



## TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF CRISSY FIELD CENTER

### Introduction

The National Park Service needs to temporarily relocate the Crissy Field Center (CFC) due to the construction associated with Doyle Drive replacement project. During this construction period, it will not be possible for the CFC, which is directly adjacent to Doyle Drive, to operate safely or effectively with the disruptions caused by major construction, including truck traffic, dust, noise, and vibration. For the duration of the construction, the NPS proposes to house the CFC in “green” modular units installed at the east end of Crissy Field. This site is south of the East Beach parking area, north of the intersection of Marina Blvd and Mason Street (See Attachment 1).

### Background

The long-anticipated reconstruction of Doyle Drive/ US 101 between the Golden Gate Bridge and Richardson Avenue will begin in summer 2009. Economic stimulus funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are accelerating the original construction schedule.

The current location of CFC is located in an area that will be heavily impacted by construction activities associated with the Doyle Drive replacement project. Adjacent to the current CFC location the Doyle Drive replacement project will demolish the existing elevated section of roadway then reconstruct this section as a covered parkway. The close proximity of the CFC building to the construction zone will require the CFC to relocate its programs, activities, and visitor amenities. It is anticipated that the CFC would be displaced for up to 5 years until the Doyle Drive replacement project is finished. At a time when construction is completed, and the area is deemed safe from construction activities, the CFC would relocate back into their original building.

The 2008 Doyle Drive Replacement Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) described the construction impacts that would occur to CFC and identified required mitigation to relocate the CFC within the Presidio. However, at the time of the Final EIS/EIR it was not known where the CFC would relocate. After a comprehensive search for a suitable location that met the mitigation criteria, the East Beach Crissy Field site was identified as being best suited to meet the program and educational needs of the CFC. Under Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations, this change in the project will be re-evaluated. As a separate action the NPS will consider project impacts, as well as public comment, in making their decision whether to authorize the relocation of the CFC to this site.

### Project Details

By September 2009, a suitable facility needs to be available to continue CFC’s many educational programs. A thorough survey of available and appropriate Presidio sites that could be used determined that the easternmost edge of Crissy Field’s East Beach would be the best temporary location. This site allows the CFC to continue using the natural and cultural resources of the park, especially the outdoor areas of Crissy Field, in its community-based environmental programs that serve youth, schools, and community organizations.

As shown in Attachment 1, the facility would be approximately 100 feet from of a row of mature trees marking the Presidio's eastern boundary. This location is 250 feet north of Mason Street and 250 feet south of the Bay shoreline. The footprint of the facility would occupy a small portion of the existing turf overflow parking and the site of an existing landscape berm, which would be re-graded to accommodate the building. A second berm, between the building and the Presidio boundary, would remain.

The temporary facility would consist of four modular units assembled into a single structure. The one-story facility would be approximately 20 feet high and would provide approximately 7,200 square feet of interior space, including classrooms, staff offices, and a multipurpose room, snack bar, and a visitor information area.

The facility would be oriented on a northeast-southwest axis, facing the Bay at a 45 degree angle to the East Beach parking lot (See Attachment 2). To the extent feasible, these modular units would be energy efficient and functionally designed to meet CFC programs and educational needs. These units would meet rigorous environmental certification standards, be fully ADA accessible, and be pre-approved by the State of California for school use. The open space at the rear of the facility would be used for outdoor activities and would be enclosed by low fencing or cables for safety. From hook-ups at Mason Street, utilities would be installed underground, paralleling the Presidio boundary to the facility. These include electric, telephone, sanitary sewer, and domestic and fire protection water lines. Earthwork for the project would include trenching to install the utilities and limited grading to level the site. Three or four trees from the cypress grove may be removed to accommodate the modular units, but would be replaced. Approximately 800 to 1,200 square feet of the turf overflow parking area would be taken up by the facility and pedestrian access. This is the equivalent of four to six parking spaces, which measure 24 x 9 feet.

Appropriate pedestrian access would be provided at the facility and would be designed to accommodate visitors with disabilities. Vehicle access to the site would be via existing driveways leading to the parking area, which would also provide parking for CFC visitors. Construction of the temporary facility is planned for July-September 2009.

When the existing Crissy Field Center building on Mason Street is ready to be reoccupied, the CFC would return. At that time, the temporary facility would be removed and the landscape at the site restored to its pre-construction condition.

## **Open Houses / Review and Comment**

The public is invited to attend two Open houses to learn more about this project. The planning team will be available to answer questions. The Open House meeting times and location are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 4-7 PM, GGNRA Headquarters, Bldg. 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco
- Thursday, May 21, 2009, 4-7 PM, Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley

The NPS invites the public to provide comment on this proposed project. Comments on this project must be submitted or postmarked by Friday, May 29th. Comments will be accepted in any of the following ways:

- online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga> (projects are listed in alphabetical order),
- via e-mail to [goga\\_planning@nps.gov](mailto:goga_planning@nps.gov),
- in writing at the public meeting, or
- by mail to: Superintendent, Fort Mason Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Attachment 1 – Aerial View of Temporary CFC Location



**Attachment 2 – Rendering of Temporary CFC Buildings at East Beach**

