# **Planning Commission Motion No.18592 GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS**

# PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1 FINDINGS

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Recommendation: Adopt General Plan/Planning Code 101.1 Consistency Findings

ADOPTING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1 FOR THE CALIFORNIA PACIFICA MEDICAL CENTER'S LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ALLOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEAR-TERM PROJECTS AND THE LEGISLATION ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("PROJECT"), AT THE CATHEDRAL HILL CAMPUS (ASSESSOR'S BLOCKS-LOTS: 0690-016, 0694-005, 0694-006, 0694-007, 0694-008, 0694-009, 0694-009A, 0694-010, 0695-005, 0695-006); St. LUKE'S CAMPUS (ASSESSOR'S BLOCKS-LOTS 6575/001, 002; 6576/021 AND A PORTION OF SAN JOSE AVENUE BETWEEN CESAR CHAVEZ STREET AND 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET ) AND THE DAVIES CAMPUS (ASSESSOR' BLOCK-LOTS 3539-001), AND INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS.

### **PREAMBLE**

The CPMC Long Range Development Plan ("LRDP") is a multi-phased development strategy to meet state seismic safety requirements for hospitals mandated originally in 1994 by Senate Bill ("SB") 1953 as modified through successor legislation, and to create a 20-year framework for CPMC's four existing medical campuses and for construction of a proposed new medical campus in San Francisco.

The four existing CPMC medical campuses are the St. Luke's Campus in the Mission District, Pacific Campus in the Pacific Heights area, the California Campus in the Presidio Heights area, and the Davies Campus in the Duboce Triangle area. The proposed new medical campus is the Cathedral Hill

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**Planning** 415.558.6377 Campus located along Van Ness Avenue in the vicinity of the intersection of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard/Geary Street.

The LRDP includes both Near-Term Projects, including actions at the St. Luke's, Cathedral Hill and Davies Campuses, and Long-Term Projects at the Davies and Pacific Campuses. Implementation of the Near-Term Projects requires approval of, but is not limited to, General Plan amendments for the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses, Zoning Map and Planning Code text amendments at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill campuses, the sale and transfer of San Jose Avenue between 27th Street and Cesar Chavez Street from the City to CPMC and its change of use from a city street to a medical center; construction of the Tunnel under Van Ness Avenue; changes to the sidewalk widths at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses; and Major Encroachment Permits at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses, along with approval of a Development Agreement (collectively, for purposes of this Motion No. 18592 only, the "Project,"). The Commission finds that the Project is, on balance, consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan as it is proposed for amendment, and the Priority Policies of Planning Code section 101.1, as discussed below.

On April 26, 2012, by Motion No. 18588, the Planning Commission certified as adequate, accurate and complete the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the LRDP Project. A copy of Planning Commission Motion No. 18588 is in the file for Case No. 2005.0555E. Also on April 26, 2012, by Motion No. 18589, the Planning Commission adopted findings, including a statement of overriding considerations, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, pursuant to CEQA. In accordance with the actions contemplated herein, the Planning Commission has reviewed the FEIR and adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the findings, including the statement of overriding considerations, pursuant to CEQA, adopted by the Planning Commission on April 26, 2012, in Motion No, 18589.

**MOVED,** that the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered CPMC's LRDP, and the record associated therewith, including the comments and submissions made to this Planning Commission, and based thereon, hereby adopts the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1 Consistency Findings set forth herein.

# **FINDINGS**

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.
- 2. General Plan Compliance. The Project, including but not limited to the sale and transfer of a portion of San Jose Avenue between 27th Street and Cesar Chavez Street from the City to CPMC and its change of use from a city street to part of a medical center; construction of a tunnel under Van Ness Avenue; changes to the sidewalk widths at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses; Major Encroachment Permits at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses, Zoning Map and Planning Code text amendments at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses, and other actions and legislation associated with the Near-Term Projects,

along with the Development Agreement, is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan, including Objectives and Policies as they are proposed for amendment:

### HOUSING ELEMENT

# **Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

IDENTIFY AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADEQUATE SITES TO MEET THE CITY'S HOUSING NEEDS, ESPECIALLY PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

### Policy 1.1

Plan for the full range of housing needs in the City and County of San Francisco, especially affordable housing.

### Policy 1.8

Promote mixed use development, and include housing, particularly permanently affordable housing, in new commercial, institutional or other single use development projects.

The Project includes institutional uses, and as such is not subject to the City's Jobs-Housing Linkage Fee. In addition, the Planning Code allows a beneficial institutional use such as the Cathedral Hill Hospital and MOB to be approved by Conditional Use without meeting the 3:1 residential to net new non-residential ratio requirement of the Van Ness Special Use District. Nonetheless, the Project Sponsor has committed to the following pursuant to the Development Agreement that would help to implement Objective 1 and Policy 1.1 and 1.8: contributions exceeding \$62 million toward affordable housing replacement, funding the production of new affordable rental units, and creating a downpayment assistance program for low and moderate income CPMC employees seeking to purchase a home in San Francisco. The City would also receive an estimated \$35 million in repayments from the DALP program (through repayment of DALP loans and the City's estimated \$6 million share of property appreciation) to use for affordable housing projects.

The Project will contribute to the production of housing through contributions in the Development Agreement, as described below. The Project does not include traditional "single use" institutional uses and in fact include various uses in support of the principal medical use. In addition, due to factors such as challenges in identifying large sites appropriate to accommodate medical facilities, and the unique design and operational requirements of hospitals (including strict OSHPD construction standards and associated costs), the Project does not include the type of mixed use development opportunity contemplated by this policy. The Project is not inconsistent with this policy and will not adversely impact the City's ability to meet it. In addition, as to the Cathedral Hill site, the Van Ness Area Plan identified the Cathedral Hill sites as in commercial use, and did not consider them as sites available to meet housing production goals for the plan area.

**OBJECTIVE 2** RETAIN EXISTING HOUSING UNITS, AND PROMOTE SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING AFFORDABILITY

### Policy 2.1

Discourage the demolition of sound existing housing, unless the demolition results in a net increase in affordable housing.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

PROTECT THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, ESPECIALLY RENTAL UNITS

### Policy 3.1

Preserve rental units, especially rent controlled units, to meet the City's affordable housing needs.

Policies 2.1 and 3.1 address existing housing, and acknowledge in the text that they are implemented through San Francisco's Planning Code, which includes a conditional use process for demolition of residential units, and the Residential Hotel Ordinance, which requires permits for conversion of residential hotel rooms. Construction of the Cathedral Hill MOB will require demolition of five residential hotel units and twenty residential units. The Project Sponsor will comply with the residential hotel conversion requirements of Administrative Code Section 41.13 by paying a fee of \$2,684,800.00. It will also contribute \$1,453,820 to address demolition of the residential units. Beyond the replacement fees, under the terms of the Development Agreement, the Project will contribute to substantial new housing through a \$29 million Affordable Housing Payment, and the City will receive an additional approximately \$35 million to the City for affordable housing through funds from repayment of DALP loans, which includes the City's approximately \$6 million share of property appreciation.

# **OBJECTIVE 7**

SECURE FUNDING AND RESOURCES FOR PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT SOLELY RELIANT ON TRADITIONAL MECHANISMS OR CAPITAL.

# Policy 7.1

Expand the financial resources available for permanently affordable housing, especially permanent sources.

### Policy 7.7

Support housing for middle income households, especially through programs that do not require a direct public subsidy.

### Policy 7.8

Develop, promote, and improve ownership models which enable households to achieve homeownership within their means, such as down-payment assistance, and limited equity cooperatives.

As discussed in the findings for Objective 1 and 7 above, through commitments in the Development Agreement, CPMC will contribute over \$62 million toward affordable housing to replace displaced units, fund the production of new affordable rental units, and create a downpayment assistance program for low and moderate income CPMC employees seeking to purchase a home in San Francisco. As part of the \$62 million commitment, CPMC will provide \$2,684,800 in funding to replace the 20 residential hotel units that will be demolished, and \$1,453,820 in funding to replace the five dwelling units that will be demolished. CPMC will also provide \$29 million to the City's affordable housing fund, and create a \$29 million down payment assistance loan program (DALP) for its employees who earn up to 100% of area median income. The City's existing DALP is currently substantially oversubscribed, and these funds will provide an opportunity for additional low and moderate income households to access home ownership opportunities. The Mayor's Office of Housing anticipates, for example, that the program will provide a minimum of 145 loans and will allow 100% AMI households who can only afford 15% of the homes in San Francisco to now afford nearly 40% of homes. Funds from the down payment assistance loans will be recaptured into the affordable housing fund, along with a portion of equity, when CPMC employees sell units bought with the loans. An estimated \$35million (\$29 million plus an estimated \$6 million in appreciation) is expected to flow into the affordable housing fund over time this way, beyond the initial \$62 million contribution.

# **OBJECTIVE 8:**

BUILD PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CAPACITY TO SUPPORT, FACILITATE, PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

# Policy 8.1

Support the production and management of permanently affordable housing.

### Policy 8.2

Encourage employers located within San Francisco to work together to develop and advocate for housing appropriate for employees.

See discussion regarding Objectives 1 and 7 above regarding the Project's contributions to production of affordable housing. The DALP is directly responsive to and implements Policies 8.1 and 8.2.

### **OBJECTIVE 11:**

SUPPORT AND RESPECT THE DIVERSE AND DISTINCT CHARACTER OF SAN FRANCISCO'S NEIGHBORHOODS.

#### Policy 11.8

Consider a neighborhood's character when integrating new uses, and minimize disruption caused by expansion of institutions into residential areas.

CPMC's Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses have been designed to acknowledge and respond to their surrounding neighborhood contexts, as described in greater detail under the Urban Design Element findings outlined below. The Cathedral Hill Campus is located within a mixed use Residential Commercial district, and development of the Near-Term Projects under the LRDP at the St. Luke's and Davies Campuses, although located within residential zoning districts, would involve

redevelopment within the existing boundaries of these CPMC campuses rather than expansion onto additional sites. The Project approvals include many mitigation measures, conditions of approval and other community benefits commitments designed to address, among other things, neighborhood compatibility during both the construction and operational phases. The Development Agreement also includes a Community Visioning Plan process for any future development plans at the Davies, Pacific and California Campuses.

# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT

# **Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

### Policy 1.1

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development which has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

The Project will provide substantial benefits to the City, including expanded employment opportunities for City residents at all employment levels. CPMC and the rest of the health services sector are critically important to the economic health of San Francisco. CPMC is the second largest private employer in San Francisco. CMPC is estimated to currently employ over 6,200 people, of which about half are San Francisco residents. The Project is necessary to maintain and expand employment in these long-term health services and support services jobs.

The construction of the Near-Term Projects will significantly benefit the San Francisco economy. During this period of economic recovery, the Near-Term Projects will provide up to approximately 400 to 500 construction jobs per year, with a maximum of up to approximately 1,500 jobs at the peak construction period. The construction and operation of the Near-Term Projects would inject about \$2.5 billion into the local economy. The Near Term Projects also include Workforce commitments, through the proposed Development Agreement, that provide substantial construction and operational phase jobs and programs for local businesses and residents, including unemployed and economically disadvantaged residents and a workforce training contribution of \$2,000,000.

The Project would ensure CPMC's continued existence and viability in San Francisco. The Project will enable CPMC to continue to provide essential health services to the community without interruption, in modern facilities that will comply with the most stringent state seismic mandates in SB 1953. Because the new hospital facilities can be expected to remain operational after a strong earthquake, CPMC's role in emergency preparedness will be enhanced. Emergency preparedness for the City will also be enhanced by the expanded Emergency Department facilities and improved emergency communications centers proposed as part of the Project.

If the new CPMC hospital facilities under the Project were not constructed, there would be a negative impact on CPMC's delivery of essential health care services to the community, as well as on San Francisco's healthcare employment sector.

The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and MOB will contribute to the revitalization of the St. Luke's Campus and will enhance the medical care provided there and will contribute to the neighborhood character and the local economy. Continuation of inpatient, emergency and outpatient medical services at the St. Luke's Campus was strongly recommended by the Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP). The Board of Supervisors also adopted on November 25, 2008, Resolution No. 478-08 commending the BRP and urging all City Departments to endorse the recommendations of the BRP.

CPMC chose the location at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard for its new acute care hospital (i.e., the Cathedral Hill Hospital) for several reasons, including that s that a new hospital on an available site would be less disruptive than replacing the existing California and Pacific Campus hospitals by expanding either of those campuses, which are zoned for lower-density residential neighborhoods.

The Cathedral Hill Campus will be a major employment center, capitalizing on the transit infrastructure at the site, including the proposed Van Ness Avenue and Geary Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") projects, toward which CPMC would provide \$5 million in funding pursuant to the proposed Development Agreement.

Under the Project, the Davies Campus, which has already undergone a number of renovations, will continue to specialize in health care for people with HIV/AIDS, include a new neuroscience center, and provide microsurgical services and rehabilitation care following serious illness or injury. In addition, the existing Emergency Department would continue to operate at the Davies Campus.

The Project would contribute to the commercial stabilization and revitalization of the neighborhoods surrounding the new hospitals and medical buildings at the Cathedral Hill, Davies and St. Luke's Campuses by increasing medical activity, and therefore pedestrian activity which supports nearby businesses.

Under the terms of the proposed development agreement, CPMC would provide a host of additional assurances and benefits that will accrue to the public and the City, including, but not limited to, contributions to assist the City with its health care, housing, work-force development, transit and pedestrian safety needs.

The Project approvals include many mitigation measures, conditions of approval and other community benefits commitments designed to address, among other things, neighborhood compatibility.

### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

### Policy 2.1

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city.

CPMC is one of the City's largest private employers, employing approximately 6,200 people, of which about half are San Francisco residents. The Near-Term Projects will enable the retention and expansion of one of the City's largest private employers.

The Project would also permit the City to retain and enhance its domestic and international reputation as an education, training, and research center for medical services that benefit the residents of San Francisco by attracting patients, doctors and researchers to San Francisco.

Construction of the Near-Term Projects will inject about \$2.5 billion into the local economy and create 1,500 union construction jobs.

Under the terms of the proposed Development Agreement, CPMC would provide additional assurances and guarantee approximately \$1.1 billion in community benefits that will accrue to the public and the City, including, but not limited to, contributions to assist the City with its healthcare, housing, workforce development, transit and pedestrian safety needs.

The Project would contribute to the commercial revitalization of the neighborhoods surrounding the new hospitals and medical buildings by increasing pedestrian activity.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

PROVIDE EXPANDED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THE UNEMPLOYED AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.

### Policy 3.1

Promote the attraction, retention and expansion of commercial and industrial firms which provide employment improvement opportunities for unskilled and semi-skilled workers.

### Policy 3.2

Promote measures designed to increase the number of San Francisco jobs held by San Francisco residents.

#### Policy 3.3

Emphasize job training and retraining programs that will impart skills necessary for participation in the San Francisco labor market.

The Near-Term Projects will provide expanded employment opportunities for City residents at all employment levels. CPMC and the rest of the health services sector are critically important to the economic health of San Francisco. CPMC is one of the City's largest private employers, employing approximately 6,200 people, of which about half are San Francisco residents. The Project will enable the retention and expansion of one of the City's largest private employers. The construction of the proposed

Near-Term Projects will also significantly benefit the San Francisco economy. During this period of economic recovery, the Near-Term Projects will provide up to approximately 400 to 500 construction jobs per year, with a maximum of up to approximately 1,500 jobs at the peak construction period.

CPMC supports career development and advancement opportunities for its employees. A wide range of educational and training opportunities are offered to CPMC employees, including college preparatory courses for entry-level workers. San Francisco City College offers courses, such as Medical Terminology, at CPMC campuses. Seminars are offered on basic business skills. Language classes are also taught on site by San Francisco City College instructors. The programs specifically designed for entry-level workers make CPMC a good place for workers newly entering the labor force or the health services sector.

The job skills acquired through employment at CPMC, including skills acquired through the job training opportunities described above, support career advancement within CPMC. These skills would also be transferable to other health care sector employers.

Many job classifications at CPMC are not associated directly with health care. Examples include food service, transportation, security, facilities maintenance, management and administrative support positions. These classifications also range from entry-level to upper level positions. The job skills acquired by these workers would be transferable to other health care and non-health care employers.

CPMC commitments under the proposed Development Agreement will also result in an increase in entry-level local construction employment and internship opportunities. CPMC will make good faith efforts to achieve 30% local hire measured by construction trade hours for the Near-Term Projects under the LRDP overall for each contractor, by each trade. CPMC will achieve 50% local hire for new entry-level administrative and engineering positions and internships, will fill half of all new apprentice positions with graduates from the CityBuild Academy, and will create and administer a structured program to advance apprentices from CityBuild Academy to journey-level status in their trade by the end of the project. CPMC plans to hire at least 40 San Francisco-resident permanent entry-level hires annually for five years, representing just under half of all entry level hires, targeting residents of the Western Addition, Tenderloin, Mission/SOMA, Outer Mission/Excelsior, Chinatown and Southeastern neighborhoods. CPMC will also provide \$2 million for community workforce services, which will provide grants to community-based organizations through the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development for recruitment, training, and job retention services.

### **OBJECTIVE 6**

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN VIABLE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CITY RESIDENTS

#### Policy 6.1

Ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services in the city's neighborhood commercial districts, while recognizing and encouraging diversity among the districts.

# Policy 6.7

Promote high quality urban design on commercial streets.

### Policy 6.9

Regulate uses so that traffic impacts and parking problems are minimized.

#### Policy 6.10

Promote neighborhood commercial revitalization, including community-based and other economic development efforts where feasible.

The development of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services by increasing the number of CPMC employees and others in the area during its hours of operation, which, for the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, will be twenty-four hours a day every day. As with other CPMC campuses, St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB staff and visitors can be expected to patronize local retail and service businesses. The Project would retain the retail space in the Monteagle Building, and would add about 2,600 square feet of ground floor retail in the St. Luke's MOB.

The development of the Cathedral Hill Campus will ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services by increasing the number of CPMC employees and others in the area during its hours of operation, which, for the Cathedral Hill Hospital, are twenty-four hours a day every day.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital would include approximately 3,100 square feet of ground floor retail space. The Cathedral Hill MOB would include approximately 7,050 square feet of ground floor retail space, including a pharmacy. This additional retail space in the neighborhood would ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services. It would also maintain and strengthen viable neighborhood commercial areas easily accessible to City residents. The Cathedral Hill Campus is easily accessible to City residents and will be even more so with the addition of the Geary and Van Ness BRT lines.

The proposed development of the Neurosciences Institute at the Davies Campus will ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services by increasing the number of CPMC employees and others in the campus vicinity.

The Project will promote high quality urban design for the reasons set forth in the discussion below regarding consistency with the General Plan's Urban Design Element.

The Project will minimize the effects of traffic and parking on the surrounding neighborhood for the reasons set forth in the discussion below regarding consistency with the General Plan's Transportation Element.

### **OBJECTIVE 7**

ENHANCE SAN FRANCISCO'S POSITION AS A NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### Policy 7.2

Encourage the extension of needed health and educational services, but manage expansion to avoid or minimize disruption of adjacent residential areas.

### Policy 7.3

Promote the provision of adequate health and educational services to all geographical districts and cultural groups in the city.

The Project will enhance San Francisco's position as a national and regional center for health services; CPMC continues to be one of the top hospitals in the country thereby attracting medical professionals and patients to its facilities nationally.

CPMC chose the location at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard for its new acute care hospital for several reasons, one of which was that a new hospital on an available site would be less disruptive than replacing the existing California and Pacific Campus hospitals by expanding either of those campuses, which are predominantly zoned for relatively low-density residential neighborhoods. CPMC's search for an appropriate and available site for a new medical center campus and the related planning process included consideration of several vacated school sites and otherwise underutilized sites (e.g., the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital site in the southwestern quadrant of the Presidio, the Mervyns' Shopping Center site at Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue, an aggregation of sites on the east side of Masonic Avenue which included parcels owned by the Catholic Church and the San Francisco Unified School District, an aggregation of sites on the south side of Geary Avenue that included the Gateway High School site, and the Letterman and Fort Scott District sites in the Presidio). Each of these sites was deemed either unavailable or inappropriate for a new CPMC medical center campus. Ultimately, the search and planning process resulted in the purchase of the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus site.

Furthermore, the planned sites for the new Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB would be located closer than either the Pacific or California Campus to a medically underserved area of the City that includes the Tenderloin/Little Saigon neighborhood, which has the highest population density of low-income households, seniors (the most frequent users of hospital care), children and youth. Under the proposed Project, CPMC would continue to provide medical services in various neighborhoods across the City, including the southeast portion of the City served by the St. Luke's Campus, and the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus would bring medical services to underserved neighborhoods.

The current design of the Cathedral Hill Hospital has been modified since the original proposal in order to minimize the disruption of the new building on the adjacent residential tower. The Cathedral Hill Hospital's bed tower has been shifted to the south side of the property, away from the Daniel Burnham Court building, in order to, among other reasons, minimize its presence and shadow on the residents of that building.

With respect to the Near-Term Projects at Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's and Davies, any effects on adjacent residential areas will be addressed both during construction and after the new buildings at these campuses are operational by various conditions of approval and mitigation measures proposed for the Near-Term Projects. For example, construction will be managed by City regulations as well as by

CPMC's construction management plans, which will be developed with input from the City and neighboring properties, and will be required and enforced by the City as part of the conditions of approval. Safeguards will be in place to minimize emissions such as noise, glare, dust and odor, both during construction and operations.

The effects of the Near-Term Projects' operations on nearby residents from traffic will be minimized by many design factors, including the placement of vehicular access and egress, loading docks, emergency vehicle access and egress; and streetscape features for pedestrians, including widening of certain sidewalks and improved transit access. Through the commitments in the Development Agreement, CPMC will also provide \$400,000 in funding to MTA for studies regarding improvements to bicycle facilities around and between the proposed new CPMC facilities.

CPMC has also committed to the following benefits that help minimize disruption on adjacent residential areas surrounding the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus:

- Construction of the Van Ness Avenue pedestrian tunnel that will improve pedestrian safety, particularly for patients who have mobility constraints.
- Funding to develop capacity of one or more Tenderloin clinics to participate in Medi-Cal managed care;
- \$5 million in funding for the proposed Van Ness and Geary BRT projects;
- \$10.5 million Transit Fee to MTA to help alleviate transit delay and meet new demands on the transit system associated with the new Cathedral Hill Campus;
- A surcharge on parking at the new Cathedral Hill Campus of \$0.50 off-peak and \$0.75 peak for each entry and exit to provide an estimated \$500,000 per year of additional funding to MTA for a period of 10 years;
- \$8 million in funding for pedestrian safety and public realm improvements in the Tenderloin, including pedestrian-scale lighting, sidewalk widening and changing one-way streets to two-way;
- \$150,000 to help form a Lower Polk Community Benefit District ("CBD") as well as a \$1 million seed grant to the CBD;
- \$200,000 grant for the Safe Passage Pilot program in the Tenderloin.
  - CPMC has also committed to the following benefits that help minimize disruption on adjacent residential areas surrounding the proposed Davies Campus:
- Construction of a series of pedestrian safety improvements around the Davies Campus, valued at approximately \$475,000.
  - CPMC has also committed to the following benefits that help minimize disruption on adjacent residential areas surrounding the proposed St. Luke's Campus:
- Construction of a series of pedestrian safety improvements around the St. Luke's Campus, valued at approximately \$3,300,000.

CPMC has been engaged with community representatives and the City since the beginning of the planning process for the Project, working to achieve a balance that would provide community and regional access to care while responding to the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

CPMC has worked to address citywide health care needs through the development of its 2008 Institutional Master Plan ("IMP") and through the proposed LRDP, which implements the 10-year planning provisions of the IMP.

In its Resolution 10-09 concerning the IMP, adopted after several public hearings on the IMP, the San Francisco Health Commission, in Resolution 10-09, accepted the IMP, with recommendations to ensure that the IMP "results in the best possible health plan for the City and County of San Francisco." A year later, the Health Commission's Task Force on CPMC's IMP published its Updates and Accomplishments concerning the recommendations in Resolution 10-09; the Health Commission adopted Resolution 02-10, memorializing these accomplishments. As set out in these documents, the LRDP helps to implement the Health Commission recommendations.

The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will enhance San Francisco's position as a national and regional center for health services, and will extend needed health services.

Although certain medical services at the California and Pacific Campuses would be replaced and consolidated at the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus, all of the existing CPMC campuses, with the exception of the California Campus, would continue to provide medical care. CPMC would continue to serve communities surrounding the Mission District (St. Luke's Campus), Duboce Triangle (Davies Campus), and Pacific Heights (Pacific Campus) neighborhoods. The hospitals at the St. Luke's and Davies Campuses would generally serve as community hospitals with certain specialized services (e.g., senior care, outpatient pediatrics, and low risk obstetrics services at the St. Luke's Campus; neuroscience, AIDS/HIV, and acute rehabilitation services at the Davies Campus). These community hospitals would provide primary and secondary care (and similarly the Pacific Campus would provide a wide variety of outpatient services), serving as a point of access, with patients needing more specialized care (e.g., tertiary or quaternary services) referred to the centralized "hub" at the Cathedral Hill Campus (or to the appropriate specialized facilities at the St. Luke's, Davies, or Pacific Campuses).

Thus, although the proposed Project would involve the development of a large, centralized hospital at the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus, serving as a "hub" for the CPMC San Francisco network, it would not result in the type of consolidation and centralization that is one of the concerns underlying Policy 7.3. Under the proposed Project, CPMC would continue to provide medical services in various neighborhoods across the City, including the southeast portion of the City served by the St. Luke's Campus, and the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus would bring medical services to underserved neighborhoods. Therefore, the proposed Project would provide adequate health care services to meet patient demand within the service areas of all campuses within the CPMC system.

Through the commitments in the Development Agreement CPMC will further promote the provision of adequate health services to all geographical districts and cultural groups in the City. Specifically, CPMC has committed to the following, which are geared toward providing health services to the most medically underserved of San Franciscans:

- Two new, seismically safe hospitals at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses;
- A secure future for St. Luke's hospital;
- Significantly increased provision of healthcare for low-income and underserved San Franciscans, including hospital care for 10,000 additional Medi-Cal beneficiaries, which represents one-third of the City's new Medi-Cal beneficiaries expected under federal health care reform; and
- \$20 million endowment by CPMC of a new Community Care Innovation Fund, to support the services of community clinics and other social service organizations.

The Cathedral Hill Campus will both meet the needs of the City's residents and serve as a regional referral center for tertiary care. The Cathedral Hill Hospital will comply with the seismic safety requirements of SB 1953 and can be expected to remain operational after a strong earthquake. The proximity to quality health care in seismically sound facilities is a benefit for all. The presence of CPMC assures that San Francisco will continue to be recognized as a national and regional center for health services.

# TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

# **Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVE 1**

MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FOR SAFE, CONVENIENT AND INEXPENSIVE TRAVEL WITHIN SAN FRANCISCO AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION WHILE MAINTAINING THE HIGH QUALITY LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE BAY AREA.

#### Policy 1.2

Ensure the safety and comfort of pedestrians throughout the city.

### Policy 1.3

Give priority to public transit and other alternatives to the private automobile as the means of meeting San Francisco's transportation needs, particularly those of commuters.

### Policy 1. 6

Ensure choices among modes of travel and accommodate each mode when and where it is most appropriate.

The designs of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and of the Cathedral Hill MOB include many elements that will enhance the safety and comfort of pedestrians. The streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus was a collaborative effort, with input from the community and from the Planning Department, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, the Mayor's Office on Disability, the Department of Public Works and Caltrans. The underlying goal of the streetscape plan was to meet or exceed the requirements outlined in the City's adopted Better Streets Plan.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus includes the following features:

- Improving the street frontages in the campus area, with substantial landscaped areas, to offer visual relief to pedestrians, and provide a buffer between pedestrians and traffic lanes.
- Improving certain street frontages in the campus area with wider sidewalks that provide more space for pedestrians and more queuing space for transit users.
- Creating corner bulb outs to reduce crossing distances and increase queuing space.
- Removing approximately seven curb cuts along Van Ness Avenue and at other locations; this removal benefits pedestrians by eliminating the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.
- Providing entry plazas with distinctive landscape and hardscape features at the entrances to both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB.
- Integrating the proposed Geary Boulevard Muni stop with the Cathedral Hill Hospital entry plaza. The proposed Van Ness BRT stops are planned for the Van Ness Avenue median south of Geary. The proposed Cathedral Hill Campus is consistent with the proposed BRT projects as improvements to the transit service at this major transit hub.
- Providing benches along Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard and Post Streets to accommodate transit riders and pedestrians.
- Providing benches opposite the lobby of the Cathedral Hill Hospital on Geary Boulevard.
- Providing a stop for the CPMC shuttle near the corner of Post Street and Van Ness Avenue, which will include landscaping/trees.
- Enhancing Cedar Street to make it a multi-use space with streetscape improvements and distinctive pavement.
- Providing outdoor lighting that is a key factor in pedestrian safety and comfort. The historic lighting fixtures along Van Ness Avenue will be retained. Along Geary Boulevard, Post and Franklin Streets, the existing city standard streetlights would be reinstalled. Along Cedar Street, new pedestrian-level streetlights are proposed. Additional pedestrian-level lighting would be provided at both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB. Given that the Cathedral Hill Hospital will be open 24 hours per day, its "eyes on the street" will provide increased pedestrian safety and comfort.
- Creating a kiosk market in the bays along the Van Ness Avenue façade of the Cathedral Hill Hospital. These niches could provide space for commercial uses such as a café, news stand or flower shop.
- Designing the Emergency Department drop-off area to be more like a pedestrian plaza than a vehicular drive-through area.

At St. Luke's, the campus boundaries will be landscaped to present a more open, welcoming presence to the neighborhood and to encourage pedestrian traffic through the campus. The landscaping and street improvements proposed at the St. Luke's Campus are coordinated and consistent with, and complement, the Cesar Chavez Street Design Plan, and meet or exceed the standards outlined in the City's adopted Better Streets Plan.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the St. Luke's Campus includes the following features:

• Improving the street frontages in the campus area, with substantial landscaped areas, to offer visual relief to pedestrians, and provide a buffer between pedestrians and traffic lanes.

• Providing a public entry plaza to both the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB, courtyard, and public pedestrian pathway along a similar path of travel as the vacated San Jose Avenue right-of-way between Cesar Chavez and 27th Streets.

- Providing a stop for the CPMC shuttle on San Jose Avenue which will include landscaping/trees.
- Providing outdoor lighting that is a key factor in pedestrian safety and comfort. Additional pedestrian-level lighting would be provided at both the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB. The building lobbies and other entries would be well lit, and light would spill from those spaces onto the sidewalks. Given that the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital will be open 24-hours per day, its "eyes on the street" will provide increased pedestrian safety and comfort.

The location of the new Cathedral Hill Campus at a major transit hub ensures choices among modes of travel. CPMC will provide employees, patients and visitors at all its campuses with multiple options for traveling to and from the campuses. This commitment is reflected in CPMC's Transportation Demand Management ("TDM") Program. CPMC offers its employees choice among modes of travel, including the following:

- Transit. The choice of the major transit hub at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard/Street as the site for the Cathedral Hill Campus assures that the land use will support General Plan Transportation Element Policies 1.3 and 1.6. The locations of entrances to the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB were planned taking into consideration access from existing and planned transit stops. The Cathedral Hill Campus design includes many features intended to accommodate transit usage, such as transit shelters and the CPMC shuttle stop. The locations of entrances to the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB were planned taking into consideration access from existing and planned transit stops. The St. Luke's Campus design includes features intended to accommodate transit usage, such as the CPMC shuttle stop proposed on San Jose Avenue. CPMC shuttle stops will continue to be provided at the other CPMC campuses.
- Bicycles. CPMC will provide bicycle parking and shower facilities for employees and staff at both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB. Bicycle racks are also planned at the entrances of both buildings. The St. Luke's Campus will provide bicycle parking and shower facilities for employees and staff. Bicycle parking will be provided at the St. Luke's MOB and accessed from Valencia Street.
- Pedestrians. The many pedestrian improvements planned as part of the Near-Term Projects at the Cathedral Hill and St. Luke's Campuses, including the streetscape plans, are described above.
- Parking. CPMC will provide parking at the Cathedral Hill Hospital, Cathedral Hill MOB, and St. Luke's MOB, but the amount of parking provided will be consistent with the policy of the City and with CPMC's TDM program that those who can should use other modes of transportation. The parking pricing and time limitations will also be consistent with Transportation Element Policies 1.3 and 1.6.
- Parking for carpools, vanpools, car-share vehicles. CPMC will continue to provide incentives for these types of shared vehicular trips.

• Taxis The Cathedral Hill Hospital will provide convenient, sheltered spaces for taxi pick-up and drop-off.

CPMC must provide access to its facilities for employees, patients and visitors, affiliated doctors (who are generally not employees), and others, and provide for materials deliveries. Through the TDM program, CPMC is committed to encouraging sustainable transportation. The proper approach to providing sustainable modes of transportation must take into account the needs of the individuals who must travel to and from the facilities. The needs of employees in this urban environment, who generally have regular schedules, are often best served by public transit.

Public transit also often does not meet the needs of patients because of their physical conditions; many patients are ill, or require wheelchairs, other ambulatory devices or mobility assistance. Patients with contagious diseases are another segment of that population who should not use public transit.

At St. Luke's Campus, on-site parking is prioritized for use by patients, doctors and, to the extent feasible, visitors, staff who work in the evenings and at night when space is available, and the general public. Doctors need to travel quickly back and forth between their hospital patients and their other patients, who are not always at the same site. The private automobile is often the most efficient mode for these trips. The proximity of the St. Luke's MOB to the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital will minimize these automobile trips, and could improve circulation and reduce automobile traffic in the area. CPMC's extensive TDM program encourages and provides incentives for employees who utilize public transportation, and encourages a wide range of transportation options.

At the Davies Campus, improvements associated with the Neuroscience Institute project will result in the creation of a new "MUNI lobby" at the north end of the building directly connecting, for the first time, the lowest physical level of the campus with the popular N-Judah MUNI train line across Duboce Avenue, thereby promoting safe, convenient use of available transit. In addition, the project will:

- Widen the passable width of the sidewalk on Noe Street by expanding the sidewalk westward onto CPMC property as well as eastward at block-end bulbouts.
- Install pedestrian seating along Noe Street.
- Completely renovate and improve the sidewalk surface and landscape for the length of Noe Street, making the pedestrian experience safer and more attractive.

CPMC's current TDM program at its existing campuses has been shown to be effective in promoting the use of public transit by its employees. For example, at the Davies Campus over 40% of the staff members use public transit to travel to the campus. Since the Cathedral Hill Campus site is on major transit lines and is on the edge of the downtown core, it is anticipated that approximately 50% of staff members will use transit, consistent with general ridership percentages for other businesses on the Van Ness corridor.

CPMC's proposed system-wide TDM program will encourage and provide incentives for employees who utilize public transportation, and encourage a wide range of transportation options. Key components of CPMC's TDM program are:

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• CPMC Shuttle Service: CPMC will extend its existing free intercampus shuttle service for doctors and staff to the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus. Shuttle bus services will be substantially increased to link the Cathedral Hill Campus with off-site parking and BART and Muni metro stations. The existing shuttle routes provide service among the campuses, between campuses and CPMC off-site parking facilities, between the Pacific Campus (which is currently the hub for the shuttle system) and CPMC off-campus facilities including 633 Folsom, and between the Civic Center BART station and the Pacific Campus. The St. Luke's Campus is served with direct shuttle service to and from the Davies Campus and to and from the 24th Street Bart Station.

- Rideshare Promotions: Carpools and Vanpools: CPMC will extend its policy of free parking for registered carpool and vanpools with three or more CPMC employees or tenants, along with a \$2,500 per year subsidy for vanpool vehicles. CPMC participates in the 511 Regional Rideshare program which provides rideshare matches for employees.
- Pre-Tax Transit Program: CPMC will provide for the maximum limit allowed for federal income tax purposes of \$230 per month in pre-tax spending for transit passes. CPMC will not offer the \$230 per month pre-tax parking benefit also allowed for tax purposes, because of this benefit's inevitable effect of increasing single occupancy vehicle use.
- Transit Subsidy: All CPMC employees will be offered a transit subsidy, at a value to be benchmarked against the adult Muni monthly FastPass price, for use toward purchase of passes for transit, including Muni and TransLink.
- Flexible Work Schedules: CPMC will extend its policy of allowing some employees to work flexible schedules in order to relieve traffic congestion. Many CPMC employees work off-peak shifts, which also relieves peak hour traffic congestion.
- Car Sharing: CMPC will provide designated car-share parking spaces at the Cathedral Hill Campus in compliance with code requirements. The St. Luke's Campus provides two spaces at the Duncan Street Parking Garage for a car-share program. These spaces will remain during and after construction of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB. There are currently several additional car sharing options in the vicinity of the St. Luke's Campus. Carshare spaces will also be provided at the St. Luke's MOB in compliance with code requirements.
- Emergency Ride Home Program: CPMC participates in the City's Emergency Ride Home Program. CPMC employees who participate in the program and use public transportation are eligible for reimbursements from the City.
- Guaranteed Ride Home: For safety concerns, CPMC security provides rides home to employees who live within four blocks of each campus during after-hours.
- Off-Site Parking: CPMC will provide off-site remote parking at a discount at the Geary Street Mall at 16th Avenue, and at the Japantown Garage at Geary and Laguna. These facilities will

be served by CPMC shuttles. These off-site facilities provide parking to employees some of whom would otherwise park near the campuses, thus reducing traffic congestion in the residential campus areas.

- Education and Promotion: CPMC sponsors an annual Transportation Fair that features a free bicycle workshop by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and educational materials on commute alternatives and transit. CPMC provides a Parking Services Newsletter informing employees of the most current parking charges and off-street parking facilities. CPMC has a dedicated web page with transit and parking information and related links. Promotional materials will be significantly enhanced and will include web-based marketing and information, ride-share coordination and real-time transit scheduling information.
- Coordinator: A dedicated transportation coordinator will manage the TDM program.
- Parking fees: Parking fees will be increased to be consistent with or higher than the prevailing fees in the area. Increased parking fees will provide a further disincentive for long term parking and will encourage drivers to use alternative modes of transportation.

In addition to CPMC's proposed enhancements to its existing TDM program, CPMC would make commitments through the proposed Development Agreement to provide funding for improvements to MTA transit facilities and services. These commitments include: providing \$5 million in funding for the proposed Van Ness and Geary BRT projects; payment of a \$10.5 million Transit Fee to MTA to help meet new demands on the transit system associated with the new Cathedral Hill Campus; a parking surcharge of \$0.50 off-peak and \$0.75 peak that will be imposed on every entry and exit from the Cathedral Hill parking garage, estimated to provide an additional \$500,000 per year to MTA, for a period of 10 years; and \$400,000 in funding to MTA for studies regarding improvements to bicycle facilities around and between the proposed new CPMC facilities.

### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

USE THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AS A MEANS FOR GUIDING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

### Policy 2.1

Use rapid transit and other transportation improvements in the city and region as the catalyst for desirable development, and coordinate new facilities with public and private development.

### Policy 2.2

Reduce pollution, noise and energy consumption.

### Policy 2.5

Provide incentives for the use of transit, carpools, vanpools, walking and bicycling and reduce the need for new or expanded automobile and automobile parking facilities.

CPMC has sited its new Cathedral Hill Campus at the transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street/Boulevard, which are two of the most transit-rich thoroughfares in the City. One of the reasons this site was chosen was its central location and access to public transit. CPMC has worked closely with the MTA to coordinate appropriate funding levels for improvements to MTA transit facilities and services, which would be CPMC commitments under the proposed Development Agreement, including: \$5 million in funding for the proposed Van Ness and Geary BRT projects; a \$10.5 million Transit Fee to MTA to help meet new demands on the transit system associated with the new Cathedral Hill Medical Center; a parking surcharge of \$0.50 off-peak and \$0.75 peak that will be imposed on every entry and exit from the Cathedral Hill parking garage, estimated to provide an additional \$500,000 per year to MTA, for a period of 10 years; and \$400,000 in funding to MTA for studies regarding improvements to bicycle facilities around and between the proposed new CPMC facilities.

The designs of the Cathedral Hill Campus, St. Luke's Campus, and Davies Campus facilities, including streetscape elements, are intended to promote and enhance transit use, which will reduce pollution, noise and energy consumption. CPMC's TDM program implements its policy of providing appropriate transportation alternatives for all users of the CPMC system. As described in detail in the above discussion regarding Transportation Element Objective 1, the TDM program includes incentives for the use of transit, carpools and vanpools. Both public and staff bicycle parking are provided to encourage bicycle use.

### **OBJECTIVE 7**

DEVELOP A PARKING STRATEGY THAT ENCOURAGES SHORT-TERM PARKING AT THE PERIPHERY OF DOWNTOWN AND LONG-TERM INTERCEPT PARKING AT THE PERIPHERY OF THE URBANIZED BAY AREA TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LONG-DISTANCE COMMUTERS TRAVELING BY AUTOMOBILE TO SAN FRANCISCO OR NEARBY DESTINATIONS.

### Policy 7.1

Reserve a majority of the off-street parking spaces at the periphery of downtown for short term parking.

Although the CPMC campuses are not located downtown, CPMC's parking strategy discourages long-term parking by employees in its on-campus parking garages and parking lots. CPMC provides off-site parking for employees at several decentralized parking garages near its campuses, and provides a shuttle system that serves these locations and others. Other elements of CPMC's TDM program, such as newsletters and informational transportation events, also discourage on-site parking and the use of private vehicles by promoting attractive alternatives, such as rideshare programs, and incentives for use of transit, carpools, and vanpools, as described in more detail above in the discussion of Transportation Element Objective 1.

### **OBJECTIVE 11:**

ESTABLISH PUBLIC TRANSIT AS THE PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN SAN FRANCISCO AND AS A MEANS THROUGH WHICH TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVE REGIONAL MOBILITY AND AIR QUALITY.

### Policy 11.3

Encourage development that efficiently coordinates land use with transit service, requiring that developers address transit concerns as well as mitigate traffic problems.

The Cathedral Hill Campus is well served by major north-south and east-west transit lines, including the proposed Van Ness and Geary BRT lines. As described more specifically above in the discussions regarding Transportation Element Objectives 1 and 2, the Development Agreement includes CPMC commitments for approximately \$20 million in funding for Muni transit facilities and service, part of which is expected to be utilized within the Van Ness and Geary corridors for proposed BRT planning and/or infrastructure.

Although the Cathedral Hill Campus would contain a large supply of off-street parking, primary parking ingress and egress for the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB are provided on Post and Cedar Streets, respectively. There would be secondary parking ingress driveways for both buildings (with no egress at the Cathedral Hill MOB, and egress at the Cathedral Hill Hospital permitted during an emergency situation only) located on Geary Street/Boulevard. These driveway locations would minimize disruption to transit service on Geary Street.

However, if the ingress driveways on Geary Street/Boulevard were to create substantial conflicts with transit or other transportation modes in the future, the Geary curb cut permits would be revoked and the driveways would be closed, as specified through the Conditions of Approval outlined in Motion No. 18598. The Cathedral Hill Hospital ingress driveway would remain but would be closed except during an emergency situation. Non-emergency ingress or egress would be provided from Post and Cedar streets only.

The St. Luke's Campus is directly accessible by nine Muni Bus lines, including: 14-Mission; 26-Valencia; 27-Bryant; 49-Van Ness-Mission; the 67-Bernal Heights; and the J-Church Muni Metro light rail line, which is six blocks west of the Campus. In addition, the 24th Street BART Station is at the corner of Mission Street and 24th Street, approximately five blocks north of the St. Luke's Campus.

The proposed Neurosciences Institute building at the Davies Campus will be directly accessible to the N-Judah Muni light rail line, No. 24 bus along Castro Street, and the No. 37 bus along 14th Street, and is within two blocks of additional bus routes. Muni Metro lines including the K, L, M, and the Castro Shuttle are available under Market Street and Church Street Station (the F Market streetcar line is also available on Market Street). All of these transit lines have been shown to have capacity sufficient to accommodate expected ridership from the proposed Neurosciences Institute building during peak periods.

At all campuses, staff, visitors and patients are encouraged to utilize transit, in accordance with CPMC's TDM program, as described in more detail above in the discussion regarding Transportation Element Objective 1.

### **OBJECTIVE 12:**

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, WHICH WILL SUPPORT CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AND AIR QUALITY

OBJECTIVES, MAINTAIN MOBILITY AND ENHANCE BUSINESS VITALITY AT MINIMUM COST.

### Policy 12.1

Develop and implement strategies which provide incentives for individuals to use public transit, ridesharing, bicycling and walking to the best advantage, thereby reducing the number of single occupant auto trips.

As described in more detail above in the discussion regarding Transportation Element Objective 1, CPMC's TDM Program, along with the commitments in the proposed Development Agreement, support congestion management and air quality objectives, maintain mobility and enhance business vitality.

### **OBJECTIVE 14**

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR OPERATIONAL CHANGES AND LAND USE POLICIES THAT WILL MAINTAIN MOBILITY AND SAFETY DESPITE A RISE IN TRAVEL DEMAND THAT COULD OTHERWISE RESULT IN SYSTEM CAPACITY DEFICIENCIES.

#### Policy 14.6

Reduce peak period congestion through the promotion of flexible work schedules at worksites throughout the City.

#### Policy 14.7

Encourage the use of transit and other alternatives modes of travel to the private automobile through the positioning of building entrances and the convenient location of support facilities that prioritizes access from these modes.

Planning transportation access to a medical center campus is different from planning access to other types of land uses, because a hospital does not have as sharp a peak transportation demand on a daily basis during the work week, as would a typical office building. Hospitals operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and a significant number of hospital employees work on shifts. There are generally three eight-hour shifts per day. Therefore, traffic demand for a hospital use is more dispersed than for an office use. While medical office employees would follow typical a.m. and p.m. peaking patterns, patients at medical office buildings such as the Cathedral Hill MOB, St. Luke's MOB, and Davies Neurosciences Institute building would result in more dispersed travel demand throughout the day, because patient visits are scheduled at various times during the day.

CPMC will encourage the use of transit and other alternative modes of travel to and from all CPMC campuses through proposed enhancements to its existing TDM program, as described in more detail above in the discussion of Transportation Element Objective 1. Under the enhanced TDM program, CPMC, among other things, would extend its policy of allowing some employees to work flexible schedules in order to relieve traffic congestion. Many CPMC employees work off-peak shifts, which also relieves peak hour traffic congestion.

In addition, CPMC will encourage the use of transit and other alternative modes of travel to and from the Cathedral Hill Campus through:

• The location of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB at an intersection which is a major transit hub.

- The placement of the pedestrian entrances to the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB taking into consideration access from existing and planned transit stops.
- The proximity of the Cathedral Hill MOB to the Cathedral Hill Hospital, which will minimize trips by physicians with offices at the Cathedral Hill MOB traveling to the Cathedral Hill Hospital.
- The provision of a vehicular passage through the Cathedral Hill Hospital between Geary Boulevard and Post Street to provide space for vehicular queuing within the property.
- Special maneuvering areas within the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB garages to provide queuing space within the facilities.
- The placement of entrances to the Cathedral Hill Hospital for other vehicles, including delivery vehicles and ambulances, in order to provide on-site maneuvering areas and to allow entering and exiting without on-street backing movement, thereby minimizing impacts on traffic circulation.
- The design for the Cathedral Hill Campus, which includes transportation features such as transit shelters, the shuttle stop and the Van Ness Avenue pedestrian tunnel connecting the Cathedral Hill Hospital and the Cathedral Hill MOB.
- The provision of bicycle parking spaces at the Cathedral Hill Campus.

CPMC will encourage the use of transit and other alternative modes of travel to and from the St. Luke's Campus through:

- The placement of the pedestrian entrances to the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB taking into consideration access from existing and planned transit stops.
- The proximity of the St. Luke's MOB to the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, which will minimize trips by physicians traveling to the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital.
- The proposed shuttle stop at St. Luke's is located at the intersection of San Jose Avenue and 27th Street, providing direct access to the St. Luke's Campus.
- *CPMC's shuttle service provides direct access to the 24th Street BART station.*
- The provision of bicycle parking at the St. Luke's Campus.
- The provision of car-sharing spaces at the St. Luke's MOB in compliance with code requirements.

CPMC will encourage the use of transit and other alternative modes of travel to and from the Davies Campus through:

- The placement of the pedestrian entrances to the Neuroscience Institute taking into consideration access from existing transit stops.
- The proximity of the Neuroscience Institute to the Davies Campus hospital, which will minimize trips by physicians traveling to the hospital.
- The provision of bicycle parking spaces at the Davies Campus.

# **OBJECTIVE 15:**

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVES TO THE AUTOMOBILE AND REDUCED TRAFFIC LEVELS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS THAT SUFFER FROM EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES.

## Policy 15.1

Discourage excessive automobile traffic on residential streets by incorporating traffic-calming treatments

The Project includes automobile traffic-calming treatments at the St. Luke's, Davies, and Cathedral Hill Campuses, such as widened sidewalks and landscape strips. It also includes corner bulbs at the St. Luke's and Cathedral Hill Campuses.

Under the proposed Development Agreement, CPMC would be committed to funding several streetscape, lighting, and pedestrian safety improvements, including:

- Providing \$8 million for pedestrian safety and public realm improvements in the Tenderloin, including pedestrian-scale lighting, sidewalk widening, and changing specified streets from one-way to two-way.
- Providing \$150,000 to help form a Lower Polk CBD, as well as a \$1 million seed grant to the CBD.
- Providing a \$200,000 grant for the Safe Passage Pilot program in the Tenderloin.
- Constructing a series of pedestrian safety and public realm improvements around the Davies Campus, valued at approximately \$475,000.
- Constructing a series of pedestrian safety and public realm improvements around the St. Luke's Campus, valued at approximately \$3,300,000.

### **OBJECTIVE 16:**

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL EFFICIENTLY MANAGE THE SUPPLY OF PARKING AT EMPLOYMENT CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY SO AS TO DISCOURAGE SINGLE-OCCUPANT RIDERSHIP AND ENCOURAGE RIDESHARING, TRANSIT AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE SINGLE-OCCUPANT AUTOMOBILE.

### Policy 16.1

Reduce parking demand through the provision of comprehensive information that encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation.

### Policy 16.3

Reduce parking demand through the provision of incentives for the use of carpools and vanpools at new and existing parking facilities throughout the City.

#### Policy 16.4

Manage parking demand through appropriate pricing policies including the use of premium rates near employment centers well-served by transit, walking and bicycling, and progressive rate structures to encourage turnover and the efficient use of parking.

### Policy 16.5

Reduce parking demand through limiting the absolute amount of spaces and prioritizing the spaces for short-term and ride-share uses.

### Policy 16.6

Encourage alternatives to the private automobile by locating public transit access and rideshare vehicle and bicycle parking at more close-in and convenient locations on-site, and by locating parking facilities for single-occupant vehicles more remotely.

Planning transportation access to a medical center campus is different from planning access to other types of land uses, because a hospital does not have as sharp a peak transportation demand on a daily basis during the work week, as would a typical office building. Hospitals operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and a significant number of hospital employees work on shifts. There are generally three eight-hour shifts per day. Therefore, traffic demand for a hospital use is more dispersed than for an office use. While medical office employees would follow typical a.m. and p.m. peaking patterns, patients at medical office buildings such as the Cathedral Hill MOB, St. Luke's MOB, and Davies Neurosciences Institute building would result in more dispersed travel demand throughout the day, because patient visits are scheduled at various times during the day.

CPMC's TDM program, which is described in more detail in the discussion above regarding Transportation Element Objective 1, includes the dissemination of information at Transportation Fairs, through its Parking Services Newsletter and through its dedicated web page.

CPMC provides the following incentives for carpools and vanpools:

- CPMC participates in the 511 Regional Rideshare program which provides rideshare matches for employees.
- CPMC provides price incentives for carpool and vanpool parking.
- Carpools and vanpools use priority parking spaces near the elevators.

CPMC's parking policy in the TDM program for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses will include pricing policies to discourage long-term parking and encourage turnover and efficient use of parking.

Parking demand at the Cathedral Hill, Davies, and St. Luke's Campuses will be reduced through limitations on the numbers of spaces and through prioritizing spaces for short-term and ride-share uses, through appropriate pricing and space allocations for ride-share uses.

As described above, CPMC will encourage the use of public transit for trips to its campuses by many methods, including the relocations of Muni stops for more convenient transit access. By providing parking for employees at off-site locations which are served by its inter-campus shuttle, CPMC encourages its employees to utilize these sites that are located farther from its facilities. Parking is provided at all campus garage facilities for ride-share vehicles and bicycles.

### **OBJECTIVE 21:**

DEVELOP TRANSIT AS THE PRIMARY MODE OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM DOWNTOWN AND ALL MAJOR ACTIVITY CENTERS WITHIN THE REGION.

### Policy 21.9

Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit facilities.

CPMC's plans for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses, including their respective streetscape plans, include design elements that will improve pedestrian access to transit facilities and will provide bicycle parking for both employees and visitors, improving their access to transit. Please see the discussion above regarding Transportation Element Objective 1 for more detail regarding improvements related to pedestrian and bicycle access to transit facilities under CPMC's TDM program and CPMC's commitments under the proposed Development Agreement.

### **OBJECTIVE 23:**

IMPROVE THE CITY'S PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT, PLEASANT, AND SAFE MOVEMENT.

### Policy 23.1

Provide sufficient pedestrian movement space with a minimum of pedestrian congestion in accordance with a pedestrian street classification system.

## Policy 23.2

Widen sidewalks where intensive commercial, recreational, or institutional activity is present, sidewalks are congested, where sidewalks are less than adequately wide to provide appropriate pedestrian amenities, or where residential densities are high.

#### Policy 23.3

Maintain a strong presumption against reducing sidewalk widths, eliminating crosswalks and forcing indirect crossings to accommodate automobile traffic.

### Policy 23.5

Establish and enforce a set of sidewalk zones that provides guidance for the location of all pedestrian and streetscape elements, maintains sufficient unobstructed width for passage of people, strollers and wheelchairs, consolidates raised elements in distinct areas to activate the pedestrian environment, and allows sufficient access to buildings, vehicles, and streetscape amenities.

#### Policy 23.6

Ensure convenient and safe pedestrian crossings by minimizing the distance pedestrians must walk to cross a street.

#### Policy 23.9

Implement the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the City's curb ramp program to improve pedestrian access for all people.

As part of the Project, CPMC proposes to widen certain sidewalks around the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses in response to the anticipated pedestrian activity. The widened sidewalks are consistent with the City's Better Streets Plan, and will enable appropriate pedestrian amenities, such as street trees, street furnishings, street trees, and landscaping. CPMC will also introduce new curb bulbs

and raised crosswalks at several locations in order to reduce the street crossing distance and improve pedestrian safety.

Please also see the discussions of Transportation Element Objectives 1 and 15 above for more detail regarding proposed pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements that are part of the Project or would be funded by CPMC as commitments under the Development Agreement.

### **OBJECTIVE 24:**

IMPROVE THE AMBIENCE OF THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT.

### Policy 24.2

Maintain and expand the planting of street trees and the infrastructure to support them.

### Policy 24.3

Install pedestrian-serving street furniture where appropriate.

### Policy 24.4

Preserve pedestrian-oriented building frontages.

### Policy 24.5

Where consistent with transportation needs, transform streets and alleys into neighborhoodserving open spaces or "living streets" by adding pocket parks in sidewalks or medians, especially in neighborhoods deficient in open space.

Street trees are the organizing element of the pedestrian environment. Locations for street trees, along with other streetscape elements such as irrigation, are identified through streetscape plans for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses. Through the Conditions of Approval for each of these campuses, maintenance of the streetscape and campus landscaping will be required.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus provides for seasonal garden zones along Van Ness Avenue and rainwater gardens around the Cathedral Hill Hospital on Geary Boulevard and Franklin and Post Streets. The seasonal gardens would consist of ornamental and flowering trees and perennials. Flowering trees are located within the planting area, between the street tree spacing. The seasonal gardens will also serve to treat storm water during the rainy season.

The rain gardens will be graded to allow two plant communities along each street. Higher areas would support dry plants, while the lower areas would support water-loving plants that thrive in the seasonal rains. Plants would also be selected to emphasize the difference between these wet and dry zones. Also, different plant communities for each zone would respond to microclimates of the sites: sun-loving plants along Geary Boulevard, shade-tolerant plants along Post Street, and wind-tolerant plants along Franklin Street.

All planting areas would be irrigated with a low-water-use irrigation system during the dry season.

Street trees would be planted at an approximately 30-foot spacing along all of the streets within the Cathedral Hill Campus area. The Van Ness Area Plan requires London Plane trees along Van Ness Avenue. A light and tall tree species, such as Honey Locust, is proposed for Cedar Street. The Franklin Street trees would be a dense evergreen species, such as Brisbane Box, that would fit in with the existing

trees along Franklin Street. Geary Boulevard and Post Street would be planted with medium-density shade trees.

At the St. Luke's Campus, the new buildings will be organized around a landscaped open space that mimics the existing San Jose Avenue alignment between Cesar Chavez Street and 27th Street. This landscaped public plaza spans two levels and is designed to unify the St. Luke's Campus, mediate the site's significant grade change and provide a public pedestrian pathway along a similar path of travel as the vacated San Jose Avenue right-of-way between Cesar Chavez and 27th Streets. The lower north plaza at Cesar Chavez will front the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital's cafeteria and primary entrance at the northeast corner of the building and the ground floor retail at the base of the St. Luke's MOB, providing pedestrian interest and visibility into the building.

At the Davies Campus, the landscaping of Noe Street alongside the Neuroscience Institute will be designed to be compatible with the existing streetscape. The existing sidewalk area will be widened, reconfigured and replanted, creating an environment that both patients and residents can enjoy. The proposed right-of-way improvements will include several species of trees suitable to a residential neighborhood.

All new buildings at the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses have been designed to allow for visibility into the ground floor spaces of the buildings in order to make the pedestrian environment more agreeable and safe; features at these campuses include retail kiosks, retail tenant spaces, cafeterias, and pedestrian entrances and lobbies.

The western end of Cedar Street will be transformed into an Entry Plaza for the Cathedral Hill MOB. Features will include a curbless drop-off area defined by tactile warning tiles and lighted bollards, and enhanced paving. Curbs are maintained throughout the alley outside of the drop-off zone. East of the Entry Plaza/drop off area, the street and sidewalk pavement will be enhanced, and the sidewalks will be planted with street trees and shrubs, and pedestrian-level street lights will be installed. The street is planned so that it could be used for special events such as street fairs or markets in the evenings or on weekends, when the Cathedral Hill MOB is closed.

### **OBJECTIVE 26:**

CONSIDER THE SIDEWALK AREA AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE CITYWIDE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM.

### Policy 26.1

Retain streets and alleys not required for traffic, or portions thereof, for through pedestrian circulation and open space use.

#### Policy 26.2

Partially or wholly close certain streets not required as traffic carriers for pedestrian use or open space.

### Policy 26.3

Encourage pedestrian serving uses on the sidewalk.

As described above, CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus provides many sidewalk improvements that are consistent with Transportation Element Objective 26 and Policies 26.1 through

26.3. The potential kiosk markets are just one example of pedestrian-serving uses on the sidewalk that are consistent with Policy 26.3. Other examples include attractive and functional street furniture and enhanced transit stops. The streetscape plan's proposed transformation of Cedar Street into an area that could be used as a neighborhood-serving open space is consistent with Policies 26.1 and 26.2.

CPMC's plaza and streetscape design process for the St. Luke's Campus took into consideration existing open space in the vicinity and current proposals for additional public space. The plaza will convert portion of San Jose Avenue not needed for motorized or non-motorized vehicle traffic into a significant improvement to pedestrian access in the area, connecting the upper southern part of the St. Luke's Campus directly with Cesar Chavez Street to the north. The streetscape plan for the St. Luke's Campus includes sidewalk planning that treats the sidewalk area as an important public access realm.

At the Davies Campus, the Noe streetscape design and plaza entry at the southern end of the Neuroscience Institute greatly enhance the pedestrian realm along Noe Street, better connecting relatively more improved sections of Noe Street with Duboce Park to the north.

### **OBJECTIVE 28:**

PROVIDE SECURE AND CONVENIENT PARKING FACILITIES FOR BICYCLES.

#### Policy 28.1

Provide secure bicycle parking in new governmental, commercial, and residential developments.

#### Policy 28.3

Provide parking facilities which are safe, secure, and convenient.

CPMC's plans for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses include reliable, safe, secure, and conveniently located bicycle parking facilities that are sheltered from the weather for staff, along with bicycle racks at the main entrances for the public.

At the Cathedral Hill Campus, CPMC plans to provide 150 bicycle parking spaces in the new parking garage at the Cathedral Hill Hospital, along with shower facilities for staff bicyclists, and 62 bicycle parking spaces in the new parking garage at the Cathedral Hill MOB, along with shower facilities for staff. Bicycle racks will also be provided for the public at the entrances to the Cathedral Hill MOB.

CPMC currently provides 10 bicycle parking spaces within the Duncan Street Garage, and plans to provide bicycle parking spaces in the parking garage at the St. Luke's MOB, along with shower facilities for staff bicyclists. Approximately 10 bicycle racks will also be provided for the public at the entrance to the St. Luke's Emergency Department.

The Davies Campus currently provides 26 bicycle parking spaces, and the Near-Term Project would provide an additional 25 bicycle parking spaces in the plaza, by the main south entrance of the pedestrian plaza.

### **OBJECTIVE 30:**

ENSURE THAT THE PROVISION OF NEW OR ENLARGED PARKING FACILITIES DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LIVABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF THE CITY AND ITS VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS.

### Policy 30.1

Assure that new or enlarged parking facilities meet need, locational and design criteria.

### Policy 30.5

In any large development, allocate a portion of the provided off-street parking spaces for compact automobiles, vanpools, bicycles and motorcycles commensurate with standards that are, at a minimum, representative of their proportion of the city's vehicle population.

### Policy 30.6

Make existing and new accessory parking available to nearby residents and the general public for use as short-term or evening parking when not being utilized by the business or institution to which it is accessory.

The proposed below-grade parking garages at the Cathedral Hill Campus and within the St. Luke's MOB have been designed to meet the need and location of the proposed facilities, and have been designed in consultation with the Planning Department's transportation planners. At the Cathedral Hill Campus, this results in narrow garage entries and restricted ingress/egress at various access points. The capacity of parking provided within the Cathedral Hill Campus and the St. Luke's MOB garages is consistent with the Code allowance for off-street parking for facilities of the proposed size. The design of the garages, including access, egress, circulation and capacity, together with CPMC's parking strategy as set forth in its TDM program, assure that parking will meet the needs of the campuses to the extent feasible, but will not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhoods.

It is the current policy of CPMC, which will also apply to the Project, to reserve on-site parking for use by patients and doctors. Although staff is typically encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation, those who work in the evenings and at night, when space is readily available, will be able to park at the site. The amount of parking for the CPMC campuses has been determined to meet this need and locational and design criteria.

A portion of parking spaces at both Campuses will be allocated to compact automobiles, vanpools, bicycles and motorcycles commensurate with standards that exceed their proportion of the city's vehicle population. Spaces will also be provided for vehicles that are part of car-share programs.

Subject to capacity and reasonable security considerations, parking in the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will be available to nearby residents and the general public in the evenings and on weekends.

# **OBJECTIVE 31:**

ESTABLISH PARKING RATES AND OFF-STREET PARKING FARE STRUCTURES TO REFLECT THE FULL COSTS, MONETARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL, OF PARKING IN THE CITY.

#### Policy 31.1

Set rates to encourage short-term over long term automobile parking.

### Policy 31.2

Where off-street parking near institutions and in commercial areas outside downtown is in short supply, set parking rates to encourage higher turnover and more efficient use of the parking supply.

### Policy 31.3

Encourage equity between drivers and non-drivers by offering transit fare validations and/or cash-out parking programs where off-street parking is validated or subsidized.

CPMC's fee structure for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campus parking garages, including the surcharges charged on every entry and exit at the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB pursuant to CPMC's Development Agreement commitments, as described in more detail above, will encourage short-term over long-term automobile parking, and will thereby encourage higher turnover and more efficient use of the parking supply.

As explained in more detail in the above discussion regarding Transportation Element Objective 1, CPMC's TDM program includes market rate parking pricing and transit fare subsidies, effectively giving preference to non-drivers. This exceeds the intent of Transportation Element Policy 31.3, which encourages equity between drivers and non-drivers.

### **OBJECTIVE 33:**

CONTAIN AND LESSEN THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONS ON SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

### Policy 33.1

Limit the provision of long-term automobile parking facilities at institutions and encourage such institutions to regulate existing facilities to assure use by short-term clients and visitors.

### Policy 33.2

Protect residential neighborhoods from the parking impacts of nearby traffic generators.

Some of the residential areas adjacent to the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses are within Residential Parking Permit ("RPP") zones. CPMC has supported the use of RPPs in the neighborhoods around its campuses, which prevent parking by hospital personnel, patients and visitors on residential streets for more than two hours (during weekday business hours).

