

**[STAFF REPORT FOR USE FOR WORK SESSIONS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS]**

OREGON ZOO CAMPUS PLAN UPDATE

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Date: April 25 2023  
Department: CAM/Zoo  
Meeting Date: May 16 2023

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Length: 20 minutes

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

The purpose of this work session is to introduce the Oregon Zoo Campus Planning process and project status.

**IDENTIFIED OUTCOMES**

- Council members are aware of current project process and scope.
- Council members provide guidance regarding their engagement and stakeholder engagement.

**STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the project is to update the Oregon Zoo’s 2011 Master Plan and 2013 Conditional Use Master Plan by analyzing current needs, including but not limited to: animal habitats, buildings and facilities, guest and staff experience, and site infrastructure.

This project will document the existing facilities and proposed potential projects, as well as conduct a thorough zoning and building code review which will then be submitted as a Conditional Use Master Plan (“CUMP”) for a Conditional Use Permit with the City of Portland.

**BACKGROUND**

The Oregon Zoo is one of the oldest zoos west of the Mississippi river and moved to its current location on the south end of Washington Park in 1959. It is one of the services of Metro, a Portland-area regional government that is the zoo’s governing body. As the Northwest’s top paid cultural attraction, the zoo sees 1.3 million visitors per year.

In 2008, voters in the region passed the \$125 million Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-29 that enabled the zoo to develop a comprehensive study to define the next 14 years of future development. The Oregon Zoo Comprehensive Capital Master Plan was completed in 2011 and the Conditional Use Master Plan was approved in 2013. As part of this effort roughly 40% of the zoo was renovated to improve sustainability, animal welfare and access to education, and included new habitats for California condors, polar bears, elephants, and primates, as well as a new veterinary medical center and education center. The total financial investment for this work was \$150 million.

The new Campus Plan will evaluate existing conditions at the zoo and propose upgrades for the remaining 60% of the campus.

Metro Council's adopted budget for FY23 included zoo campus planning as part of the agency's capital improvement plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

none

For work session:

- Is legislation required for Council action?  Yes  No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached?  Yes  No
- What other materials are you presenting today? powerpoint presentation