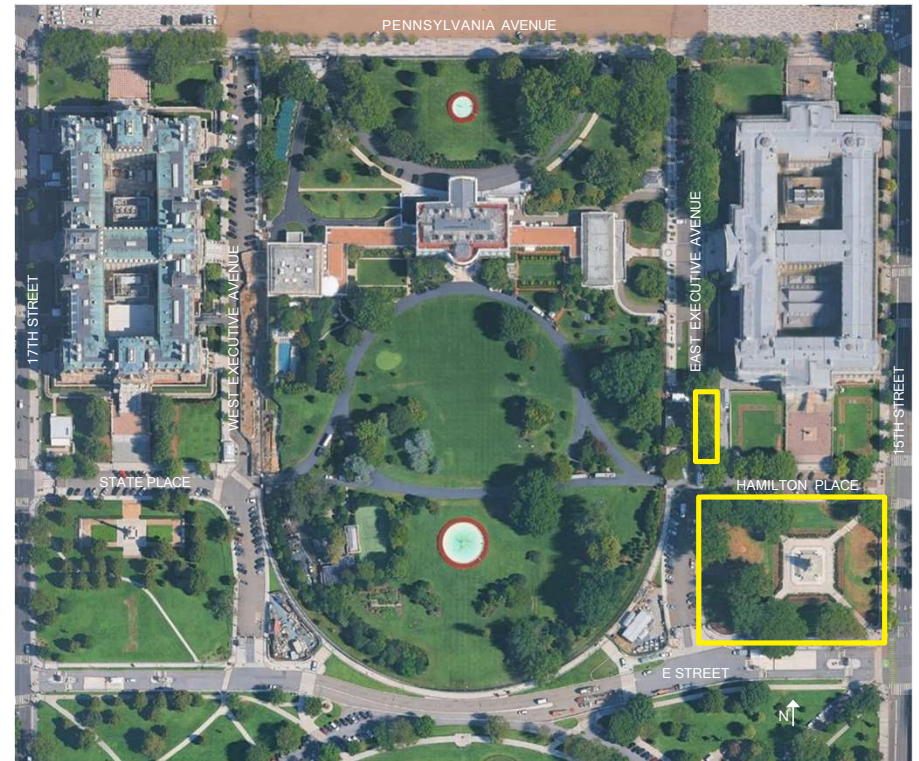


CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING #3

THE WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY PROJECT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/UNITED STATES
SECRET SERVICE/ NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

AECOM



AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05	OVERVIEW OF ANTICIPATED EFFECTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES
10:05 – 10:25	DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES
10:25 – 10:40	PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE RE-DESIGN
10:40 – 11:00	OPEN DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL MITIGATION AND RE-DESIGN

OVERVIEW OF EFFECTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES

AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

Agencies

National Park Service (NPS)

The United States Secret Service (USSS)

The United States Department of the Interior (DOI)

