

### Program Summary:

The Plan will create the first Zero Net Carbon Zoo in North America, immersing guests into the wonders of a living world, while providing the highest animal care possible.

### Program Statement:

The Plan creates a dramatic new direction for a zoo in Los Angeles. It's stated goal is to create the most engaging contemporary exhibits, provide exemplary animal management, and participate in global conservation programs. The exhibit space available to animals will increase by 273%, from 21.5 acres to 58.7 acres after the plan is realized. By reducing water consumption by 32 million gallons per year and achieving Zero Net Carbon (ZNC), the zoo will become a model for the principles that it espouses.

The primary intervention to improve visitor experience is to eliminate an ineffective cul-de-sac circulation path. The new loop system provides proper circulation and regularly locates visitor amenities such as restaurants, restrooms, classrooms, and gathering spaces.

The first implementation of the plan (Phase #1) is a dramatic new entry complex. It brings immediate engagement to the visitor with exhibits themed to the local biome. From rocky coasts with seals and sea lions to forests filled with grizzly bear, the project will provide a sweeping depiction of the landscapes that California has to offer, something which many Angelinos have never had the chance to experience.

# MP-355.01

Building Area: (sf)  
**133 Acres**

Cost per Square Foot:  
**\$7 million per acre**

Construction Cost  
**\$987 million**

Date of Completion:  
**Phases 1-2: 2028**  
**(to coincide with 2028**  
**Olympics)**  
**Phases 3-8: 2050**

# MP-355.02

Seven guiding principles inform what we do every day and shape our long-term strategic vision. The Zoo is fully committed to embodying these seven fundamental principles every day as well as making them the foundational to this Master Plan.

## ANIMAL CARE

Achieve the highest level of animal welfare

## CONSERVATION

Advance conservation efforts locally and globally

## VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Create meaningful, safe, and fun experiences for our visitors and our community

## WORLD-CLASS DESTINATION

Enhance our facility, operations, and outreach as a world-class destination

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Demonstrate environmental sustainability and best practice

## OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Embody operational excellence at every level

## NET ZERO CARBON (NZC)

Become the first zoo in the US to achieve NZC in its total development and structures



# MP-355.03

The new Zoo announces itself as a world-class destination before visitors even enter its gates. The iconic Hollywood-inspired Zoo marquee is enhanced with animated LED panels, while timeless California vernacular architecture utilizes mass-timber green construction technology.



# MP-355.04

Where zoo guests previously complained about not seeing any exhibits until they had walked to the zoo interior, the new Zoo Walk is enframed by 2 spectacular new exhibits. The Rocky Coast and Grizzly Forest are surrounded by restaurants, shops, and other visitor services.



# MP-355.05

PHASE #1: CALIFORNIA

Iconic state species, including sea lions and grizzly bears, are welcoming ambassadors that start visitors' animal experiences right away. With easy access to *California*, *Water*, and *Rainforest*, the next animal encounter is never far away.



# MP-355.06

As the introductory exhibit to California, and as the bear that appears on the California State flag, zoo guests are treated to underwater views of the bears swimming and fishing followed by a winding path through multiple ecozones with mountain lion, red wolf, pronghorn and a myriad of smaller species in the habitat building. Arriving at the Condor Conservation Center, located on the edge of the newly created the 65' deep Condor Canyon, zoo guests are transported from one hilltop to the final Chaparral Meadow with its iconic heavy timber California Lodge and deck, overlooking World Plaza and ZooWalk. The Lodge is accessed in addition by gondola and aerial tram.



# MP-355.07

ZooWalk is a gentle slope connecting the Entry Complex to World Plaza. It replaces the previous entry's steps, so families stay together and everyone – whether in a stroller, wheelchair, or on foot – shares the same experience. At 80 feet wide, the entry promenade doubles its former width, creating a pleasant atmosphere even on high-capacity days.

With a sit-down dining opportunity overlooking sea lions and grizzly bears, visitors are encouraged to linger long enough to watch a sea lion demonstration or enjoy a second drink.

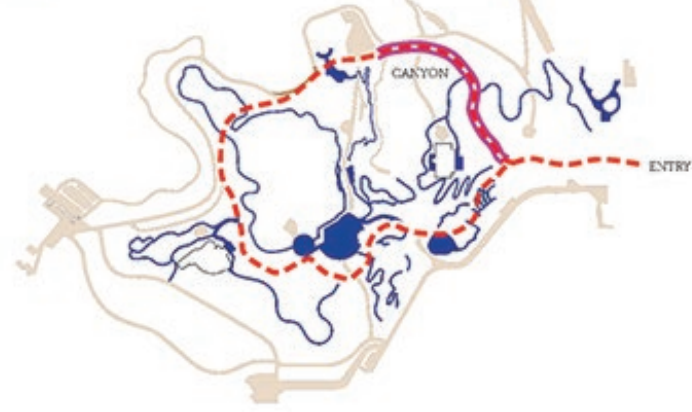


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EXISTING CIRCULATION

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PROPOSED CIRCULATION

# MP-355.08

Condor Canyon will be carved out of the existing 65' tall hillside, allowing the creation of a proper loop circulation system for the primary path circulation. This eliminates the historic 2,500 lf cul-de-sac which did not allow for efficient visitor circulation and forced the exit experience to be redundant with entry. A dramatic bridge spans Condor Canyon, connecting both hills with exhibit experience and circulation through the *California* exhibit.







# MP-355.10

Water is central to the story of Los Angeles — past, present, and future.

This 2-acre exhibit area showcases the water cycle that is key to healthy ecosystems and populations everywhere, including our own. *Water* features exotic and endangered species whose lives depend upon coastal, riparian, and marine ecosystems. Its wetlands and innovative exhibits are habitat for flamingos and African penguins and a free play space for visitors of all ages. *Water*'s show-stopping virtual aquarium with floor-to-ceiling LED walls will ignite visitors' imaginations and provide a dramatic backdrop for live demonstrations of the sustainable practices that protect fresh water for all living things.

A new iconic building invites visitors to experience the diversity of water animals from all around the world in both live and virtual environments. A floor-to-ceiling digital wall with stunning LED projections provides visitors with encounters not otherwise possible in zoos, from walking among schools of fish to joining a pod of dolphins.



# MP-355.11

The two golden towers were part of the original zoo design 50 years ago. They were created by the same famous Los Angeles architect that created the iconic LAX Theme structure.

Having fallen into disrepair, these iconic towers will once again become an architectural feature, respecting the history of the zoo and further immersing zoo guests into the Asia exhibit experience



## MP-355.12

Africa's Londolozi Lodge ( Swahili for Protector of All Living Things) looks over a true savanna experience, backdropped by woodlands, replicating Tanzania. Mixed species of giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, ostrich and warthog are watched over by a pride of lions atop the Kopje Rock outcrop. The ZooTrain will take zoo guests through the savanna as an exciting journey into the wild.

The Lodge includes a full-service restaurant, classrooms and special event facilities for both daytime and after-hours events.



# MP-355.13

## ANIMAL WELFARE & CONSERVATION:

A major part of the Vision Plan is the incredible increase in acreage available for the animals. This will allow for bigger and healthier herds as well as better management protocols. With this increased acreage the zoo will be able to participate in even more conservation programs for research and mitigation of endangered species that the zoo already has underway. This will make the Los Angeles Zoo the best and most important zoo in North America!