Although there are some trips to institutions which are appropriately made by automobile, especially for physicians, some medical appointments, and hospital visits, CPMC encourages work trips for staff to be made by transit wherever possible, and has implemented a system-wide TDM program, as described in more detail in the above discussion regarding Transportation Element Objective 1. In addition, new parking provided at the Cathedral Hill Campus has been carefully designed to favor short-term, carpool or bicycle parking for trips which cannot reasonably be made on transit. CPMC's fee structure for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campus garage, including the surcharges charged on every entry and exit at the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB pursuant to CPMC's Development Agreement commitments, as described in more detail above, favors short-term over long-term automobile parking.

The St. Luke's Campus will provide a total of 450 structured parking spaces for the primary use of patients and visitors. Parking rates will be set to discourage long-term day use from hospital personnel. The proposed St. Luke's MOB would provide 220 parking spaces, and the vehicular entrances/exits will be on Cesar Chavez and Valencia Streets. No vehicular entrance or exits from the St. Luke's MOB garage would be on San Jose Avenue or 27th Street, which would limit the amount of traffic on those residential streets.

The Davies Campus will provide a total of 421 parking spaces for the primary use of patients and visitors. Parking rates will be set to discourage long-term day use from hospital personnel. No new vehicular entrances or exists to or from the existing surface parking lot or parking garage would be introduced as part of the Neuroscience Institute Project, thereby limiting the amount of traffic on those residential streets.

CPMC's parking strategy for the Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses, including its TDM program, will contain and lessen the traffic and parking impact of the Project on surrounding residential areas.

### **URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT**

### **Objectives and Policies**

# **OBJECTIVE 1:**

EMPHASIS OF THE CHARACTERISTIC PATTERN WHICH GIVES TO THE CITY AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS AN IMAGE, A SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND A MEANS OF ORIENTATION.

#### Policy 1.1

Recognize and protect major views in the city, with particular attention to those of open space and water.

### Policy 1.3

Recognize that buildings, when seen together, produce a total effect that characterizes the city and its districts.

### Policy 1.5

Emphasize the special nature of each district through distinctive landscaping and other features.

#### Policy 1.6

Make centers of activity more prominent through design of street features and by other means.

#### Policy 1.8

Increase the visibility of major destination areas and other points for orientation.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will reinforce topography and the characteristic pattern both in the immediate neighborhood and as part of the larger Van Ness Avenue setting, and will not significantly affect major public view corridors. Because of the scale of the Cathedral Hill Hospital,

its architectural compatibility, its location at a transit hub, and its proposed streetscape design, the Cathedral Hill will be a significant presence, and will provide a positive image for the City as well as for the immediate neighborhood. The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will provide a sense of purpose to the urban pattern, and will give variety to Van Ness Avenue. Additionally, the streetscape improvements proposed at the Cathedral Hill Campus are intended to provide a template for other potential improvements along Van Ness Avenue.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital would be taller than several of the buildings in the vicinity, particularly the commercial and residential buildings on the south side of Geary Boulevard. However, the Cathedral Hill Hospital would be consistent in height with the existing residential towers north and west of the site. The Cathedral Hill Hospital also would be consistent with the existing building skyline in the vicinity. The scenic views from Alta Plaza (southeast view) and Alamo Square (northeast view) would not be substantially altered.

The new Cathedral Hill MOB has been designed to be consistent with the height of existing buildings located west of the site along Van Ness Avenue, and along Geary Boulevard. It is designed to be Codecompliant with regard to height, but is reduced in height at the street in order to better relate to the prevailing street wall height along Van Ness Avenue.

For the above reasons, major views in the City and existing view corridors would be preserved.

Both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB have been designed, through their architectural features and articulations, along with the streetscape design tying them together and into the neighborhood, to complement one another and to complement the surrounding buildings and neighborhoods. The total effect is that the Cathedral Hill Campus would be integrated into the pattern of the neighborhood, the Van Ness Corridor and the City as a whole. The Cathedral Hill Hospital, which is an important institutional use and a center of activity, will be architecturally distinctive and an appropriately prominent presence on the Van Ness corridor, while the Cathedral Hill MOB will be architecturally compatible with the prevailing pattern of buildings along Van Ness Avenue.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital will be visible as a major destination in the City for employees, as well as for patients, their families, and others. Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard are major transportation corridors for both autos and public transportation. Van Ness Avenue, which is part of Highway 101 in San Francisco, links the North and South Bay communities. Highway 80, which connects to the East Bay, is accessed from South Van Ness Avenue approximately one mile south of the site. The Cathedral Hill Campus can be accessed directly by several major local and regional public transportation providers such as Muni and Golden Gate Transit. This major destination at a key transit hub will also be visible as a point of orientation in the neighborhood through the integration of the streetscape design described above.

At the St. Luke's Campus, the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will reinforce topography and the characteristic pattern both in the immediate neighborhood and as part of their larger setting. Because of the scale of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, its architectural palate and compatibility, and the proposed streetscape design, it will be a significant presence, and will provide a

positive image for the City as well as for the immediate neighborhood. The St. Luke's MOB will also be appropriate in scale and architecture.

Both the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB have been designed, through their massing, their architectural features and articulations, along with the plaza and streetscape design tying them together and into the neighborhood, to complement one another and to complement the surrounding campus and neighborhoods. The total effect of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will be integrated into the pattern of both the neighborhood, the Mission District and the City as a whole.

CPMC's integrated design for the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, St. Luke's MOB, public plaza and streetscape in the area emphasizes the special nature of the St. Luke's Campus area and the immediate neighborhood through distinctive landscaping, signage, and other elements. The St. Luke's Campus as a center of activity will be distinctive and appropriately prominent as a presence in the location where it has served the community since the 1870s.

The exteriors of the bases of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and of the St. Luke's MOB will be durable (currently envisioned to be a brick similar in tone to the existing 1912 Building) and will ground the buildings on the site, engaging users at the pedestrian level. Metal panels are used for the canopy which runs along the entire east side of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, unifying the upper and lower public plazas and creating a connection from the interior of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital to the exterior terraced plazas. The soffit of the canopy is continuous between the interior and exterior, further connecting the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital to the organizing element of the St. Luke's Campus, the landscaped plaza and public pedestrian pathway along a similar path of travel as the vacated San Jose Avenue right-of-way between Cesar Chavez and 27th Streets.

At the Davies Campus, the proposed Neuroscience Institute would be located at the intersection of Noe Street and Duboce Avenue. Noe Street is considered a street of remarkable visual character, with distinct landscaping that includes a variety of trees and planters that activate the sidewalks and create a pleasant experience for neighbors and visitors alike. The activity from the street is reflected in the residential character with a diverse mixture of building styles and roof types. The activity continues at the edges of Noe Street to include the N-Judah Muni transit line and Duboce Park, creating a vibrant neighborhood that embodies a sense of place.

The height of the proposed Neuroscience Institute would be consistent with the scale of homes found in the area and would be Code-compliant with regard to height. The siting of the building at the base of Noe Street and Duboce Avenue would ensure that views from nearby open areas will be preserved. The proposed Neuroscience Institute will activate an underutilized site, which is currently a surface parking lot. The façade would correspond to the image of the neighborhood, and an intricate façade of vertical planes will provide visual interest. The selection of high-quality, sustainable hardwood (that will weather over time) is complementary to the neighborhood, providing a transition from the institutional nature of the Davies Campus to its residential and open space surroundings.

### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES WHICH PROVIDE A SENSE OF NATURE, CONTINUITY WITH THE PAST, AND FREEDOM FROM OVERCROWDING.

#### Policy 2.6

Respect the character of older development nearby in the design of new buildings.

### Policy 2.9

Review proposals for the giving up of street areas in terms of all the public values that streets afford.

The integrated design of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB takes into consideration the context of the site, including the older development nearby. The building configuration of the Cathedral Hill Hospital has been designed based on the need to accommodate the specialized operational and functional requirements of a major hospital building located on a single City block. The building has two distinct elements: a lower broad supporting podium and a narrow tower with an east-west orientation. These elements accommodate two distinct building functions: diagnostic and treatment and support services within the podium, and inpatient care in the upper bed tower. The Cathedral Hill Hospital's building silhouette, created by the tower and podium design, relates to both the immediate neighborhood context, the broader urban core, and the City's east-west skyline. The building also has been designed to minimize the proportion of the façade along Van Ness Avenue and Post and Franklin Streets and allow for an appropriate pedestrian scale along those streets.

The new Cathedral Hill Hospital's building massing, height and square footage would be concentrated most intensely on the southern half of the site, along Geary Boulevard, where the 15-story rectangular tower would be constructed. The lowest concentration of building mass, height and square footage would be located on the northern half of the site, along Post Street, where the six-story podium component would be constructed. This would be the closest part of the Cathedral Hill Hospital to the Daniel Burnham towers, and the height of the Hospital at this location is actually lower than the existing Cathedral Hill Office Building and the existing height limit for new construction at that location.

An important goal of the design of the Cathedral Hill MOB is to complement, to the extent feasible, the scale of nearby buildings so that it will fit within the urban pattern of this neighborhood. The Cathedral Hill MOB would consist of a rectangular-shaped building that would span the entire site. The massing, height and square footage would be concentrated most intensely on the western half of the site along Van Ness Avenue, where the nine-story (130-foot tall) portion of the new building will be. However, the height of the building at the Van Ness Avenue street wall would step down to be compatible with the predominant heights of buildings at the street. The building would also step down along the eastern half of the site, to be compatible with the height of the adjacent Pierce Arrow Building. The Pierce Arrow Building occupies the remaining portion of the block (approximately one quarter of the block). See also the analysis in Objective 3 and in Van Ness Area Plan, Objective 1, below.

In summary, the character of the surrounding development is both respected and enhanced by the design of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, including the integrated streetscape elements.

The Davies Neuroscience Institute building has been designed to incorporate colors and textures from the surrounding context, and to relate with both the adjacent residential neighborhood and the Duboce Park through the use of wood siding and residential-scale detailing. The new building will respect the character of the abutting older residential development by acting as a transition from the larger hospital tower buildings on the Davies, and will provide a connection north-south from the N-Judah Muni stop and Duboce Park to other parts of the surrounding neighborhood through the integrated streetscape design and transparency of the new building at the street.

The integrated design of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB, the public plaza and streetscape, takes into consideration the context of the site, including the surrounding residential neighborhood and commercial activity along Cesar Chavez and Valencia Streets. The character of the surrounding development is both respected and enhanced by the design, scale, and massing of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB.

The street vacation of San Jose Avenue, between Cesar Chavez and 27th Streets, would not be detrimental to vehicular or pedestrian circulation, because this portion of San Jose Avenue is gated at its northern end where it meets Cesar Chavez Street and has not been open to through traffic since at least 1968. CPMC currently uses the area proposed to be vacated pursuant to an encroachment permit recorded on May 15, 1968, predominantly for CPMC emergency vehicle access and surface parking. On February 6, 2002, the Department of Parking and Traffic submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that the encroachment permit had minimal negative impact on the traffic circulation in the adjacent area, because the Street Area had been closed to through traffic for over 30 years, and residents in the neighborhood had become accustomed to its closure. As such, this portion of San Jose Avenue does not currently contribute positively to the urban fabric or pedestrian experience. Furthermore, the street vacation would not interfere with rights or access to any private property, as all properties that abut the area proposed for vacation are owned by CPMC as part of the St. Luke's Campus, which is fully served by other roadways. The street vacation also would not inhibit access for fire protection or any other emergency purpose, or interfere with utility lines or service without adequate reimbursement; obstruct or diminish a significant view or interfere with industrial operations; eliminate or reduce open space that could be used for public recreation; eliminate street space adjacent to a public facility such as a park; eliminate street space that has formed the basis for creation of any lot, or construction or occupancy of any building according to standards that would be violated by discontinuance of the street; enlarge a property that would result in additional dwelling units, excessive density, or a building of excessive height or bulk; reduce street space in areas of high building intensity without provision of new open space accessible for public enjoyment; remove significant natural features; have an adverse effect on any element of the General Plan; or result in a situation where the future development or use of such street area is unknown.

The street vacation of the portion of San Jose Avenue between Cesar Chavez and 27th Streets is necessary in order to facilitate the construction of a new seismically safe acute care hospital at the St. Luke's Campus while allowing for the continued operation of an existing acute care hospital on the same campus during the construction period, consistent with the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations. It would incorporate a well-designed pedestrian courtyard, landscaped plaza, and public pedestrian pathway along a similar path of travel as the vacated San Jose Avenue right-of-way between Cesar

Chavez and 27th Streets, and would further the public values and purposes of streets as expressed in The Urban Design Element and elsewhere in the General Plan.

## **OBJECTIVE 3:**

MODERATION OF MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENT TO COMPLEMENT THE CITY PATTERN, THE RESOURCES TO BE CONSERVED, AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENT.

### Policy 3.1

Promote harmony in the visual relationships and transitions between new and older buildings.

### Policy 3.2

Avoid extreme contrasts in color, shape and other characteristics which will cause new buildings to stand out in excess of their public importance.

### Policy 3.3

Promote efforts to achieve high quality of design for buildings to be constructed at prominent locations.

## Policy 3.4

Promote building forms that will respect and improve the integrity of open spaces and other public areas.

# Policy 3.5

Relate the height of buildings to important attributes of the city pattern and to the height and character of existing development.

## Policy 3.7

Recognize the special urban design problems posed in development of large properties.

At the Davies Campus, the proposed Neuroscience Institute has been designed to meet the programmatic needs of CPMC's patients, while also complementing the neighborhood's vibrancy and diverse mix of building styles.

The proposed Neuroscience Institute has been designed to provide a transition from the institutional nature of the existing Davies Campus to the surrounding residential neighborhood. With the siting and massing of the building along the Davies Campus property line, the proposed Neuroscience Institute will actively engage the neighborhood in way that has not previously been accomplished, and which will preserve the neighborhood's special features while restoring vitality to the design of the Davies Campus.

The Neuroscience Institute building would be complementary and harmonious with the existing neighborhood character in terms of architecture, scale, and massing. The façade will feature materials compatible with the residential neighborhood, including a sustainable harvested exterior wood cladding that will weather over time, accenting alternating inset windows of clear and translucent glass.

The height of the proposed Neuroscience Institute building would be similar in scale to the residential neighborhood. An optimum configuration of programmatic functions (mechanical components have been placed out of sight allowing the building to comply with height requirements without diminishing the aesthetics of the façade). This configuration would allow the proposed building to sit along the property line without casting significant new shadow that would impact the neighborhood's quality of life.

The design of the Neuroscience Institute creates a subtle transition from the institutional nature of the Davies Campus to its surroundings. The proposed Neuroscience Institute building will be approximately 13 feet in height on the façade nearest Duboce Park, and will then step up to approximately 40 feet in height along the primary (Noe Street) façade.

At the first floor of the Neuroscience Institute, a pedestrian corridor will be placed behind a translucent glass exterior extending the length of the building, leading to office doors. The wall space will provide opportunities to have art displayed, enlivening the experiences at the pedestrian level. In the evening, this corridor will remain lit to activate the sidewalk and provide increased visibility.

The engagement of the Noe/Duboce intersection with the siting and massing of the proposed Neuroscience Institute would be unique within the Davies Campus. Previous development has not created a vital dynamic between the campus and the neighborhood. The Neuroscience Institute would balance CPMC's programmatic needs related to serving the health care needs of the future population of the City, while respecting the existing development within the neighborhood.

In terms of streetscape, the Near-Term Project at the Davies Campus will include the replacement of an existing property line fence with a more interesting visual face to the campus. The proposed landscape, streetscape, and tree plans will result in a landscaped berm along the abutting southern surface parking lot frontage, a new entry plaza, a widened sidewalk, and a promenade along Noe Street to enhance the connection to and from the N-Judah Muni stop and Duboce Park.

The context of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB within the St. Luke's Campus, as well as the relationship of the campus to its surroundings, were carefully considered in the design of these facilities, and in the design of the public plaza which will connect the facilities and integrate the St. Luke's Campus into the neighborhood. The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital design has been carefully massed and articulated to respond sensitively to the neighboring residents. The interior of the St. Luke's Campus, along a similar path of travel as the vacated portion of San Jose Avenue, would become more contemporary and animated and establish an organizing element (similar to a street grid).