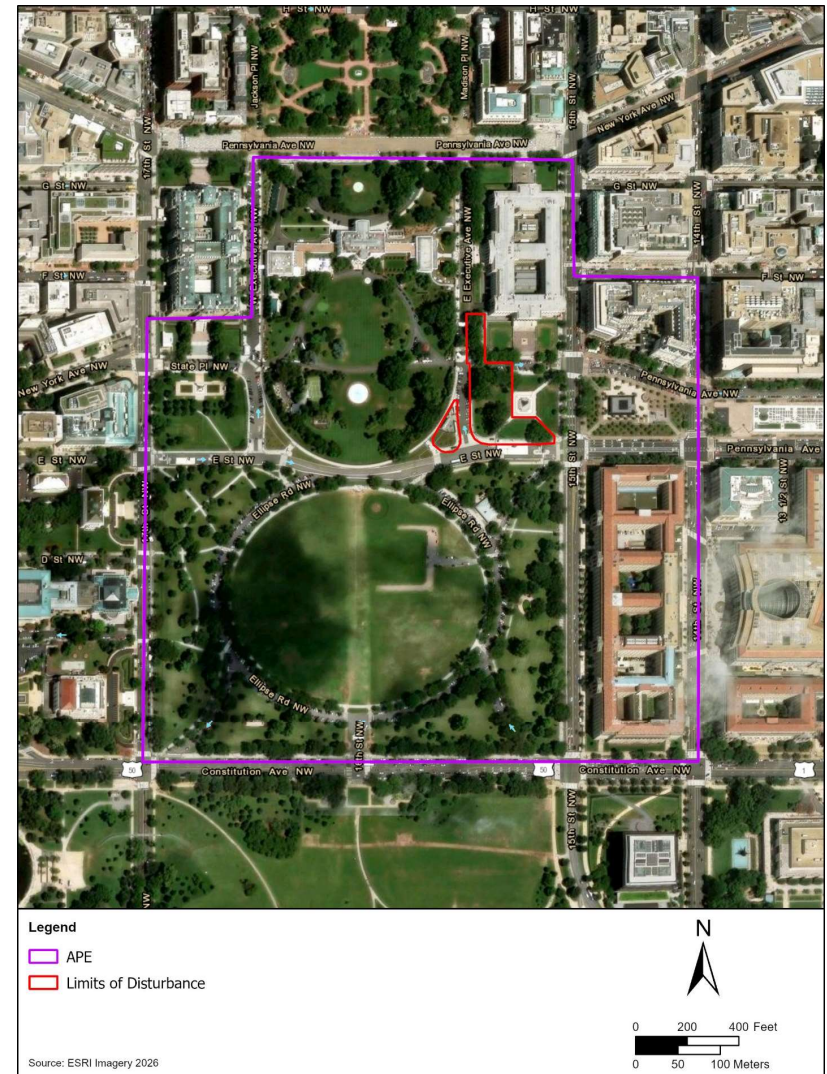
Executive Office of the President (EOP)

Project Purpose

To construct a permanent White House Visitor Screening Facility (VSF) that can support security screening needs for visitor tours, large-scale events, badged staff, and contractors. This much-needed facility will strengthen campus security and enhance the overall visitor experience.

Project Location

Sherman Park on the south side of the Treasury Building and along East Executive Avenue.



POTENTIAL EFFECTS

Historic Resources and Cultural Landscapes

- Adverse effects
- Diminished integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association due to alterations to contributing landscape features:
 - President's Park South Historic District
 - Lafayette Square Historic District (NHL)
- Diminished integrity of setting due to the replacement of green space and vegetation removal:
 - General William Tecumseh Sherman Memorial
 - U.S. Treasury Building (NHL)
- Impacts to views and contributing vistas anticipated:
 - National Mall Historic District
 - Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site
 - Plan of the City of Washington

Archeological Resources

- Adverse effects
- Disturbance to undiscovered and potentially significant resources during excavation and construction

Key Principles for Mitigation

- Commensurate with the project's adverse effects
- Represent the broader public interest
- Beneficial to the effected resources



AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

Avoidance

- Views of the General William Tecumseh Sherman statue **and the south elevation of the Treasury Building** will not be obstructed by the facility.
- The Sherman Memorial will be protected throughout construction. Protection methods will be guided by a construction protection plan to be approved by NPS prior to the start of construction.
- Trees and vegetation within the construction area that are to remain will be protected throughout construction. Protection methods will be guided by a construction protection plan to be approved by NPS prior to the start of construction.

Minimization

- The design will be consistent with The Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes, to the maximum extent practicable.
- The facility will be located primarily underground **and along East Executive Avenue**, limiting visual impacts to the Sherman Memorial and public rights-of-way.
- The entry plaza/pavilion and north screening building will both employ a low-profile, classical design for above-ground portions that will be harmonious with the surrounding area without competing with the size of nearby landmark buildings.
- The proposed project will increase the recreational availability of Sherman Park and allow for greater public access.
- Digital scanning of the Sherman Memorial will be undertaken to document existing conditions.
- The sidewalks and curbing along E Street, NW and East Executive Avenue will be restored in-kind.
- Fencing will be used to visually screen construction activities from surrounding historic properties.
- **Impacts to the Pennsylvania Avenue viewshed have been minimized.**

POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES

Management Studies

- Comprehensive landscape treatment and maintenance plan for Sherman Park **that develops a comprehensive plan to reestablish the park from trees removed due to age and construction** as well as a recurring maintenance schedule to ensure their health and success.

