



DISCOVERY OF SKELETAL REMAINS

TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee
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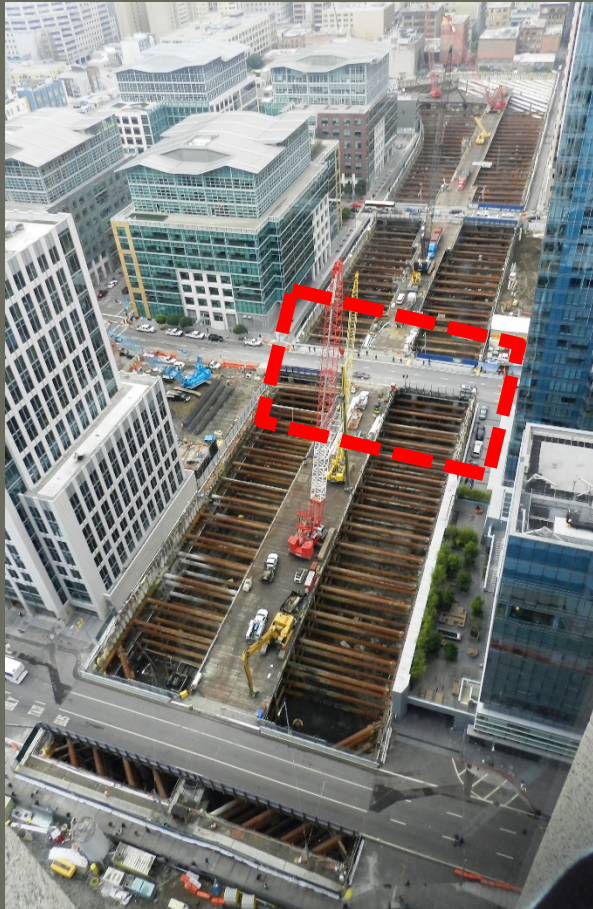
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Discovery of Skeletal Remains



- **Tuesday, February 25, 2014**
 - Skeletal remains unearthed by contractor during trenching for geothermal pipe installation
 - under Fremont Street temporary bridge
 - at a depth about 55' below grade
 - Work in area of discovery was stopped and secured.
 - Archaeologist confirmed on site that remains were human.



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- **Agency Involvement:**
 - **San Francisco Chief Medical Examiner** was asked to inspect remains on site; determined that remains are Native American and that the Office of the Medical Examiner would not claim jurisdiction over them.
 - **Native American Heritage Commission** assigned a **Most Likely Descendant** (MLD) to work with TJPA on the respectful disinterment, treatment and reburial of the remains; MLD monitor on-site during removal of remains
 - **SF Environmental Review Officer** approves how archaeological work will be undertaken
 - **MOA signatories** notified: State Historic Preservation Officer, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrans, FTA



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Removal of Skeletal Remains

- Archaeological work to remove remains was completed and skeletal remains and artifacts were placed in the custody of the MLD.
- Reburial with artifacts will be arranged by MLD.
- Possibility of scientific analysis before reburial is being discussed with MLD.
- Archaeologist will provide report on discovery.



Questions & Answers