SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL
7.1 EXISTING SETTING

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) is located in the Mission district, bordering the western portion of the Potrero Hill neighborhood (Figure 24). The site is generally bounded by U.S. Highway 101 to the north and east, 23rd Street to the south, and Potrero Avenue to the west. The area immediately surrounding SFGH is mostly residential, with some ground-floor, neighborhood-serving commercial activity, especially along 24th Street.

SFGH is an acute care medical center owned and operated by the City and County of San Francisco. SFGH is one of the nation’s top public hospitals, renowned for top-tier trauma and HIV/AIDS treatment; it serves as a safety net for uninsured and underinsured patients, as well as being the city’s only trauma center. SFGH is the largest provider of psychiatric acute and rehabilitation services in the City and operates the only psychiatric emergency department.

UCSF and SFGH have been partners in public health since 1873. Through an affiliation agreement with the City, UCSF leases or otherwise occupies space in exchange for services. UCSF faculty and physicians provide all of the medical care at SFGH. UCSF faculty also conduct research aimed at improving health outcomes in hospitals with underserved populations, and at saving the lives of trauma patients everywhere. Approximately 2,000 UCSF faculty and staff are employed at SFGH, and more than 20 UCSF research centers, affiliated institutes, and major laboratories have programs here, overseen by about 160 UCSF principal investigators. Students from all UCSF schools complete regular clinical rotations at SFGH. One third of the School of Medicine’s clinical training for residents as well as elective rotations by medical students is completed at SFGH.

The City is building a new hospital to accommodate the acute care services located in the existing main hospital building, in order to meet the seismic safety requirement of SB 1953. Non-acute care uses, which are not subject to those requirements, would remain in the existing main hospital building, and other non-acute care uses would backfill the vacated space. As of this writing, the City plans to seismically retrofit the existing main hospital prior to backfilling. The new 284-bed hospital will be nine stories containing 453,000 square feet of space, and is scheduled for completion in 2015.

UCSF leases or otherwise occupies approximately 261,900 gsf\(^1\) of clinical, research, and office space on the SFGH campus, in Buildings 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 80/90, and 100 (Appendix A). Because the University of California Office of the President considers SFGH to be an adjunct campus to UCSF, it is subject to UC’s Seismic Safety Policy, which requires that all personnel be located in seismically safe buildings. Out of the total space occupied by UCSF at the SFGH campus site, approximately 175,000 gsf is in seismically compromised buildings. UCSF intends to continue to occupy Building 3, which is seismically safe, and Building 5, which the City plans to retrofit. UC does not own the land where SFGH is located, thus no functional zones are applied to this site.

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1 For the sake of simplicity, the LRDP refers to all space, owned and leased, in terms of gsf, even though leased space is sometimes measured in sf rather than gsf, depending on type of space and/or lease.
Figure 24: San Francisco General Hospital Existing Conditions
7.2 SFGH PLANNING EFFORTS

To comply with the UC Seismic Safety Policy, UCSF will need to relocate its SFGH personnel. UCSF is considering relocation of its SFGH personnel to a new, UCSF-constructed and seismically robust research building of about 175,000 gsf. The building may also accommodate UCSF personnel now in off-site leased space. As of 2014, the building is proposed on the existing SFGH surface parking lot (B/C Lot) located between the existing hospital (SFGH Building 5) and 23rd Street (Figure 24). Due to the timing of the proposed project, the new research building will undergo its own environmental review process, separate and apart from the 2014 LRDP Environmental Impact Report.

Parking spaces displaced by the new building may be replaced on the SFGH campus. One option being explored is the expansion of the City’s parking structure on 23rd Street. This potential expansion would extend the garage footprint toward 24th Street on the surface parking lot of the garage site. This project would be undertaken by the City, as it is located on City property.

UCSF expects to maintain its activities and affiliation at SFGH, and no other changes in UCSF uses are proposed.

PROPOSAL FOR SFGH
- Construct a new research building

New hospital under construction (City and County of San Francisco).