Interpretation

- Permanent indoor exhibit on the history of Sherman Park within the primary entry space of the White House VSF. The exhibit would broadly address the history of Sherman Park and the land's early use by the Department of the Treasury.
- Artifacts from the demolished east wing and colonnade would be incorporated into the exhibit.

Documentation

- Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) documentation of Sherman Park prior to construction.

Documentation (cont'd)

- Full updates, including expanded historic contexts, for existing National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations for several resources within the project's APE.

Surveys and Monitoring

- Archeological survey (e.g., Geoprobos) will be conducted prior to construction.
- Construction monitoring and archeological documentation will be conducted during grading and excavation.
- Procedures would follow approved Workplan, Archeological Monitoring and Documentation Plan, and Unanticipated Discoveries Plan.
- Further investigations and mitigation measures, as appropriate, will be guided by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).



NEXT STEPS FOR NHPA COMPLIANCE

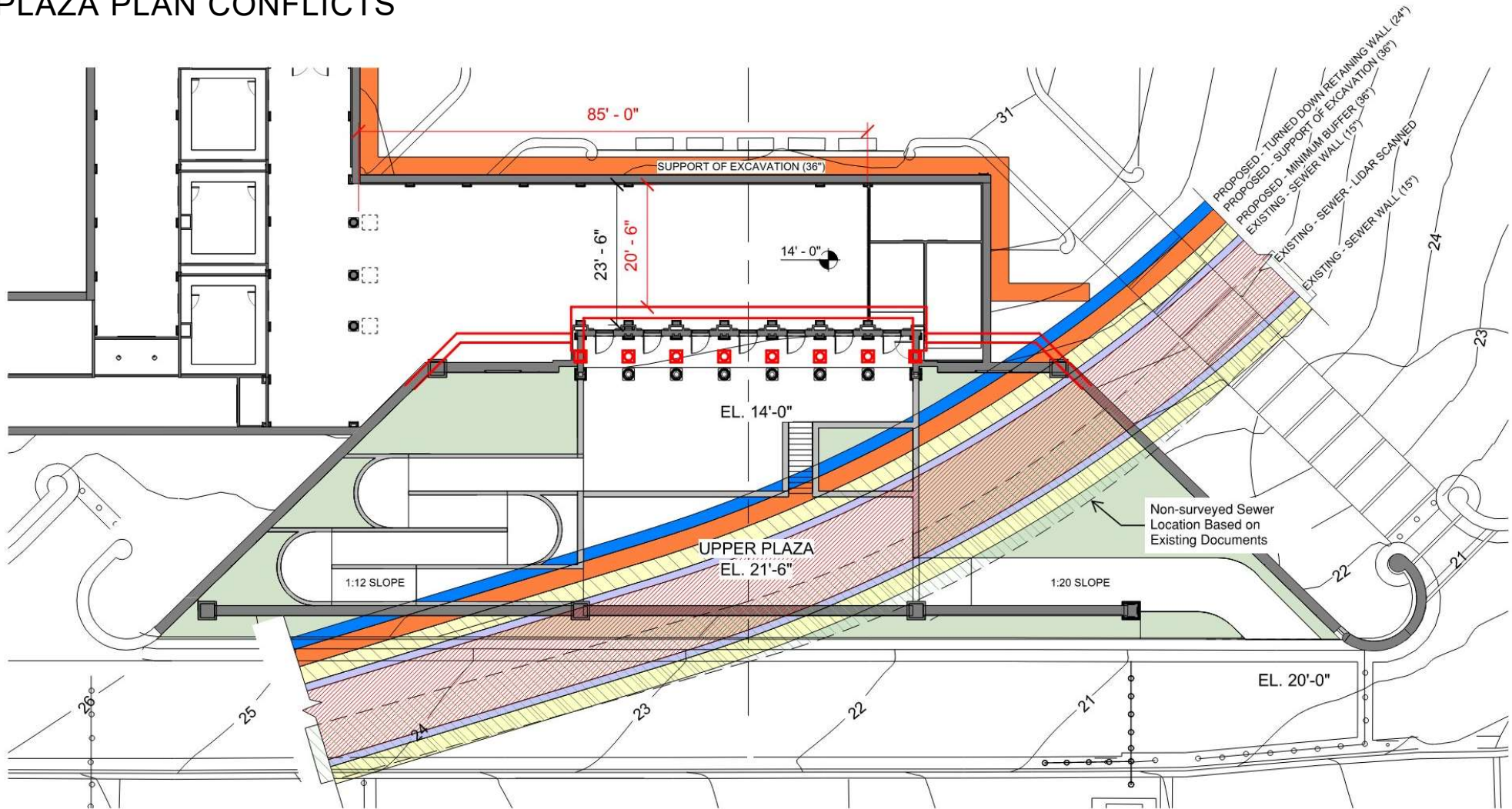
- Revise and finalize Assessment of Effects (AOE) Report based on new design
- Revise and finalize Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for signature based on new design and recent minimization efforts
- Conduct Phase IB archeological survey and additional evaluations as needed
- Continue developing Unanticipated Discoveries Plan and an Archeological Monitoring and Documentation Plan



