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<u>TJPA Statement Regarding Discovery of Human Skeleton on Site at the</u> Transbay Transit Center Project

"Contractors working to install concrete on the site of the Transbay Project made an unexpected discovery this morning.

At approximately 8:00 a.m., working at a depth of roughly 60 feet, the contractor unearthed human remains. The TJPA's archaeologists, in coordination with the County Coroner, determined the remains are of Native American descent.

The Coroner notified the Native American Heritage Commission. The Commission will appoint a Native American to serve as the Most Likely Descendent, who will provide guidance to the project as to how the remains should be handled.

Work on the site is progressing as normal, except as necessary to protect the remains.

Out of respect for the Native American community, images of the remains will not be provided, and no further information will be made available until after the project has consulted with the Most Likely Descendent," said Stephanie Reichin, Spokeswoman for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority.