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TO: <small>FROM THOMAS</small> Larry Funk Assistant Administrator Laguna Honda Hospital 375 Laguna Honda Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94116	PROJECT: LHHRP New Hospital Site Improvements PROJ. NO: 20034.07	FILE: 7.06.01 DATE: 03/30/2007
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SUBJECT: Tree Allee

The design team is in receipt of a report prepared by the Laguna Honda Hospital Rehabilitation Center entitled "Recommendations: Tree Allee's "ADA Accessible" Ramp." We have been asked by representatives of LHHRP to write a response to the recommendations proposed. In response to this request, we have the following comments:

1. The installation of "poles" at the tops of staircases to prevent persons in wheelchairs from unintentionally rolling down the stairs cannot be used for this purpose on the new Tree Allee stairs. This safety feature, which has been used successfully in the existing Hospital, would reduce the available exit width of the Tree Allee stairs by an unacceptable amount. **(NO)**
2. The landing at the top of the Tree Allee stairs has yet to be completed. A "high contrast detectable warning strip" will be incorporated into the landing, similar in fashion to the warning strips that have been incorporated into the stair treads below. **(YES)**
3. Additional handrails could be added in the south ramp area where the ramp parallels the south loop road; however, the design team questions the need for such a change. On the southern edge of the ramp, the grade of the road is above the grade of the ramp and poses no hazard. On the north edge of the ramp, the finish grade of the landscaping area is nearly flat and also poses no hazard. There is a stretch of ramp in this area where the grade on both the north and south side of the ramp is relatively flat. This is the area that has been designated for mowing equipment to cross the south ramp and gain access to the lower lawn. We believe handrails in this area would prove to be a nuisance. **(NO)**
4. The new construction work in the area at the intersection of West Clarendon Road and the Tree Allee has been installed incorrectly. Remedial design solutions to correct the problem and achieve the Rehabilitation Center's recommendations are in progress. The width of the landing at the top of the Tree Allee stairs will be in excess of 60" wide. See attached sketch of remedial design work. **(YES)**
5. Representatives from LHHRP have instructed the design team to proceed with the incorporation of benches and turnout areas along the length of the south ramp at approximately 200 foot intervals. The benches will be placed off of the ramp and turnout areas. See Attached Sketch. **(YES)**
6. The addition of a water fountain along the Tree Allee will not be considered at this time due to a lack of a source of potable water in the area. **(NO)**
7. The width of the south ramp is compliant with ADA guidelines. Even so, on rare occasions the ramp as presently designed could be too narrow to allow the passage of 2 bariatric wheelchairs. To alleviate this problem, turnout areas as described in Item 5 above will be incorporated into the south ramp. An increase in the width of the south ramp is not contemplated at this time. **(NO)**
8. The new stairs have detectable warning strips on the end of each tread. The detectable warning strips meet all ADA requirements. The contract documents for the Tree Allee stairs have been reviewed and approved by Kevin Jenson, ADA/Disability Access Coordinator for the City's Department of Public Works. At this time, there has been no discussion of changing the detectable warning strips in favor of those with a higher level of contrast. **(NO)**
9. The ADA ramp on the upper hill is part of Site Package 3. This work has yet to be documented, permitted or authorized for construction. The recommendations found in the Tree Allee Report, can easily be incorporated into the design. **(YES)**

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