The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB finishes will be similar to those which exist throughout the neighborhood. The base material on the lower floors will be durable (tile, stone or brick) and will ground the buildings on the site and engage pedestrians at the street level. For the upper floors glass fiber reinforced concrete ("GFRC") will be the primary material. Metal panels are used for the canopy that runs along the entire east side of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and will be a unifying element between the upper and lower plazas. The canopy would create a connection from the interior of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital to the exterior terraced plazas. Because the soffit of the canopy would be continuous between the interior and exterior, the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital would be

connected to the organizing element of the St. Luke's Campus – the landscaped plaza and pedestrian pathway along a similar path of travel as the vacated San Jose Avenue right-of-way.

The height of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital will be lower than the existing Hospital Tower on the St. Luke's Campus, and would improve the hospital's relationship to the neighborhood and the rest of the campus. The height of the St. Luke's MOB would relate to the height of the St. Luke's Replacement hospital, anchor the corner intersection of Cesar Chavez and Valencia Streets, and also would be lower than the height of the existing Hospital Tower.

According to the General Plan, clustering of larger, taller buildings, such as the proposed Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB at important activity centers (such as the major transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard) can visually express the functional importance of these centers. For emergency services purposes, medical centers should be identifiable, and easy to find and access.

Hospitals are generally built on large properties and stand out from residential uses. For emergency services purposes, the Cathedral Hill Campus must be easy to find and access. However, to the extent feasible, the Cathedral Hill Campus should also integrate with the design of the community. The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will complement the City pattern and will promote harmony in visual relationships and transitions between new and older buildings. The Cathedral Hill Hospital is located on an entire city block, and its design, including the contrast between the podium and tower, is intended to promote harmony in visual transitions. The height and texture of the façade of the Cathedral Hill Hospital podium have been articulated to create an attractive building perimeter and streetscape. Building skin is primarily metal and glass. Different types of vision and spandrel glass in alternate patterns add interest to the façade. The curtain wall and metal rain screen along with several vertical recesses create a balanced and well-proportioned look for the tower. The use of stone at the podium is intended to provide a pleasant façade along the streetscape.

The Cathedral Hill MOB is designed to be compatible with the architecture, scale, and massing of the surrounding buildings. The design of the Cathedral Hill MOB relates to the historical vernacular the buildings found along Van Ness Avenue. Specifically, the glass skin originally proposed for the exterior treatment of the building has been replaced with a heavier quality material of concrete cladding (GFRC). The scale has been broken down with smaller scale window openings punched in the GFRC, similar to the two-story window bays found along many of the buildings along Van Ness Avenue. This revised design more closely matches the historical vernacular of the Van Ness Avenue corridor (i.e. Concordia Club, Regency Theater, Opal, 1000 Van Ness). The building's architectural organization has also been revised to include a symmetrical design; the entry has been relocated to the center of the property along Van Ness Avenue rather than at the corner. The strong symmetrical façade, clearly articulated "entrance", and solid base holds the corners more appropriately. The height of the building at the street has been lowered in order to better align with similar buildings along the Van Ness Avenue corridor, particularly the adjacent building, the Concordia Club. The upper portion of the building has been set back from the Van Ness Avenue podium façade to reinforce this scale at the street, and a contemporary cornice has been added at the top of the podium to cap the building, as many buildings on Van Ness Avenue have strong cornices along the street. These design changes to the Cathedral Hill MOB result in a building that relates more to the vernacular of existing prominent buildings found along Van Ness Avenue, and less to the associated Cathedral Hill Hospital on the west side of Van Ness Avenue.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB together, with the proposed streetscape improvements, will create a well-designed street wall harmonious with building forms along Van Ness Avenue, while complimenting the City's east-west skyline of buildings along Geary Boulevard/Street. The high quality of design and distinguished architecture of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, together with its prominent location, will avoid inappropriate contrasts in color, shape or other characteristics.

### **OBJECTIVE 4:**

IMPROVEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENT TO INCREASE PERSONAL SAFETY, COMFORT, PRIDE AND OPPORTUNITY.

### Policy 4.1

Protect residential areas from the noise, pollution and physical danger of excessive traffic.

#### Policy 4.3

Provide adequate lighting in public areas.

### Policy 4.4

Design walkways and parking facilities to minimize danger to pedestrians.

## Policy 4.5

Provide adequate maintenance for public areas.

#### **Policy 4.12:**

Install, promote and maintain landscaping in public and private areas.

## **Policy 4.13:**

Improve pedestrian areas by providing human scale and interest.

### **Policy 4.14:**

Remove and obscure distracting and cluttering elements.

### Policy 4.15

Protect the livability and character of residential properties from the intrusion of incompatible new buildings.

The neighborhood environment in the vicinity of the St. Luke's, Davies, and Cathedral Hill Campuses will be improved to increase public safety, comfort, pride and opportunity as envisioned by this Objective and these related Policies. Surface parking lots that abut low-density residential development at the Davies and St. Luke's Campuses will be eliminated and become the location for development of new buildings that will improve the continuity and compatibility of development on those existing campuses. Protection will be provided to minimize the exposure of residential areas to noise, pollution and physical danger of excessive traffic. The streetscape designs at all three campuses will be integrated with the active bases of the proposed new buildings, providing human scale and interest, thereby

improving the overall public realm. Landscaping would be provided in public and private areas at all three campuses.

Under the proposed Development Agreement, CPMC would be committed to funding several streetscape, lighting, and pedestrian safety improvements, including:

- Providing \$8 million for public realm and pedestrian safety improvements in the Tenderloin, including pedestrian-scale lighting; sidewalk widening; installation of corner bulbs and related crosswalk improvements and signal modifications at specified corners; and changing specified streets from one-way to two-way.
- Providing \$150,000 to help form a Lower Polk CBD, as well as a \$1 million seed grant to the CBD.
- Providing a \$200,000 grant for the Safe Passage Pilot program in the Tenderloin.
- Constructing a series of public realm and pedestrian safety improvements around the Davies Campus, valued at approximately \$475,000.
- Constructing a series of public realm and pedestrian safety improvements around the St. Luke's Campus, valued at approximately \$3,300,000.

CPMC's commitments under the Development Agreement for public realm and pedestrian safety improvements around the Davies Campus would include crosswalk and stop line striping at the Noe/Duboce intersection; pedestrian walkway improvements at Duboce Avenue, south side, near the intersection with Noe Street, including new painted steel fencing, two signs, striping, two new light fixtures, and new electrical service; tree island improvements at two locations; additional street trees and other tree work along the east side of Noe Street; pedestrian walkway improvements at 14th Street, north side, near the intersection with Noe Street, including new painted steel fencing, two signs, striping, two new light fixtures, and new electrical service; new ADA-compliant sidewalk flare-downs in three locations at the 14th Street/Noe Street intersection; replacement of the Davies Campus perimeter fence; and addition of pedestrian-scale lighting at all entrances within the Davies Campus.

CPMC's commitments under the Development Agreement for public realm and pedestrian safety improvements around the St, Luke's Campus would include widening the western sidewalk of Valencia Street from 10' to approximately 20' from Cesar Chavez Street to Duncan Street, including trees and bulb-outs at the southwest corner of Valencia and Duncan; permanently upgrading the traffic diverter and plaza known as "Guerrero Park" at the intersection of San Jose Avenue, Guerrero Street, and 28th Street, including construction of new curb, installation of pavers, raised planter beds, new trees and landscaping, irrigation, and lighting; upgrade of St. Luke's Campus perimeter lighting along Valencia between Cesar Chavez and Duncan; upgrade of St. Luke's Campus perimeter fencing; various pedestrian bulb-outs and median extensions; pedestrian lighting on the sidewalk along Duncan between Valencia and San Jose, along San Jose between Cesar Chavez and Duncan, along 27th Street between Guerrero and San Jose, and along Cesar Chavez between Valencia and Guerrero; repairing a retaining wall and 1912 Building stairs and related landscape area upgrade within the St. Luke's Campus; and installing a pocket park at the intersection of Valencia, Duncan, and Tiffany Avenue.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT**

# **Objectives and Policies**

## **OBJECTIVE 2**

REDUCE STRUCTURAL AND NON-STRUCTURAL HAZARDS TO LIFE SAFETY, MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND RESULTING SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS RESULTING FROM FUTURE DISASTERS.

### Policy 2.1

Assure that new construction meets current structural and life safety standards.

## Policy 2.3

Consider site soils conditions when reviewing projects in areas subject to liquefaction or slope instability.

### Policy 2.5

Assess the risks presented by other types of potentially hazardous structures and reduce the risks to the extent possible.

### Policy 2.9

Consider information about geologic hazards whenever City decisions that will influence land use, building density, building configurations or infrastructure are made.

The Project will enable CPMC to continue to provide essential health services to the community without interruption, in modern facilities that will comply with the most stringent state seismic mandates in SB 1953. CPMC's site selection for the new Cathedral Hill Campus was in part based on soil conditions at the site that were stable enough for a new acute care hospital.

## **OBJECTIVE 3**

ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM DISASTERS THROUGH EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE. PROVIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND HOW INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES CAN REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF DISASTERS.

## Policy 3.1

Promote greater public awareness of disaster risks, personal and business risk reduction, and personal and neighborhood emergency response.

#### Policy 3.3

Maintain a local organization to provide of emergency services to meet the needs of San Francisco.

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## Policy 3.5

Maintain an adequate Emergency Command Center.

### Policy 3.7

Establish a system of emergency access routes for both emergency operations and evacuation.

Because the new hospital facilities can be expected to remain operational after a strong earthquake, CPMC's role in emergency preparedness will be enhanced. Emergency preparedness for the City will also be enhanced by the expanded capacity within the new Emergency Department facilities and improved emergency communications centers proposed as part of the Project.

## **VAN NESS AREA PLAN**

# **Objectives and Policies**

## **OBJECTIVE 1:**

CONTINUE EXISTING COMMERCIAL USE OF THE AVENUE AND ADD A SIGNIFICANT INCREMENT OF NEW HOUSING.

#### Policy 1.6

Allow a medical center at the intersection of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard.

The Cathedral Hill Medical Center is considered to be a high-density medical center, and will be located at the transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard/Street. It would support Van Ness Avenue's redevelopment as a mixed-use boulevard by diversifying the mix of nonresidential uses, maximizing utilization of the major bus lines/transit node, and locating medical care and essential emergency services in close proximity of the City's dense urban core and at a central location for both day and nighttime populations groups within the City. It would also create opportunities for improved streetscape and pedestrian amenities at a key transit nexus that are consistent with the Better Streets Plan.

## **OBJECTIVE 5:**

ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT WHICH REINFORCES TOPOGRAPHY AND URBAN PATTERN, AND DEFINES AND GIVES VARIETY TO THE AVENUE.

## Policy 5.1

Establish height controls to emphasize topography and adequately frame the great width of the Avenue, and support the redevelopment of the Avenue as a diverse, mixed-use boulevard and transit corridor.

# Policy 5.2

Encourage a regular street wall and harmonious building forms along the Avenue.

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## Policy 5.3

Continue the street wall heights as defined by existing significant buildings and promote an adequate enclosure of the Avenue.

## Policy 5.4

Preserve existing view corridors.

### Policy 5.6

Encourage separation of towers for buildings involving more than one tower.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB at the transit nexus of Geary Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue will complement the City pattern and will promote harmony in visual relationships and transitions between new and older buildings. The Cathedral Hill Hospital is located on an entire City block. Its design, including the podium and narrower tower, is intended to promote harmony in visual transitions. The Cathedral Hill MOB is designed to be compatible with the scale, massing, and overall vernacular of the surrounding buildings. The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, together with the proposed streetscape improvements, will create a well-designed street wall with harmonious building forms along Van Ness Avenue.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital would be taller than several of the buildings in the vicinity, particularly the commercial and residential buildings on the south side of Geary Boulevard. However, the Cathedral Hill Hospital would be consistent in height with the existing residential towers north and west of the site, and would comply with the 265 foot limit in Map 2 of the Van Ness Area Plan. The Cathedral Hill Hospital also would be consistent with the existing building skyline in the vicinity and the heights in Map 2. The scenic views from Alta Plaza (southeast view) and Alamo Square (northeast view) would not be substantially altered.

The new Cathedral Hill MOB has been designed to be consistent with the height of existing buildings located west of the site along Van Ness Avenue, and along Geary Boulevard. It is designed to be Codecompliant with regard to height, but is reduced in height at the street in order to better relate to the prevailing street wall height along Van Ness Avenue.

For the above reasons, major views in the City and existing view corridors would be preserved.

The design of the podium of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and of the Cathedral Hill MOB is consistent with Objectives of the Van Ness Area Plan. The height and texture of the façade of the Hospital podium have been articulated to create an attractive building perimeter and streetscape. Building skin is primarily metal and glass. Different types of vision and spandrel glass in alternate patterns add interest to the façade, both at a skyline and pedestrian level. The curtain wall and metal rain screen along with several vertical recesses create a balanced and well-proportioned look for the tower. The use of stone at the podium, along with retail kiosks along the base of the building at Van Ness Avenue, will provide a pleasant façade along the streetscape that will frame the corridor.

The Cathedral Hill MOB has been designed to be compatible with the architecture, scale, and massing of the surrounding buildings. The design of the Cathedral Hill MOB relates to the historical vernacular

the buildings found along Van Ness Avenue. Specifically, the scale and material of the building responds to the surrounding context by the use of smaller scale window openings punched in the GFRC, similar to the two-story window bays found along many of the buildings along Van Ness Avenue. The building's symmetrical design is grounded on Van Ness Avenue with a clearly articulated "entrance", and solid base. The height of the building at the street aligns with similar buildings along the Van Ness Avenue corridor, particularly the adjacent building, the Concordia Club. The upper portion of the building has been set back from the Van Ness Avenue podium façade to reinforce the predominant scale at the street.

These design features of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB assure that the exterior facades will complement and enhance significant works of architecture along Van Ness Avenue. They will create varied rhythms with changes in fenestration and materials to articulate the façade plane, incorporate setbacks and stepping down of building forms to frame the street and be compatible with adjacent buildings, and incorporate detail at base the buildings through variety of materials, color, texture and architectural projections.

To respond to the bulk policies of the Van Ness Avenue Area Plan, the building configuration of the Cathedral Hill Hospital has two distinct elements: a broad lower supporting podium and a narrow tower with an east-west orientation. This east-west pattern is consistent with City-wide policy of articulating towers to respond to the topography and existing skyline. The combination of the tower and podium creates a building silhouette that relates to both the immediate neighborhood context and the broader urban core. The building design minimizes the proportion of the façade along Van Ness Avenue and Post and Franklin Streets and allows for an appropriate pedestrian scale along those streets.

The Cathedral Hill MOB would replace smaller buildings along Geary Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street. An important goal of the design of the Cathedral Hill MOB is to complement, to the extent feasible, the scale of the buildings along Van Ness Ave, so that the Cathedral Hill MOB will fit within the urban pattern of this neighborhood. The stepped massing of the Cathedral Hill MOB down along Geary Street from Van Ness Avenue allows the building scale to transition down to the adjacent neighborhood toward Polk Street.

As prescribed by Objective 5 of the Van Ness Area Plan, the height of the Cathedral Hill Hospital, complies with the 265 foot height limit in Map 2, relates to the City pattern as well as to the topography, and character of existing development in the area, while meeting the other objectives of the Plan. The design for the Cathedral Hill Hospital, Cathedral Hill MOB and streetscape emphasizes topography and improves the framing of Van Ness Avenue, particularly compared to the lack of framing resulting from the existing Cathedral Hill Hotel and Office Building, which are setback from the street.

### **OBJECTIVE 6:**

ENCOURAGE DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECTURE WHOSE SCALE, COMPOSITION AND DETAILING ENHANCES THE OVERALL DESIGN STRUCTURE OF THE AVENUE AND RELATES TO HUMAN SCALE.

### Policy 6.1

Design exterior facades which complement and enhance significant works of architecture along the Avenue.

## Policy 6.2

Create varied rhythms in developments on large lots by inserting vertical piers/columns, or changes in fenestration and materials to articulate what otherwise would be an undifferentiated facade plane.

### Policy 6.3

Incorporate setbacks and/or stepping down of building form on new developments — and major renovations when necessary — to increase sun exposure on sidewalks.

## Policy 6.4

Differentiate bases of buildings and incorporate detail at ground level through variety in materials, color, texture and architectural projections. Provide windows with clear glass throughout the building.

