

Section 1 Introduction



Fig. 1-1

SFGHMC as seen from McKinley Square Park

The San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center (SFGHMC) submits this Institutional Master Plan (IMP) to update the 1987 IMP currently on file with the Planning Department.

Since 1987, there have been several modest developments on the SFGHMC campus, these are described in sections 2 and 3 of this IMP Update. The remaining sections will present summary information regarding the following three future plan developments:

- Medical Helipad
- New Emergency Generator Capacity
- New Acute Care Hospital

SFGHMC, under the mandate of Senate Bill 1953, is obligated to insure its acute care building meets established seismic standards by 2013. As a result of detailed planning analysis performed in 2004, it has been determined that retrofitting the existing acute care building would be intrusive, challenging for the hospital to remain in operation during construction, reduces available space, and that construction of a new acute care hospital facility is required; planning for which is still in development.

A full IMP that reflects all proposed plan developments and their impacts, will be prepared and submitted separately from this update. Owing to the time that will elapse before definite planning for the new hospital will be completed, this update has been prepared for the interim.

The hospital would also like to continue the dialog and participation with the neighboring communities and the City and County of San Francisco regarding future measures and programs for the development and growth of SFGHMC.

PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN

The IMP serves to advise the Commission and the public of long-range development projects proposed by SFGHMC; according to the three principal purposes set in Section 304.5 of the San Francisco Planning Code:

- A** “To provide notice and information to the Planning Commission, community and neighborhood organizations, other public and private agencies and the general public as to the plans of each affected institution at an early stage, and to give an opportunity for early and meaningful involvement of these groups in such plans prior to substantial investment in property acquisition or building design by the institution.”
- B** “To enable the institution to make modifications to its master plan in response to comments made in public hearings prior to its more detailed planning and prior to any request for authorization by the City of new development proposed in the master plan.”
- C** “To provide the Planning Commission, community and neighborhood organizations, other public and private agencies, the general public, and other institutions with information that may help guide their decisions with regard to use of, and investment in, land in the vicinity of the institution, provision of public services, and particularly the planning of similar institutions in order to insure that costly duplication of facilities does not occur.

Furthermore, its purpose is to identify the impacts of these developments to the City’s Master Plan and to the adjacent neighborhood(s); and also to identify alternative development.¹

¹ Guideline for Applications for Institutional Master Plans, November 2002, p.1