

Diagram: Elevator

a car call for 3 seconds minimum, we found that these three seconds were not enough time for someone in the wheelchair to get out of the elevator and into the hallway, or vice versa. We had a huge issue with the elevator door closing on the wheelchair. This was especially an issue when allowing a large group of people out of the elevator first.

SUGGESTION:

Increase the amount of time the elevator stays open, since 3 seconds is not enough time for a disabled/differently person to comfortably exit the elevator.

The elevator provided near the café complies with all of the ADA rules for elevators. For example, the visible signals (407.2.2.2) above the entrances are at least 72", the hoistway signs that provide floor destination (407.2.3.1) are at least 2" in height, and the elevators' dimensions (407.4.1) all exceed the width requirements for a standard wheelchair accessible elevator. Although the elevator also complies with Section 407.3.5: Elevator doors shall remain fully open in response to

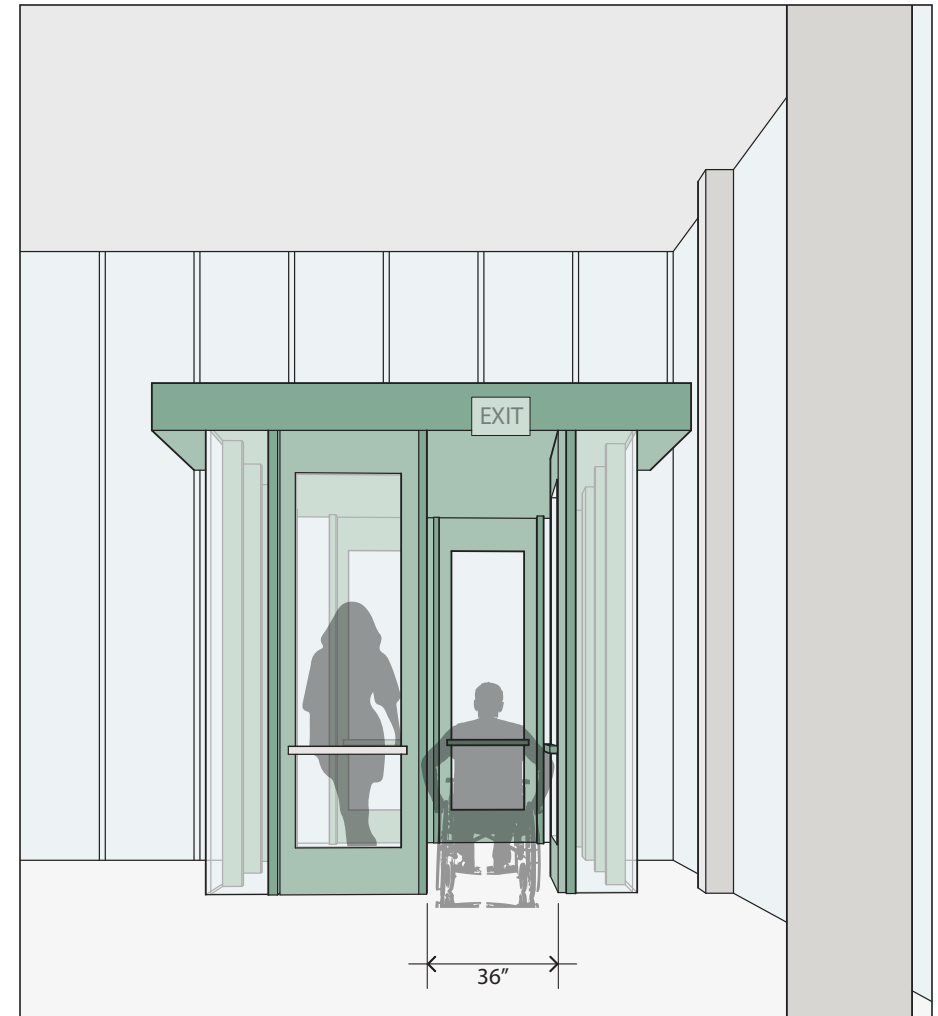


Diagram: Exit to Newell Simon Hall

The exit to the back of Newell Simon Hall is the main exit of this floor and is formed from double doors in the corner of the café. Each single door measures 36" across and follows ADA's Section 404.2.3 Clear Width, which states that door openings shall provide a clear width of 32." Regardless of the ADA code, we discovered from experience that this standard door size is still concerning for

those who are disabled, since squeezing through this doorway risks arm and finger injuries if one is not careful.

SUGGESTION:

Enlarge the width of exit doors to the outside, to reduce the risk of harm to limbs.