The Cathedral Hill Campus will complement the City pattern and will promote harmony in visual relationships and transitions between new and older buildings. The Cathedral Hill Hospital is located on an entire city block, and its design, including the podium and narrower tower, is intended to promote harmony in visual transitions. The Cathedral Hill MOB is designed to transition to be compatible with the scale, massing, and vernacular of the surrounding buildings. The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, with the proposed streetscape improvements, will create a well-designed street wall with harmonious building forms along Van Ness Avenue. The high quality of design and distinguished architecture of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, together with their prominent location, will avoid inappropriate contrasts in color, shape or other characteristics.

The designs of the podium of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and of the Cathedral Hill MOB are consistent with Objectives of the Van Ness Area Plan. The height and texture of the façade of the Cathedral Hill Hospital podium have been articulated to create an attractive building perimeter and streetscape. Building skin is primarily metal and glass. Different types of vision and spandrel glass in alternate patterns add interest to the façade, both at a skyline and pedestrian level. The curtain wall and metal rain screen along with several vertical recesses create a balanced and well-proportioned look for the tower. The use of stone at the podium, along with retail kiosks along the base of the building at Van Ness Avenue, will provide a pleasant façade along the streetscape that will frame the corridor.

The Cathedral Hill MOB has been designed to be compatible with the architecture, scale, and massing of the surrounding buildings. The design of the Cathedral Hill MOB relates to the historical vernacular the buildings found along Van Ness Avenue. Specifically, the scale and material of the building responds to the surrounding context by the use of smaller scale window openings punched in the GFRC, similar to the two-story window bays found along many of the buildings along Van Ness Avenue. The building's symmetrical design is grounded on Van Ness Avenue with a clearly articulated "entrance", and solid base. The height of the building at the street aligns with similar buildings along the Van Ness Avenue corridor, particularly the adjacent building, the Concordia Club. The upper portion of the

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### **OBJECTIVE 8:**

CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE STREET AND SIDEWALK SPACE WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF VAN NESS AVENUE INTO A RESIDENTIAL BOULEVARD.

### Policy 8.1

Require sponsors of major renovation or new development projects to improve and maintain the sidewalk space abutting their properties according to the guidelines contained in this Plan.

### Policy 8.2

Where there are no trees, plant trees within the sidewalk space and the median strip. Maintain existing healthy trees and replace unhealthy ones.

# Policy 8.3

Provide street trees with tree grates that have removable sections to adequately accommodate tree growth.

## Policy 8.5

Maintain existing sidewalk widths.

### Policy 8.6

Incorporate uniform sidewalk paving material, color, pattern and texture throughout the length of the Avenue.

## Policy 8.7

Trim sidewalk curbs with hydraulically pressed, pre-cut four-inch square stone paving blocks to a horizontal depth of 12 inches. Replace median pavements with grey tone interlocking paving blocks.

### Policy 8.8

Assure a uniform architectural style, character and color in the design of street lights and poles.

## Policy 8.9

Provide attractive street furniture at convenient locations and intervals throughout the length of the street.

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Projects located at the transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard are consistent with the policies in Objective 8 if they include an integrated streetscape plan that incorporates – among other elements – planting, sidewalk treatment, street lighting and street furniture, and that is generally consistent with the streetscape guidelines regarding such elements in Chapter 6 of the Better Streets Plan; and locate and design any sidewalk vaults or sub-sidewalk spaces so that they are compatible with such streetscape plans.

The Cathedral Hill Campus is consistent with Objective 8. All sidewalks contiguous to the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will be improved and maintained by CPMC. CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus provides for seasonal garden zones along Van Ness Avenue, and rainwater gardens around the Cathedral Hill Hospital on Geary Boulevard and Franklin and Post Streets. The seasonal garden would consist of ornamental and flowering trees and perennials, and would serve to treat storm water during the rainy season. Flowering trees would be located within the planting area, between the street tree spacing. The rain gardens would be graded to allow two plant communities along each street. Higher areas would support dry plants, while the lower areas would support water-loving plants that thrive in the seasonal rains. Plants would also be selected to emphasize the difference between these wet and dry zones. Also, different plant communities for each zone would respond to microclimates of the sites: sun-loving plants along Geary Boulevard, shade-tolerant plants along Post Street, and wind-tolerant plants along Franklin Street. All planting areas would be irrigated with a low-water-use irrigation system during the dry season.

Street trees would be planted and evenly spaced along all of the streets within the Cathedral Hill Campus area. The Van Ness Area Plan requires London Plane trees along Van Ness Avenue, and a light and tall tree species, such as Honey Locust, would be installed along Cedar Street. The Franklin Street trees would be a dense evergreen species, such as Brisbane Box, which would fit in with the existing trees along Franklin Street, and the Geary Street/Boulevard and Post Street frontages would be planted with medium-density shade trees.

The existing sidewalks will be replaced and expanded, consistent with the intent of the Van Ness Area plan as well as the City's adopted Better Streets Plan. Although the streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus includes widening of certain sidewalks around the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, such widening is appropriate, given the scale and massing of the buildings planned and the anticipated pedestrian activity in the area, and is consistent with the Better Streets Plan. The sidewalks will be rebuilt with the City-standard paving, except at the main entrances of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, where there will be distinctive yet compatible paving, which CPMC will be responsible for maintaining. CPMC's proposed paving plan is compatible with the City-standard paving for the area, and appropriate given the specific context of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB.

The historic lighting fixtures along Van Ness Avenue will be retained. Along Geary Street/Boulevard, Post and Franklin Streets, the existing city standard streetlights would be reinstalled. Along Cedar Street, new pedestrian-level streetlights would be installed, which would be a uniform architectural style, character and color. Additional pedestrian-level lighting would also be provided at both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus includes pedestrian-serving street furniture, including seat wall elements as part of the seasonal gardens planned along both sides of Van Ness Avenue. Seating walls would also be placed near the relocated transit stop along Geary Boulevard near the intersection of Van Ness Avenue.

CPMC's integrated design for the Cathedral Hill Hospital, Cathedral Hill MOB and streetscape in the area, as described above, emphasizes the special nature of the Cathedral Hill Campus at the transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street/Boulevard through distinctive yet compatible landscaping, paving, street furniture, and other elements.

### **OBJECTIVE 9:**

PROVIDE SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOVEMENT AMONG ALL USERS ON VAN NESS AVENUE.

### Policy 9.5

Whenever feasible, provide access to parking from minor east-west streets. Prohibit new parking access from Van Ness Avenue. For development of lots with no direct access to an east-west street, allow of-site provision of required parking as set forth in Section 159(c) of the Planning Code.

### Policy 9.10

Improve the efficient and free flowing use of sidewalk space in new development.

# Policy 9.11

Orient building entrances to enhance pedestrian circulation.

### Policy 9.12

Unify the design of trash bins, benches, news racks, street lighting fixtures, sidewalk surface treatment, canopies, awnings and bus shelters throughout the length of the street.

### Policy 9.13

Discourage access to freight loading facilities from Van Ness Avenue.

No parking access to the Cathedral Hill Campus will be provided from Van Ness Avenue, which would be a positive change from the Cathedral Hill Hospital site's current vehicular access points, which include a driveway on Van Ness Avenue. Approximately seven curb cuts on or near Van Ness Avenue will be removed as part of the proposed development at the Cathedral Hill Campus. Furthermore, primary ingress and egress for the Cathedral Hill MOB will be from Cedar Street, a minor east-west street, and primary ingress and egress for the Cathedral Hill Hospital will be from Post Street, which, while not a minor street, is less of a major transit thoroughfare than Geary Boulevard, the other east-west street adjoining the Cathedral Hill Hospital. The placement of the vehicular access points to be provided for the garage facilities at the Cathedral Hill Campus are planned to minimize conflicts between automobiles and pedestrians, and to minimize traffic and transit delays associated with queuing into and out of the Cathedral Hill Campus parking facilities.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus would improve street frontages in the campus area with wider sidewalks that provide more space for pedestrians and more queuing space for transit users, thereby improving the efficient and free flowing use of sidewalk space. Additionally, under the proposed Development Agreement, CPMC would be committed to \$8 million in funding for pedestrian safety and public realm improvements in the Tenderloin, including pedestrian-scale lighting and additional sidewalk widening.

CPMC would provide entry plazas with distinctive landscape and hardscape features at the entrances to both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB. The western end of Cedar Street will be transformed into the entry plaza for the Cathedral Hill MOB, with features including a curbless dropoff area defined by tactile warning tiles and lighted bollards, and enhanced paving. East of the Cathedral Hill MOB entry plaza, the street and sidewalk pavement will be enhanced, and the sidewalks will be planted with street trees and shrubs, and pedestrian-level street lights will be installed. Additionally, the locations of entrances to the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB were planned taking into consideration access from existing and planned transit stops, and the proposed Geary Boulevard Muni stop would be integrated with the Cathedral Hill Hospital entry plaza. Therefore, the entrances would be oriented in a manner that would enhance pedestrian circulation.

CPMC's streetscape plan for the Cathedral Hill Campus, including design of trash bins, benches, street lighting fixtures, sidewalk surface treatment, and others streetscape features would be consistent with design considerations for the entire Van Ness Avenue.

The freight loading facilities for the Cathedral Hill Hospital are on the Franklin Street side of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and will accommodate trucks up to 55 feet long, while the freight loading facilities for the Cathedral Hill MOB are on Cedar Street. The size and configuration of the loading docks for the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will allow delivery vehicles to drive into the facilities without stopping or backing up on surrounding streets, in order to any associated congestion. The garages at both the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB have been designed to accommodate small delivery vehicles.

The design and locations of the loading facilities and access thereto will also minimize conflict between vehicular access and pedestrian circulation. Many deliveries of necessary supplies and other materials will be made from the Sutter Health regional distribution center in Millbrae, which allows for a more efficient delivery schedule and minimizes trips.

The underground Van Ness Avenue pedestrian tunnel connecting the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB will be used for movement of pedestrians and materials between the buildings, thereby further reducing street congestion.

### **OBJECTIVE 11:**

PRESERVE THE FINE ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF VAN NESS AVENUE.

## Policy 11.1

Avoid demolition or inappropriate alteration of historically and architecturally significant buildings.

## Policy 11.3

Encourage the retention and appropriate alteration of contributory buildings.

# Policy 11.4

Encourage architectural integration of new structures with adjacent significant and contributory buildings.

Six of the seven buildings proposed to be demolished at the site of the Cathedral Hill MOB are considered contributory buildings per Appendix B of the Van Ness Avenue Area Plan. These buildings are 1020, 1030, 1034-1036, 1040, 1054-1060, and 1062 Geary Street. As confirmed in the FEIR analysis, "contributory" in this context does not mean that the buildings are of sufficient value to qualify as landmarks or historic resources, but as noted in the Van Ness Avenue Area Plan they are considered to possess architectural qualities which are in harmony with the prevailing characteristics of the more significant landmark buildings and as contributing to the character of the street.

The Cathedral Hill MOB is an essential component of the proposed Cathedral Hill Campus, which would provide an important public benefit to the City. The Cathedral Hill MOB will provide critical medical services such as clinical and physician office space to support the seismically compliant Cathedral Hill Hospital. It is essential for the Cathedral Hill MOB to be located within close proximity to the Cathedral Hill Hospital in order for both buildings to function cohesively as a medical center. The location of the proposed Cathedral Hill MOB (and Cathedral Hill Hospital) was selected for several important factors including, geologic stability, location at a major transportation and transit hub, central location, adequate size, site availability, and its location to CPMC's existing patient and physician distribution. To meet the requirements of SB 1953 and its successor legislation to provide a seismically compliant hospital, and provide a modern MOB to support such a hospital, it would not be possible to retain the existing contributory buildings on the proposed site. Moreover, the EIR analysis confirmed that no historic buildings would be demolished, altered, or otherwise impacted as the result of construction of the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB.

Demolition of contributory buildings are allowed at the transit nexus of Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street to accommodate a medical center, as long as any replacement structure or structures are designed to contribute to the character of the street and be in harmony with the more significant landmark quality buildings in the vicinity. For the reasons that follow below, and as further detailed in the analysis regarding Objectives 5 and 6 above, the design of the Cathedral Hill MOB would contribute to the character of the street and be in harmony with the more significant landmark quality buildings in the vicinity.

The proposed Cathedral Hill MOB has been designed to provide a visual transition between the larger scale buildings encouraged along Van Ness Avenue consistent with the permitted 130 ft. height limit, and numerous older, lower and smaller scale buildings in the neighborhood. The existing architectural forms of punched windows, and belt and cornice lines of older buildings along Van Ness Avenue, have

been incorporated into the design of the Cathedral Hill MOB. The Van Ness Area Plan identifies a number of buildings on the east side of Van Ness as architecturally significant, including the adjacent Concordia Club at 1142 Van Ness Ave, the adjacent Pierce Arrow Building at 1000 Geary (now a homeless shelter), the Opal Hotel at 1050 Van Ness Ave, the AMC Theater building at 1000 Van Ness Avenue, and 1300 Van Ness Ave.

The Cathedral Hill MOB building massing is designed to be consistent with the pattern of development at the Van Ness Avenue street wall, including the adjacent architecturally significant Concordia Club. The Cathedral Hill MOB would also step down along Geary Street in an effort to complement the lower-rise buildings along Polk Street, including the Pierce Arrow Building.

- 3. **General Plan Priority Policies.** The Project is generally consistent with the eight General Plan priority policies set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 in that:
  - A) The existing neighborhood-serving retail uses will be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses will be enhanced:

The development of the new Cathedral Hill Campus will reinforce the vitality of existing neighborhood-serving retail uses by increasing the number of people in the area during hours of operation, which, for the Cathedral Hill Hospital, will be twenty-four hours a day every day. The Cathedral Hill MOB also will bring employees, patients and visitors into the neighborhood who will support neighborhood-serving retail uses.

There are many vacant retail and commercial spaces in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral Hill Campus. It is anticipated that the additional people brought into the area when the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB are operational will provide support for new and existing neighborhood-serving retail and commercial businesses. Support by CPMC personnel for nearby retail businesses is shown at the California Campus, where CPMC personnel support Laurel Village, at the Pacific Campus, where CPMC personnel support the Upper Fillmore Street Neighborhood Commercial District, and at the St. Luke's Campus where nearby businesses along the Cesar Chavez, Valencia, and Mission Street corridors also benefit from CPMC personnel. The Cathedral Hill Hospital will be a significant presence on the Van Ness corridor. Other existing retail uses in the area will not only be preserved but, due to the increased number of people in the area who can be expected to patronize such retail uses, will be enhanced by the presence of the Cathedral Hill Campus, thereby increasing opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses, consistent with this Priority Policy.

Although the Cathedral Hill MOB would demolish existing retail uses, the MOB would include approximately 7,047 square feet of ground floor retail space, including a pharmacy. The new retail space in the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB would provide future opportunities for residential employment in, and possibly ownership of, neighborhood-serving retail businesses.

Subject to capacity and reasonable security considerations, parking in the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB would be available to meet retail demand for nearby residents and the general public in the evenings and on weekends.

At the St. Luke's Campus, development of the new St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will reinforce the vitality of existing neighborhood-serving retail uses by increasing the number of people in the area during business hours, which for the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital will be twenty-four hours a day every day. St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB employees, patients and visitors will continue to support neighborhood-serving retail uses, as is currently the case. There are no neighborhood-serving retail uses that will be adversely affected as a result of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB, since these buildings will be sited over a surface parking lot owned and operated by CPMC, a portion of the vacated San Jose Avenue, and over portions of the existing St. Luke's Campus.

The 873 s.f. of retail space currently located in the St. Luke's Hospital Tower will be demolished, but replaced and expanded by the construction of the St. Luke's MOB, which will contain 2,600 square feet of ground floor retail space. The new retail space in the St. Luke's MOB would provide opportunities for residential employment in, and possibly ownership of, neighborhood-serving retail businesses consistent with this Policy. The St. Luke's Campus will include enhanced hospital uses and new medical office uses that will reinforce the vitality of existing neighborhood-serving retail uses. Subject to capacity and reasonable security considerations, parking in the St. Luke's MOB will be available to meet retail demand for nearby residents and the general public in the evenings and on weekends.

At the Davies Campus, the proposed Neuroscience Institute would be built within an existing on-campus surface parking lot and, therefore, no neighborhood serving retail uses would be displaced or otherwise adversely affected by the proposal. The Neuroscience Institute building will include a small retail pharmacy store that would serve the entire Davies Campus as well as the general public, which will increase opportunities for residential employment in retail businesses. To the extent that construction and operation of the Neuroscience Institute would result in increased employment at the Davies Campus, surrounding retail opportunities (the majority of which are two blocks away at either Haight or Market Streets) could be enhanced.

