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PRESIDIO TUNNEL TOPS WINS OCEA HONOR AWARD

SEATTLE, January 21, 2025—The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) awarded MKA's Presidio Tunnel Tops (PTT) Park project with an Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) Honor Award at its 2024 ASCE OPAL Gala in San Diego. MKA Senior Principal and Civil Engineering Practice leader Matt Jones accepted the Honor Award.

Established in 1960, the OCEA awards honor the projects that best illustrate superior civil engineering skills and represent a significant contribution to civil engineering progress and society. Honoring projects rather than individuals, the awards celebrate the contributions of many engineers.

The 14-acre, \$118-million PTT park in San Francisco is a model for collaborative, cohesive, and innovative civil engineering, with MKA presenting civil design solutions that explore novel ways to restore the natural landscape, overcome challenging site conditions, improve the environment, reconnect visitors to nature, prepare for earthquakes, and address climate change.

MKA's design harmonizes with nature instead of trying to conquer it, places sustainability and resilience top of mind instead of just "other factors to consider," and is human-centered instead of focused on concrete and infrastructure.

PTT is a landmark destination replacing a 75-year-old elevated highway with "the most engineered park ever built." Blanketing Highway 101 tunnels, PTT reconnects the parade grounds to the Bay's waterfront for



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the first time in 80 years and offers ample recreation opportunities—including overlooks with sweeping views, nature-based play areas inviting children to explore, and plazas/gardens making nature free and accessible to all.

PROJECT TEAM

Owner: Presidio Trust

Landscape Architect: Field Operations

Architect: EHDD

Contractor: Swinerton

Geotechnical Engineer: Miller Pacific Engineering Group

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Magnusson Klemencic Associates (MKA) is an award-winning structural and civil engineering firm founded in 1920 with offices in Seattle, Washington, and Chicago, Illinois. Serving clients worldwide, MKA has worked on projects in 48 states and 61 countries. MKA's passion is creating structural systems for buildings of all shapes, sizes, and complexities, and civil site and infrastructure designs for architectural projects.

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