

DOYLE DRIVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (SOUTH ACCESS TO THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE) THE PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO

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Status

EIR/S completed 2008
Construction Management through 2012

Total Budget to Date

\$450,000

Project Reference

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Baseline has been an integral member of the Doyle Drive Replacement Project (DDRP) consultant team since 2000. Our role has included both CEQA/NEPA environmental analysis and assistance with pre-construction monitoring and data collection. Baseline was also retained to continue on through project construction to assist with spoils and dewatering effluent characterization and management.



The DDRP upgraded approximately 1.8 miles of Doyle Drive (State Highway 101), which connects the Golden Gate Bridge to the rest of San Francisco. Doyle Drive traverses the Presidio, an environmentally- and aesthetically-sensitive historic military base, now part of the National Park system. Starting in 2000, Baseline performed preliminary evaluations of

hazardous materials and hydrogeologic conditions to identify potential significant impacts for the design alternatives, and assisted in preparation of the technical reports and the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report, which was approved in December 2008. The Presidio Trust, Caltrans, National Park Service, and Federal Highway Administration were participating agencies in the environmental review.

Hazardous materials issues included the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons and other chemicals from former land uses at the base, aerially-deposited lead from vehicle exhaust, and naturally-occurring asbestos. Baseline conducted an extensive soil and groundwater investigation within the project footprint before construction, to develop soil and groundwater reuse and disposal options, appropriate worker health and safety measures, and management procedures for excavated material to be implemented during project construction. Potential reuse of soil within the Presidio was evaluated by comparison with the Presidio Trust's detailed site-specific reuse criteria. Off-site reuse options were evaluated by comparison with local agency requirements. Extensive chemical data were managed and evaluated against comparison criteria using an Access database.

Using innovative soil pre-characterization methods and sophisticated statistical and database management techniques to determine how to maximize on-site soil reuse and minimize soil handling, BASELINE saved the project sponsors hundreds of thousands of dollars in spoils handling, hauling, and disposal costs.

I have been most pleased with Baseline Environmental Consulting with respect to their hazardous waste work on the Doyle Drive Replacement Project. They are a team player and yet offer leadership and independence of thought. Their understanding of complex hazardous waste issues and regulatory requirements are exemplary. Their reports are highly technical and yet easy to follow. It's been a pleasure to work with such competent professionals such as Ms. Cheri Page, Mr. Bruce Abelli-Amen, and Ms. Yane Nordhav.

Ray Boyer, District Branch Chief - Hazardous Waste, Caltrans