View from the Washington Monument, 2011

DESIGN PROGRESS

PLAZA PLAN CONFLICTS

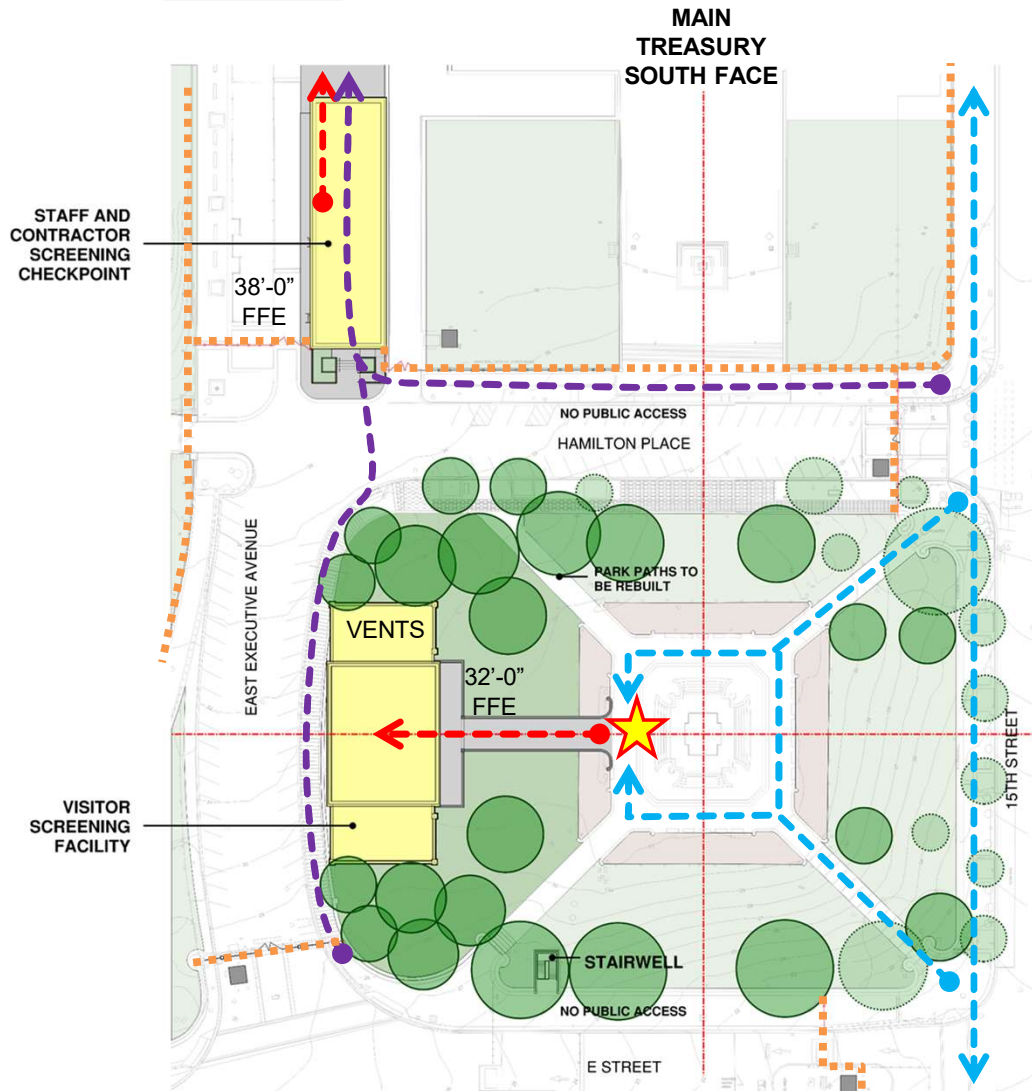


SOUTH PAVILION STUDY



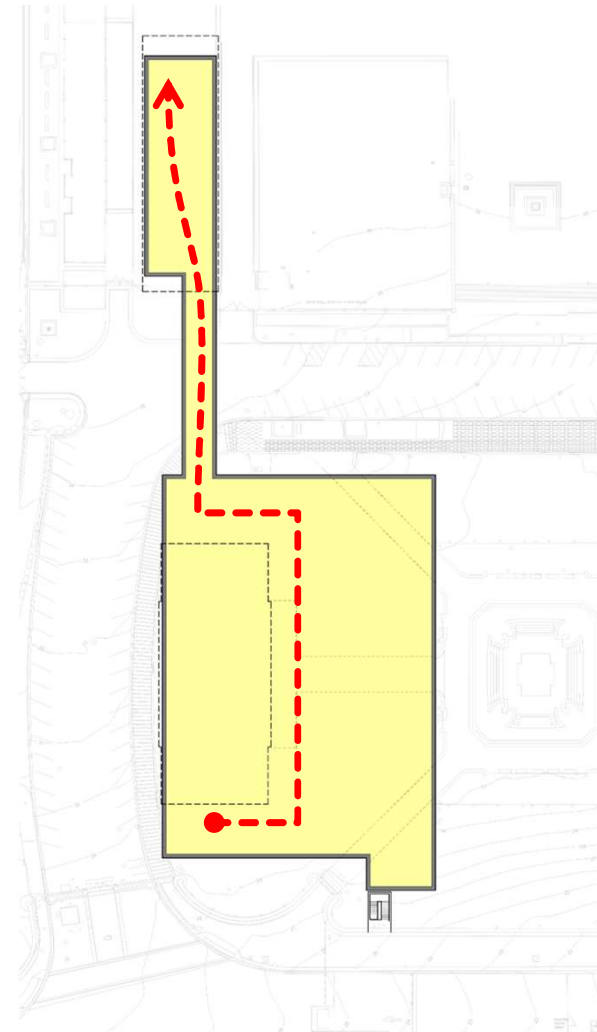
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE RE-DESIGN

ABOVE GRADE:



