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VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Transportation Safety Board recommends that:

1. The California Division of Highways--in concurrence with the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District and the City and County of San Francisco--expedite the completion of contract plans to improve the southern approach to the Golden Gate Bridge to bring it up to freeway design standards of the American Association of State Highway Officials and those set forth in the Highway Design Manual of the California Division of Highways, including 12-foot lanes, a permanent median barrier (or divided roadway), and acceleration-deceleration lanes at interchanges.
2. The United States Sixth Army Command, in recognition of the urgent need for safety improvements to the Golden Gate Bridge southern approach, consider reasonable requests by the California Division of Highways and the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District for necessary right-of-way through the Presidio of San Francisco.
3. Until the Bridge approach can be brought up to recommended standards, the California Division of Highways consider the feasibility of eliminating access to and from the 19th Avenue interchange for all traffic other than that going to and from the Golden Gate Bridge. This would reduce the internal traffic friction now created by local east-west traffic on Doyle Drive, and thus reduce the accident potential caused (in large part) by the extensive merging and crossing of traffic between the 19th Avenue interchange and the San Francisco exits.
4. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket 1-19, published December 1, 1970, on "High Speed Warning and Control" be amended to reduce the maximum speed capability of passenger cars to a speed no greater than the highest fixed legal speed limits of any State, and that the warning devices be set to operate at such maximum allowable speed.
5. That the International Association of Chiefs of Police use its influence and professional resources to direct the attention of law enforcement agencies to the requirements of

Uniform Vehicle Code Section 11-1104, which limits the number of passengers permitted in the front seats of automobiles under certain conditions.

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