



FACT SHEET | Presidio Tunnel Tops Project

Over the past two decades the 1,500-acre Presidio of San Francisco has experienced an amazing transformation from a military post to national park site. Now a green oasis in the midst of a bustling urban environment, the Presidio provides what city dwellers have declared to be their greatest need—a place to escape from it all, recharge, and reconnect with nature and each other. And now, a brand new park attraction built over the highway tunnels and opened in July, 2022, offers even more amenities, and new views, play spaces, and gathering places. Residents and visitors alike, can enjoy an inclusive and safe space in which to connect with the great outdoors.

Site Benefits

- Welcomes all with free, open access to a world-class national park site
- Offers a place of renewal in our busy urban lives, where all can relax and renew
- Provides safe and interactive spaces for kids and families to play, learn, discover, and grow
- Connects the heart of the Presidio with the park's waterfront at Crissy Field
- Inspires visitors with iconic 360-degree views not visible from any other San Francisco location

Escape into Views, Nature, and Play

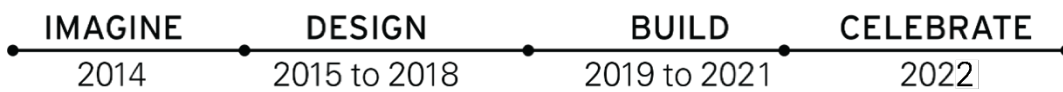
Thoughtfully designed by James Corner Field Operations (the firm behind New York's *High Line*), the Presidio Tunnel Tops features scenic overlooks, paths and gardens, meadows and picnic grounds, a plaza with food, transit and visitor services, a campfire circle, and a two-acre "Outpost" and a Field Station where kids can explore nature. It is an iconic San Francisco place -- a "must see" destination for visitors from across the country and around the world. The Presidio Tunnel Tops welcomes people from all walks of life to slow down, live in the moment, and regain a sense of well-being.

Project History

In 1993, visionary Bay Area leaders, urban planners, and citizens were faced with replacing the seismically unsafe highway to the Golden Gate Bridge (Doyle Drive), an above-ground span that divided the Presidio's waterfront from its historic core. The community did not seek to rebuild a freeway – it dreamed of moving the road into tunnels. Today, the highway has been replaced by the elegant Presidio Parkway (www.PresidioParkway.org), which allowed the Partnership for the Presidio to fulfill the vision of a generation – to create a 14-acre park atop the new roadway tunnels.

Process and Timeline

In 2014, the project partners – the Presidio Trust, the National Park Service, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy – kicked off the process with the "imagine" phase, a community outreach effort that brought to light the public's ideas and wishes for the site. In 2015, the public began working with James Corner Field Operations to shape the design of how the Presidio Tunnel Tops will look and what people can do there. More than 10,000 people attended workshops and tours, shared comments and ideas, visited the website, and dropped into the Project Lab. The design process concluded in 2018, followed by a four-year construction period. An intense community programming effort ensued, and a grand public opening on July 17, 2022.



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