Presidio Open Space Projects 2021 - 2022

Access Improvements

Mason Street Sidewalk Project
We’re designing a sidewalk along the south side of Mason Street between Presidio Tunnel Tops and Sports Basement. This new section will link the MUNI bus stop in the Sports Basement parking lot to the wider pedestrian network. The construction schedule is to be determined.

Bike Share Expansion
In spring 2021, dockless shared e-bikes will be available again in the Presidio courtesy of Bay Wheels. Later in 2021, four bikeshare stations will be added to the Presidio; these stations will allow users to park classic bicycles (with no electric assist) within the Presidio.

Park-wide Paving and Bike Network Improvements
In summer 2021, we’ll complete a major project to repave 25% of the park’s roadways (7 miles in all). This will reduce long-term maintenance costs and improve safety for everyone. Several bike network improvements are being completed as part of the effort, including separated bike lanes in many areas, advisory bike lanes on Graham Street, and a mini-roundabout on Lincoln Boulevard at Girard Road.

Battery Electric Bus
We’ll be adding a battery electric bus to the PresidioGo Shuttle fleet in 2022. The new bus will be used on the Presidio Hills route and will be more spacious with low-floor boarding. This is the Presidio’s first battery electric bus and is a big step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Landscape + Trails

Presidio Tunnel Tops
Presidio Tunnel Tops construction will be substantially complete in fall 2021. Ongoing landscape work is focused on the overlooks, terraces, trails, picnic areas, campfire circle, nature playascape, and gardens. Construction also includes the upgraded Crissy Field Center and two new buildings, the Field Station and the labs, as well as a new covered patio adjacent to the Transit Center. A soft opening will occur in fall/winter, followed by a public opening in spring 2022. Details are at www.PresidioTunnelTops.org.

Accessible Loop Trail
A 1.75-mile accessible loop trail includes segments of the Presidio Promenade, Park Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, and Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. In 2021-22, we’ll address erosion and improve accessibility by resurfacing sections of the trail with unpaved shale and reconstructing level landings.

Swords to Plowshares + Wayburn Redwood Grove
At the Swords to Plowshares Veterans Academy, we’ll be improving the landscape and site furnishings to enhance the campus for its residents. In the nearby Wayburn Redwood Grove, we’ll replace trees lost to drought.

Ruckman/Storey Neighborhood Landscape Refresh
In 2021, we’ll engage neighbors and prepare a design for new landscape treatments and walkway improvements. The design will include replacement of declining vegetation around the buildings and additional plantings in open areas with a focus on water conversation. A timeline for completing the work has not yet been set.

Landscape Improvements

Franciscan Manzanita Establishment
In partnership with the National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, we continue to establish a population of federally endangered Franciscan manzanita in select areas along the Coastal Bluffs using clones of individuals preserved in botanical gardens. This will increase the population from one to several genetic types. Plantings and monitoring will continue over several years.

Coastal Bluff Outfalls
We’re repairing storm drain outfalls that cross under Lincoln Boulevard and extend into the Coastal Bluffs between Washington Boulevard and North Pershing Road. Two will be upsized and installed in a way that stabilizes the Coastal Trail and Coastal Bluffs from erosion. After the work is complete, we’ll plant and monitor the Coastal Bluff landscape areas.

East Washington Neighborhood Landscape Improvements
In 2021, we’ll replace declining vegetation around the buildings and plant new trees and shrubs in open areas with a focus on water conversation. A timeline for completing the work has not yet been set.

Battery Tunnels Tops
In 2021, we’ll create public open space on top of the new Presidio Parkway tunnels along Lincoln Boulevard near San Francisco National Cemetery. We’re also restoring surrounding parklands extending from the Battery Bluffs down to Cavalry Bowl and the Pet Cemetery. These lands, 16 acres in all, were disrupted when the Doyle Drive highway to the Golden Gate Bridge was replaced with the Presidio Parkway. The new site will be known as the Battery Tunnel Tops. It will feature scenic overlooks and parklets with sweeping views of the Golden Gate, Angel Island, and Alcatraz. Visitors will be able to enjoy picnic tables, grills, and benches. The site will also include a new multi-use segment of the Presidio Promenade trail that extends from the Korean War Memorial to the Cavalry Bowl and beyond to Crissy Field and the Golden Gate Bridge. The project will also stabilize the historic gun batteries, Blaney, Slaughter and Sherwood nestled in the bluff.

Our Compost Program
The Presidio is home to on-site compost programs where yard waste, brush, grass clippings, and manure are collected throughout the park and transformed into a valuable soil amendment. The nutrient-rich compost is used to boost the health of the soil in forest plantings, as a component of potting mix for the Presidio Nursery, and as an amendment for landscapes and gardens. Each year, close to 500 tons of green debris is kept out of the Presidio waste streams and converted into valuable compost.

Forests

Lyon Street Reforestation - Phase 4
In August/September 2021, we’ll begin Phase 4 of this reforestation project by removing 50 Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees and 25 Monterey cypress trees that are in poor health. We’ll then replant the one-acre site with a variety of Eucalyptus species of varying size and stature.

Redwood Reforestation - Phase 5
In the September/October 2021, we’ll remove twenty-five Monterey Pine and 50 Black Acacia trees. We’ll then replant this one-acre site with several varieties of redwood trees and a mixture of native understory species.

Lower Klobbe Reforestation - Phase 3
In October/November 2021, we’ll remove 15 unhealthy Monterey cypress trees and later replant with the same species.

Wright Loop Reforestation - Phase 1
This nearly one-acre area between Wright Loop and the Klobbe Community Garden consists of a mixture of dead trees, exotic Acacia, various brush species and ivy. In November 2021, we’ll remove the existing vegetation and replant with low-lying native species, larger native woody species (including oak, toyon and buckeye), and a variety of flowering and fruiting trees.