



# Southwest Seventh

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS

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## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

As a consequence of recent suggestions made by employees with special mobility problems, the Assistant Secretary for Administration has requested funds for a number of modifications to the three DOT Washington Headquarters Buildings. Many special provisions already exist but they vary from building to building. The current program will attempt to standardize these provisions to the extent possible and to make several improvements. Two of the major improvements for which funding is being sought are (1) automatic doors at some of the street level entrances, and (2) replacement of the inner doors of all rest rooms in the Headquarters Building.

Accommodations already existing include:

- Parking.
- Priority for permits.
  - Ramp access to parking level elevators.

Sidewalk Ramps. - Street to sidewalk ramps at each building.  
- Sidewalk to ground floor level ramp at FOB-10A.

Elevators. - Service to all floors in all buildings during office hours (not below street level in FOB-10A during security hours).  
- Telephones in elevators accessible to all.

Drinking Fountains. Fountains have been placed lower in the SE corner of the Nassif Building on the 2nd through 10th floors, and in the Trans Point Building at the west end of floors 1 through 6. FOB-10A has no special provision, but it is planned to lower one fountain on each floor in FY-75.

Rest Rooms. The men's and women's rest rooms in the southeast corner of 2nd through 10th floors of the Nassif Building have been modified to facilitate use by the handicapped, mainly by modifying a stall door, and are generally satisfactory.

#### CORRIDOR LIGHTING IN THE DOT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Because the original wiring circuits and control switches for corridor lighting in the Headquarters Building do not permit easily adjustable levels of lighting, DOT's original response to the President's request for immediate reduction in energy usage was to maintain only the minimum "emergency" level lighting. This drastically reduced lighting level has not proved satisfactory as a permanent arrangement so various alternatives were evaluated. It now has been determined that standardized corridor lighting with every-other-fixture illuminated provides a reasonable compromise between safety and energy conservation. The elevator lobbies will be fully lit. Work is currently proceeding toward achieving this lighting level throughout the Headquarters Building.

#### RED CROSS BLOOD PROGRAM CLOSED FOR FY-74--BEGINS FOR FY-75

FY-74 was a successful blood donor year for the Washington offices of the Department, with 5 administrations fully meeting or exceeding their goal. The FRA led the Department with 145% of its goal, FHWA was close behind with 134%, as was NTSB with 118%. NHTSA exceeded this goal with 102%, and FAA made the exact 500 units in its goal. Congratulations to those administrations, and sincere thanks to all donors throughout the Department.

FY-75 begins with new goals to meet, and new Bloodmobile schedules for the year. The first visit to DOT Headquarters will be on August 23, and the Trans Point Building will be visited on October 8. Mark those dates now--see you there!