PLAN VIEWS: PROPOSED CONDITIONS IN SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE

BELOW GRADE:



- - - Existing Secure Fence Line
- Proposed Site Work
- - -> Badged Staff + Contractor Path
- - -> Public Access
- - -> Proposed Visitor Screening Path

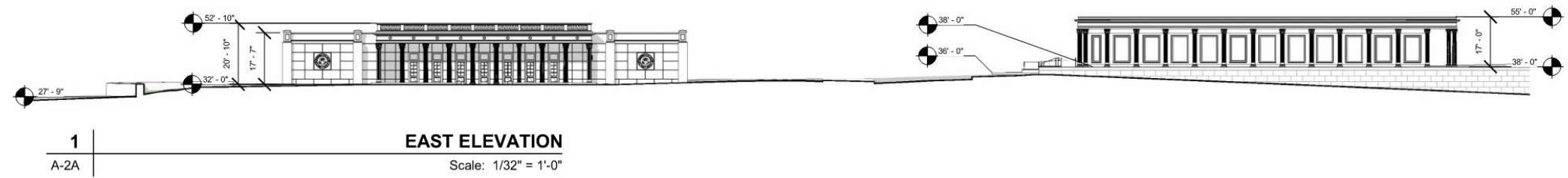












OPEN DISCUSSION