


# Mayor's Office on Disability



## Memorandum

**Edwin M. Lee**  
Mayor

**Carla Johnson**  
Interim Director

DATE: Tuesday, December 17, 2013  
TO: Mohammed Nuru, Director Department of Public Works and  
Edgar Lopez, Deputy Director Buildings and City Architect  
FROM: Carla Johnson CBO CASP, Interim Director and   
John Paul Scott, AIA CASp, Deputy Director  
RE: San Francisco General Hospital, Building 80 / 90 Elevator Rehabilitation Project,  
Request for Declaration of an Emergency Construction Contract

Director Nuru, we would greatly appreciate your declaration of an emergency to contract out the construction of the SFGH Building 80 / 90 Elevator Rehabilitation project. The reason for our request is to ensure that the City and Department of Public Health has the means to provide elevator access to the public health programs that are located in the upper stories of buildings 80 and 90.

The SFGH Building 80 / 90 Elevator Rehabilitation Project is a capital project under the Mayor's Office on Disability's ADA Transition Plan, Critical Access Repair and Maintenance Program. Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City must ensure that every program, service, benefit, activity and facility operated or funded by the City and County of San Francisco is fully accessible to, and useable by, people with disabilities.

Two elevators in Building 80 and the single elevator in Building 90 serve specialty health care clinics in the upper stories of the attached but physically separate buildings. The three elevators provide more than 400,000 elevator trips per year. Due to frequent disruptions in elevator service, the delivery of patient care and the working conditions of all clinical staff have been adversely affected. The elevator rehabilitation project cannot afford any further delays since the project is critical to the City's obligations to ensure accessibility to the Department of Public Health's clinical programs. DPW Project Staff are currently in discussions with Rodan Builders, Inc. (Rodan) to complete the necessary repairs. Rodan is already under contract with DPW to complete the SFGH Building 5 Elevator Modernization, and since they are a known quantity and mobilized at SFGH, the project team hopes to get them started immediately upon approval of this emergency declaration.

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