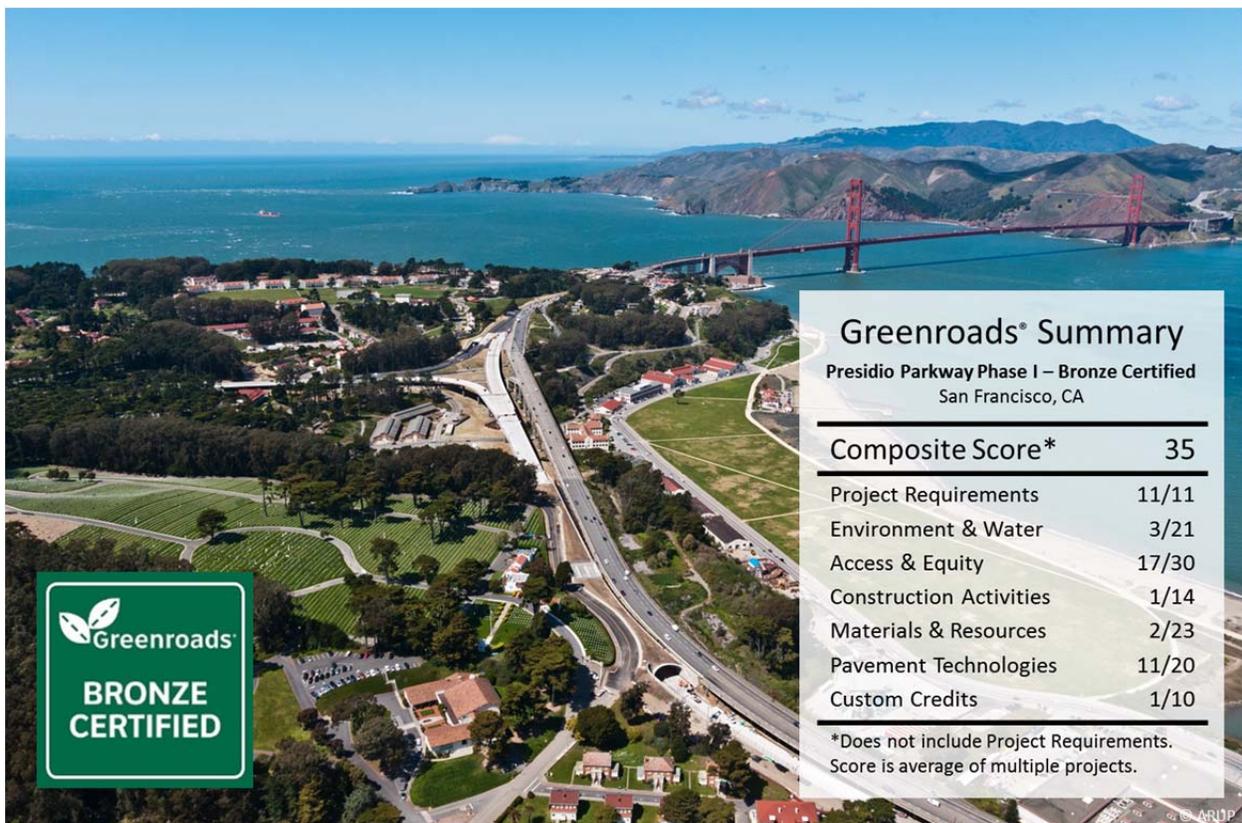


CALTRANS' PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDIO PARKWAY PHASE I IS CERTIFIED
FIRST STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS FOR GREENROADS, MORE TO COME

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – February 19, 2015 – Greenroads Foundation certified Caltrans' Presidio Parkway Phase I projects with a Bronze Rating including Highway 1 - Ruckman Bridge, Highway 101 - Southbound High Viaduct, and Highway 101 Southbound Battery Tunnel. This success puts Caltrans in the lead for sustainable highway projects across the nation as the first DOT to have Greenroads in the states.