*The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.* 

B) The existing housing and neighborhood character will be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods:

The Cathedral Hill Hospital would not displace any existing housing because there is no existing housing on the Cathedral Hill Hospital site. The Cathedral Hill Hospital would be consistent with the vision of the Van Ness Area Plan for "an attractive mixed use boulevard." The character of the neighborhood would be enhanced by the Cathedral Hill Hospital due to improved scale, massing, and detailing compared to the existing hotel and office building,

which do not provide for a strong street wall and do not comply with the design guidelines of the Van Ness Area Plan.

The site for the Cathedral Hill MOB contains 20 residential hotel units and 5 dwelling units, all of which would be demolished to accommodate the Cathedral Hill MOB. CPMC would comply with the City's established processes for demolition of residential hotel units (the Residential Hotel Ordinance, Administrative Code Chapter 83) and residential units (Planning Code Section 317). CPMC, through commitments in the Development Agreement, would contribute \$2,684,800 in funding to replace the 20 residential hotel units, and an additional \$1,453,820 in funding to replace the 5 dwelling units. CPMC will also facilitate the production of substantial new affordable housing units by contributing funding to the City's affordable housing fund, and create a down payment assistance loan program for its employees who earn up to 100% of area median income. Funds from the down payment assistance loans will be recaptured into the affordable housing fund, along with a portion of equity, when CPMC employees sell units bought with the loans. Additional funding is expected to flow into the affordable housing fund over time this way.

All tenants who lived in the existing units at the Cathedral Hill MOB site have been relocated to new housing, and the units are all currently vacant. The assistance provided by CPMC to these former tenants exceeded the legal requirements for relocation assistance.

The replacement of the existing hotel, office building and buildings east of Van Ness Avenue at the Cathedral Hill MOB site, by the new Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB, will have a positive impact on the character of the neighborhood. The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB are designed to be integrated into the existing development in the area. The streetscape plan will improve pedestrian safety and further integrate the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB into the neighborhood. The cultural and economic diversity of the neighborhood will be protected and enhanced by the presence of the Cathedral Hill Campus, which will provide increased medical access near one of the City's most dense and most medically underserved communities, and will not be adversely impacted by the demolition of a limited number of existing residential units.

The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB will not displace any existing housing because there is no existing housing on the St. Luke's Campus. Revitalization of the St. Luke's Campus to maintain and enhance essential health care and medical services will aid in preserving the diversity of the neighborhood.

The replacement of the existing Hospital Tower by the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and the construction of the new St. Luke's MOB will have a positive impact on the character of the St. Luke's Campus and on the surrounding neighborhood. The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB are designed to be integrated into both the campus and the surrounding development in the area, both commercial and residential. The height of the new buildings will step down in order to be compatible with the heights of the adjacent residential structures located to the south and west of the Campus.

The public pedestrian plaza and the other St. Luke's Campus streetscape improvements and landscaping will improve pedestrian comfort and safety and further integrate the St. Luke's Campus into the neighborhood. The location of the plaza between the St. Luke's MOB and St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, and the relationships of the spaces within those buildings, will provide "eyes on the street" and will increase connectivity between the communities to the south and north of the St. Luke's Campus.

At the Davies Campus, the construction of the Neuroscience Institute building and the associated streetscape and campus improvements would not adversely affect any existing housing or neighborhood character, as discussed throughout the Urban Design Element consistency findings.

The proposed Neuroscience Institute building and related landscaping and streetscaping plans are appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood. The pedestrian experience is what gives Noe Street its unique character. The sidewalks and landscaping around the Neuroscience Institute have been designed for a heightened pedestrian experience that considers both patients and neighborhood residents, and helps visually connect the two. Among other streetscape improvements, the width of the sidewalk area along the west side of Noe Street is proposed to be increased and landscaped, consistent with other sections of Noe Street.

The design of the Neuroscience Institute has been conceived as a transitional building from the institutional buildings found on the Davies Campus to the residential fabric surrounding the campus. The use of translucent and clear glass along the exterior of the building would allow for sunlight to permeate the interior. The structural elements of the exterior (the pattern of translucent and clear glass, which is set at regular intervals, is repeated every 10 feet) would break the façade into a scale similar to the bays on Noe Street, but in a distinctly contemporary style.

To further enhance the neighborhood character, the location and siting of the Neuroscience Institute was placed near the Davies Campus property line, allowing a pedestrian corridor on the ground floor level to extend along the exterior of the Neuroscience Institute, which will be visually engaging while activating the street. This area will be well lit and will have wall space available for the placement of art that can be enjoyed by the community.

*The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.* 

### C) The City's supply of affordable housing will be preserved and enhanced:

CPMC will contribute \$62 million through commitments in the Development Agreement toward affordable housing to replace the 20 residential hotel and five dwelling units that would be demolished at the Cathedral Hill MOB site, fund the production of new affordable rental units, and create a downpayment assistance program for low and moderate income CPMC employees seeking to purchase a home in San Francisco. As part of the \$62 million commitment, CPMC will create a \$29 million down payment assistance loan program for its employees who earn up to 100% of area median income. Funds from the down payment

assistance loans will be recaptured into the affordable housing fund, along with a portion of equity, when CPMC employees sell units bought with the loans. An estimated \$35 million(\$29 million + \$6 million in property value appreciation) is expected to flow into the affordable housing fund over time this way, which will help to increase the City's supply of affordable housing and stabilize long-term housing funding.

Neither the St. Luke's nor Davies Campuses currently include any housing, thus the Project would not adversely affect the City's supply of affordable housing.

*The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.* 

D) The commuter traffic will not impede Muni transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking:

The Cathedral Hill Campus location, building design and streetscape plan will complement and support the operation of Muni service in the vicinity of the campus.

Planning transportation access to a medical center campus is different from planning access to other types of land uses, because a hospital does not have as sharp a peak transportation demand on a daily basis during the work week, as would a typical office building. Hospitals operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and a significant number of hospital employees work on shifts. There are generally three eight-hour shifts per day. Therefore, traffic demand for a hospital use is more dispersed than for an office use. While medical office employees would follow typical a.m. and p.m. peaking patterns, patients at medical office buildings such as the Cathedral Hill MOB, St. Luke's MOB, and Davies Neurosciences Institute building would result in more dispersed travel demand throughout the day, because patient visits are scheduled at various times during the day. Therefore traffic generation for the Cathedral Hill Campus will be dispersed during the day. These factors will serve to reduce commuter traffic at the Cathedral Hill Campus.

The site for the Cathedral Hill Campus is at a major public transit hub. Transit service at this site is expected to be substantially improved in the future with implementation of both the proposed Geary and Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects. As part of the Development Agreement, CPMC has committed to \$5 million in funding for the proposed Van Ness and Geary Bus Rapid Transit projects; \$10.5 million Transit Fee to MTA to help meet new demands on the transit system associated with the new medical facilities; a surcharge on parking of \$0.50 off-peak and \$0.75 peak for each entry and exit to provide additional funding of \$500,000 per year for 10 years to MTA; and \$400,000 in funding to MTA for studies for improvements to bicycle facilities around and between the proposed new CPMC facilities.

Neighborhood parking would not be overburdened because the Cathedral Hill Campus would include adequate parking at the Cathedral Hill Hospital, where 513 off-street parking spaces are proposed, and at the Cathedral Hill MOB, where 542 off-street parking spaces are proposed. The underground garages in these buildings would include car-share and secure bicycle parking facilities. The garage facilities in the Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB

would be connected by a pedestrian tunnel under Van Ness Avenue. The Project Sponsor has worked closely with the Department to develop the appropriate balance both to ensure adequate parking that is Code-complying, and that the City's "transit first" goals are met.

Commuter traffic associated with the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB are not expected to impede Muni transit service, overburden City streets, or adversely affect neighborhood parking. The siting of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB, the MOB garage entrance and exit on Valencia Street, the public plaza and the other St. Luke's Campus landscaping, will complement and support the operation of Muni service in the vicinity of the St. Luke's Campus.

The St. Luke's MOB would include an underground parking garage with approximately 220 off-street parking spaces. The proposed access to the St. Luke's MOB garage will be on a non-residentially developed street to minimize impact to residential traffic. The Project Sponsor has developed an appropriate balance of parking both to ensure adequate parking and that the City's "transit first" goals are met.

The Davies Neuroscience Institute building and the associated campus and streetscape improvements would not significantly affect automobile traffic congestion or parking problems throughout the neighborhood. The site is well served by transit, including the N-Judah Muni light rail, which a significant number of employees and visitors use to arrive at the campus, and the N-Judah and other transit lines with stops near the Davies Campus have been shown to have sufficient capacity to accommodate expected ridership from the proposed Neuroscience Institute during the peak periods. The surrounding neighborhood has residential parking permit restrictions, and the Davies Campus provides bicycle parking and shower facilities for bicyclists in order to encourage modes of transportation other than vehicular.

CPMC's existing system-wide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program will be augmented to support this priority Policy across all campuses. CPMC's TDM program includes incentives for transit use, off-site parking for employees and a shuttle system coordinated with off-site parking and transit locations, further reducing commuter traffic to the CPMC campuses.

The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.

E) A diverse economic base will be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development. And future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors will be enhanced:

The Cathedral Hill Hospital would not include any general commercial office development and would not displace or otherwise adversely impact the City's industrial or service sectors. Although the Cathedral Hill Hospital would remove approximately 14,780 square feet of existing retail space, it would include approximately 3,100 square feet of new retail space.

The Cathedral Hill MOB will include medical offices, but would not include any general commercial office development. The Cathedral Hill MOB would not displace any industrial uses, although it would be located on the former sites of an adult video store at 1020 Geary Street, a bakery/café at 1100 Van Ness Avenue, a restaurant at 1100 Van Ness Avenue, two bar/lounges at 1030 and 1054-1060 Geary Street, and a car repair shop at 1062 Geary Street. All of these former commercial uses at the Cathedral Hill MOB site are now vacant. with the Cathedral Hill MOB would include approximately 7,047 square feet of ground floor retail, which would be available to the service sector for local-serving retail uses.

At the St. Luke's Campus, the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB would not include any general commercial office development and would not displace or otherwise adversely affect the City's industrial or service sectors. Although the existing St. Luke's Hospital Tower that would be demolished includes 873 s.f. of retail space, the St. Luke's MOB that will be constructed in its place will include more than three times as much retail space (approximately 2,600 square feet), which would be available to the service sector for local-serving retail uses.

At the Davies Campus, there would be no commercial office development, and the new Neuroscience Institute building would be constructed over a portion of an existing surface parking lot. The Neuroscience Institute would not displace or otherwise adversely affect the City's industrial or service sectors. The Neuroscience Institute building will include a small retail pharmacy store, which will increase opportunities for service-sector employment.

CPMC is the second largest private employer in San Francisco and is critically important to the economic health of San Francisco. The Project will maintain CPMC's important role as a major employer and major provider of essential health care services. Almost half of CPMC employees are San Francisco residents. During the construction period, the Near-Term Projects would provide needed employment for San Francisco's industrial and service sectors, which is especially important during the current recession. As a major employer, operations of the CPMC campuses will rely upon and benefit other economic sectors, including the service sector and, to a lesser extent, the industrial sector.

Through the commitments in the Development Agreement, CPMC will provide substantial construction and operational phase jobs and programs for local businesses and residents, including unemployed and economically disadvantaged residents. CPMC's commitments under the Development Agreement include the following:

- CPMC will make good faith efforts to achieve 30% local hire measured by construction trade hours for the Near-Term Projects overall for each contractor, and by each trade.
- For new entry-level administrative and engineering positions and internships, CPMC will achieve 50% local hire.
- Half of all new apprentice positions will be filled with graduates from the CityBuild Academy; OEWD/CityBuild, contractors and unions will work together to maximize opportunities for local residents for remaining 50%.

 CPMC will create and administer a structured program to advance apprentices from CityBuild Academy to journey-level status in their trade by the end of the project.

- CPMC will hire at least 40 permanent entry-level hires annually for 5 years; targeting residents of the Western Addition, Tenderloin, Mission/SOMA, Outer Mission/Excelsior, Chinatown and Southeastern neighborhoods.
- CPMC will provide \$2 million for community workforce services, which will provide grants to CBOs through OEWD for recruitment, training, job retention services.

The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.

F) The City will achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The Cathedral Hill Hospital and St. Luke's Replacement Hospital together comprise the most significant private proposal currently in development in San Francisco that has a primary goal of earthquake preparedness. The importance of earthquake preparedness is obvious. According to the United States Geological Survey, the overall probability of a magnitude 6.7 or stronger earthquake in the Greater Bay Area in the next 30 years is 63%, or about 2 out of 3. The purpose of building these hospitals is to comply with the stringent seismic requirements of Senate Bill 1953 and its successor legislation. The Project, including the Cathedral Hill Hospital and St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, will achieve significantly greater preparedness for earthquakes and other disasters for the entire City.

Senate Bill 1953 and its successor legislation requires that CPMC's hospitals at the California, Pacific, and St. Luke's Campuses either be retrofitted or rebuilt, or the acute care services provided there be relocated to new, compliant facilities that will remain operational after a strong earthquake. This new seismic standard is much stricter than "life safety" standards, which are generally intended to prevent collapse. The deadline for relocating to a new facility is January 1, 2013, under SB 1953, unless extended by SB 90 (potentially out to 2020) or successor legislation. If this deadline is not met, the acute care facilities at the Pacific, California, and St. Luke's Campuses are threatened with de-licensure (closure).

It is not feasible to retrofit or rebuild acute care facilities on the St. Luke's, California, or Pacific Campuses due to the service disruptions that would result. Taking any of these campuses out of operation, even temporarily, would result in an unacceptable impact to health care delivery in San Francisco. At St. Luke's Campus, the Blue Ribbon Panel concluded that building the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital is the best solution for the St. Luke's Campus, which would enable the continued operation of the existing Hospital Tower during the construction of the St. Luke's Replacement Hospital. The services currently offered at the acute care hospitals on the Pacific and California Campuses would be relocated to the new Cathedral Hill Hospital.

The Cathedral Hill MOB, St. Luke's MOB, and Neuroscience Institute would also comply with current seismic codes for medical office building construction. The physicians and other resources available at medical office buildings in close proximity to the hospitals at the

Cathedral Hill, St. Luke's, and Davies Campuses will be an important component of CPMC's ability to respond to a seismic event.

The Project is essential to the City's overall plan to provide safe and accessible facilities and available personnel in the event of an earthquake or other major disaster. The Cathedral Hill Hospital, St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and the recently completed seismic retrofit of the Davies Hospital North Tower together will result in about half of the City's inpatient health care being provided in facilities that are not only fit to withstand a major earthquake, but can be expected to remain operational thereafter. The Emergency Departments at these facilities will also be available to meet the community's immediate needs following such a disaster.

The Project is consistent with and substantially furthers this Priority Policy.

G) That landmark and historic buildings will be preserved:

The EIR analysis confirms that no landmark or historic buildings will be demolished, altered, or otherwise directly impacted from construction of the Cathedral Hill Hospital, Cathedral Hill MOB, St. Luke's Replacement Hospital, St. Luke's MOB, or Davies Campus Neuroscience Institute building. The discussion above regarding the Van Ness Area Plan objectives describes how the CHMOB building will be designed to be compatible with the more significant landmark buildings in the area.

*The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.* 

H) Parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas will be protected from development:

The Cathedral Hill Hospital and Cathedral Hill MOB sites do not include and are not within the immediate vicinity of any existing parks or public open space, and the results of the Section 295 Shadow Studies for these buildings confirmed that there would be no new shadow cast on any existing park or public open space.

The St. Luke's Replacement Hospital and St. Luke's MOB sites do not include and are not within the immediate vicinity of any existing parks or public open space, and the results of the Section 295 Shadow Studies for these buildings confirmed that there would be no new shadow cast on any existing park or public open space.

The proposed Neuroscience Institute building at the Davies Campus would cast some shadow on Duboce Park for very short periods during the winter months, according to the FEIR. However, this increase would represent a .0003% increase in shadow-hours for the park, which is an insignificant increase. Moreover, the shadow would not shade the playground or basketball court, and thus, would not affect the recreational use of the park.

None of the proposed Project activities have been identified in the EIR as casting significant, unavoidable shadows.

The Project is consistent with this Priority Policy.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on Thursday, April 26, 2012.

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