Crews are carefully deconstructing the old bridge in the opposite order in which it was originally built. The road deck was first demolished, which will be followed by removal of the steel truss, then the columns, and finally the foundation of the structure.

Planned closure hours for northbound Highway 1 are Monday – Thursday from 12:01 – 4:00 a.m. and Friday – Saturday from 1:00– 5:00 a.m. Detour signage will direct motorists from Highway 1 to Highway 101 via Geary Boulevard/Van Ness Avenue/Lombard Street. These detour routes were selected because they are able to carry a high volume of traffic and use 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 their trip.

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

About the 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.

Phase II is the first project in California to operate as a public-private partnership (P3) under the authority of Senate Bill X2 4. The selected developer (Golden Link Concessionaire) will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the project for 30 years.

Doyle Drive is the portion of Route 101 located within the Presidio of San Francisco. The roadway winds 1.5 miles along the northern edge of San Francisco, connecting 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, and along Doyle Drive.

The old Doyle Drive was structurally and seismically deficient and needed to be replaced. The roadway was 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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