"This is a milestone," said Jeralee Anderson, Greenroads Executive Director. "The Golden State works hard to be known also as a green state. This first step for Caltrans proves the state is taking real action to green its transportation infrastructure and get more mileage out of transportation tax dollars. We are pleased to partner with Caltrans make that happen. The project team worked hard to earn it."

Presidio Parkway Phase I began working with Greenroads as Pilot Project in 2011 and was the first highway agency to engage with Greenroads Foundation. As a result of the Pilot Project process, Caltrans and the Project Team at ARUP/Parsons Brinckerhoff JV opted to pursue formal Certification through Greenroads' third-party sustainability rating program. "The Greenroads team provided instrumental interpretation support and moral encouragement throughout the process, especially during our last stretch to attain Certification," noted Frances Yang, Structures and Sustainability Specialist at ARUP.



Presidio Parkway Phase I Project's Greenroads Scorecard. All three projects completed all 11 Project Requirements and completed and documented an average of 35 points, earning a Bronze Composite Rating.



The Presidio Parkway Project is a 1.6 mile, \$1.045 billion dollar, multi-phased corridor reconstruction project built over six years to improve a structurally and seismically deficient roadway of historic Doyle Drive. Construction began in 2009 and included rethinking, redesigning and rebuilding in and around a national treasure, the Golden Gate Recreational Area.

Phase I rebuilt the southern access to the Golden Gate Bridge (Doyle Drive) and created a park-like connection between the Presidio and recreation areas at Chrissy Field. The new Battery Tunnel makes this connection. Contracts were awarded to prime contractors C.C. Myers (Ruckman Bridge and Southbound High Viaduct) and R.L. Brosamer (Southbound Battery Tunnel). Seismic safety was achieved on the project in April 2012.

Phase II of the Project will complete the southbound connection to local streets and build the northbound lanes of Highway 101, including three new covered tunnels. Phase II is targeting a Greenroads Silver Rating. The Project is expected to be complete in 2016.

Key elements recognized by Greenroads in the Projects' Certification included an extensive public involvement process with special attention paid to biological, cultural, and natural resources. "This project earned very high marks for the context sensitive design," said Anderson. "It is a challenge to rebuild complicated infrastructure in a dense urban environment with active traffic. The team made several good choices early on in Project development to position the Project to be successful, including specifying certain plans were in place to help mitigate the impacts of different construction activities throughout the work, like waste and recycling, noise control and construction quality."

The Project connects neighborhoods, communities, includes all modes of travel, and encourages tourism all within a richly diverse ecological environment. The Presidio Parkway Project achieved this with:

- better pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- wider lanes for tour buses
- the strategic decision to eliminate freight access
- use of intelligent transportation systems
- extensive use of native vegetation

Caltrans kept traffic moving and access to the recreational area open throughout the Project. Additionally, the Project is designed to be durable and low maintenance – reducing future construction work and maintenance costs to taxpayers.

To date, and including these projects, Greenroads Foundation has certified 20 street and highway projects in the U.S. and Canada. To learn more about the sustainable design features and Greenroads for Presidio Parkway, visit the Presidio Parkway website at <http://www.presidioparkway.org/features/>

The Greenroads Rating System is a collection of sustainable roadway design and construction best practices that address water, environment, access, community impact, construction practices and materials. There are 11 "Project Requirements" that must be completed in order for a roadway to be considered a Greenroad, as well as 37 "Voluntary Credits" that a project team can choose to pursue. After a rigorous review process, the Greenroads Foundation then assigns a project score based on the number of points earned by meeting the requirements and achieving credits. This score translates to one of four certification levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Evergreen.

Currently, there are over 60 registered Greenroads Projects pursuing certification and 20 completed and certified projects in the world. There are five other municipalities in California with registered or Certified Greenroads Projects: in Campbell, San José, Santa Ana, Long Beach and Orange County.



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