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- Send a written comment form or letter to:

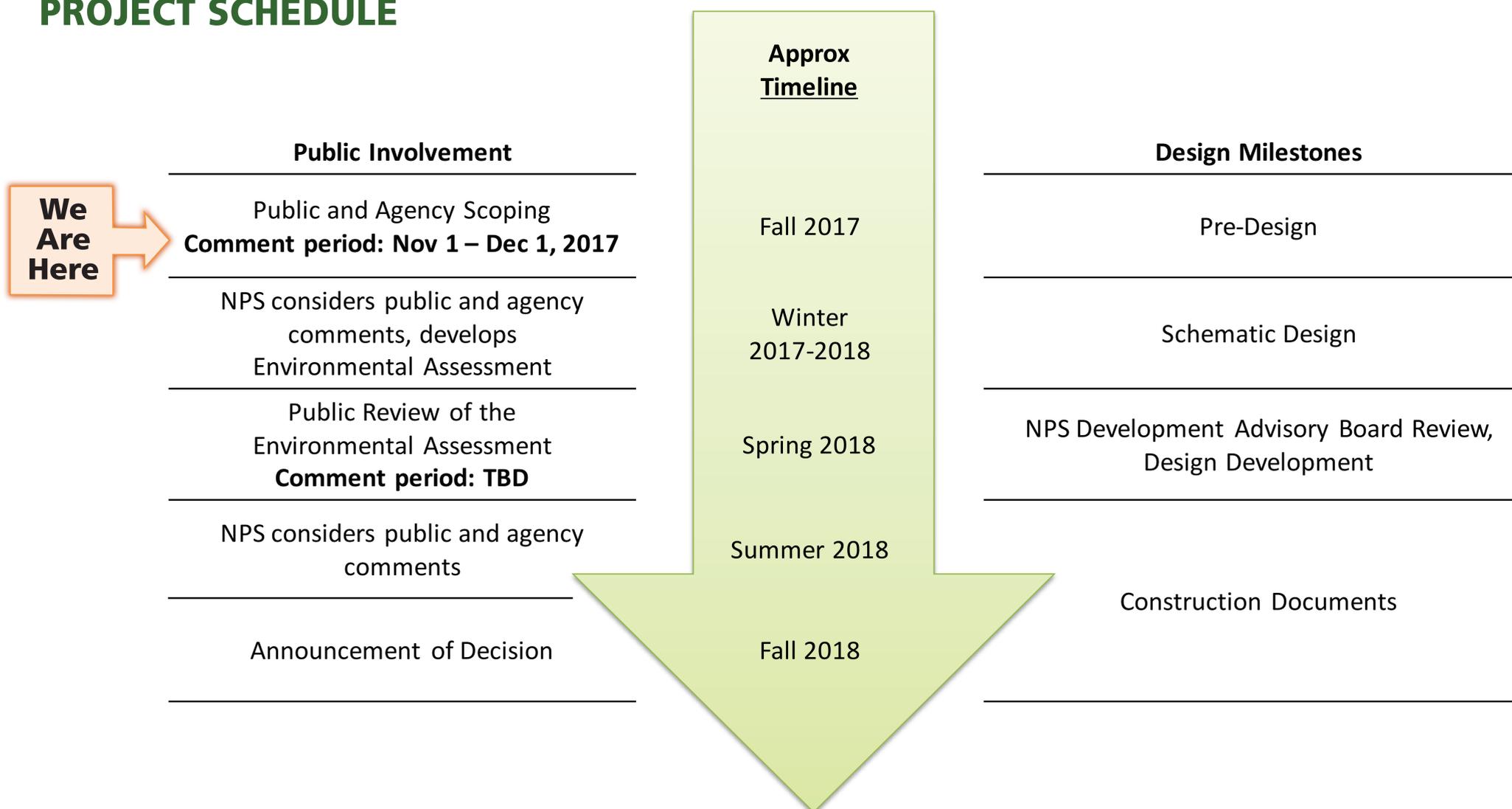
**Superintendent
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Accessibility Improvements EA
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive SW
Washington, DC 20024**

Please submit all comments by
December 1, 2017

PLANNING PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

The table below outlines the planning process, highlighting opportunities for public involvement.

PROJECT SCHEDULE





Purpose of and Need for the Project

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

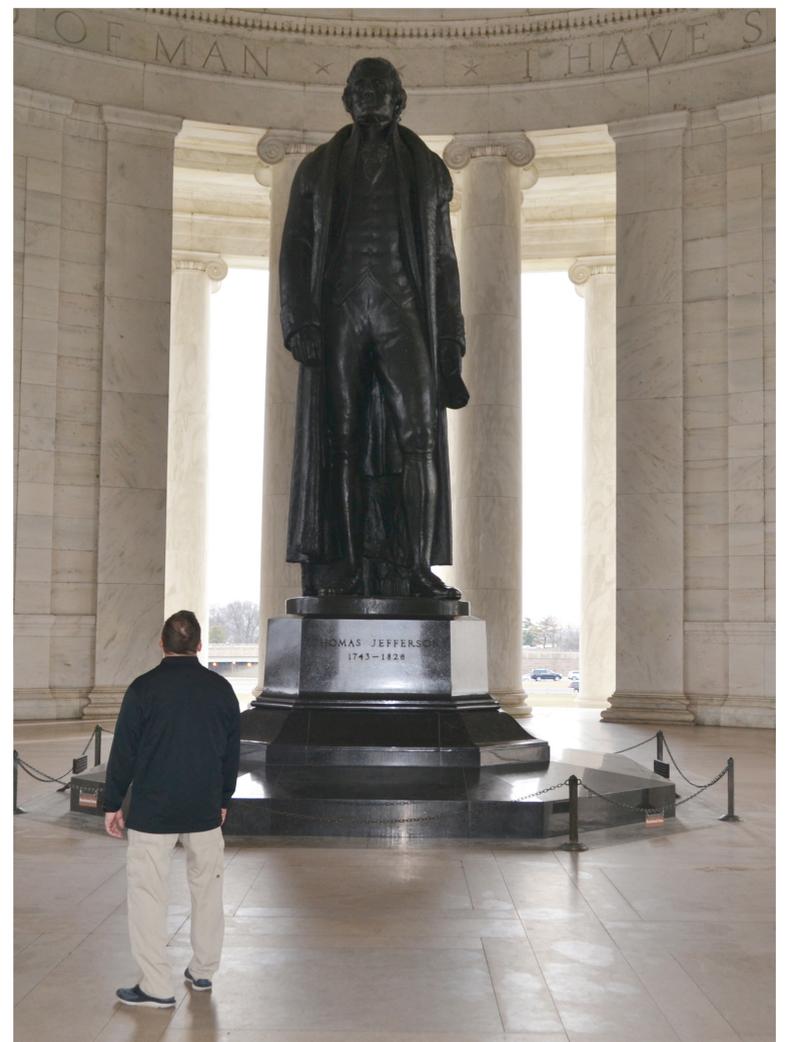
- Remove or reduce barriers to access for all visitors to the Memorial.
- Improve experience of all visitors to the Memorial.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

- Accessible route to the interior is over 1,000 feet long and winding.
- There is only one accessible route to the chamber level.
- Elements of the Memorial interior present barriers to access, including
 - Interpretive exhibits.
 - Physical elements.
- Designated accessible parking may be blocked by buses.
- No access aisle protected from traffic.

PROPOSED ACTION

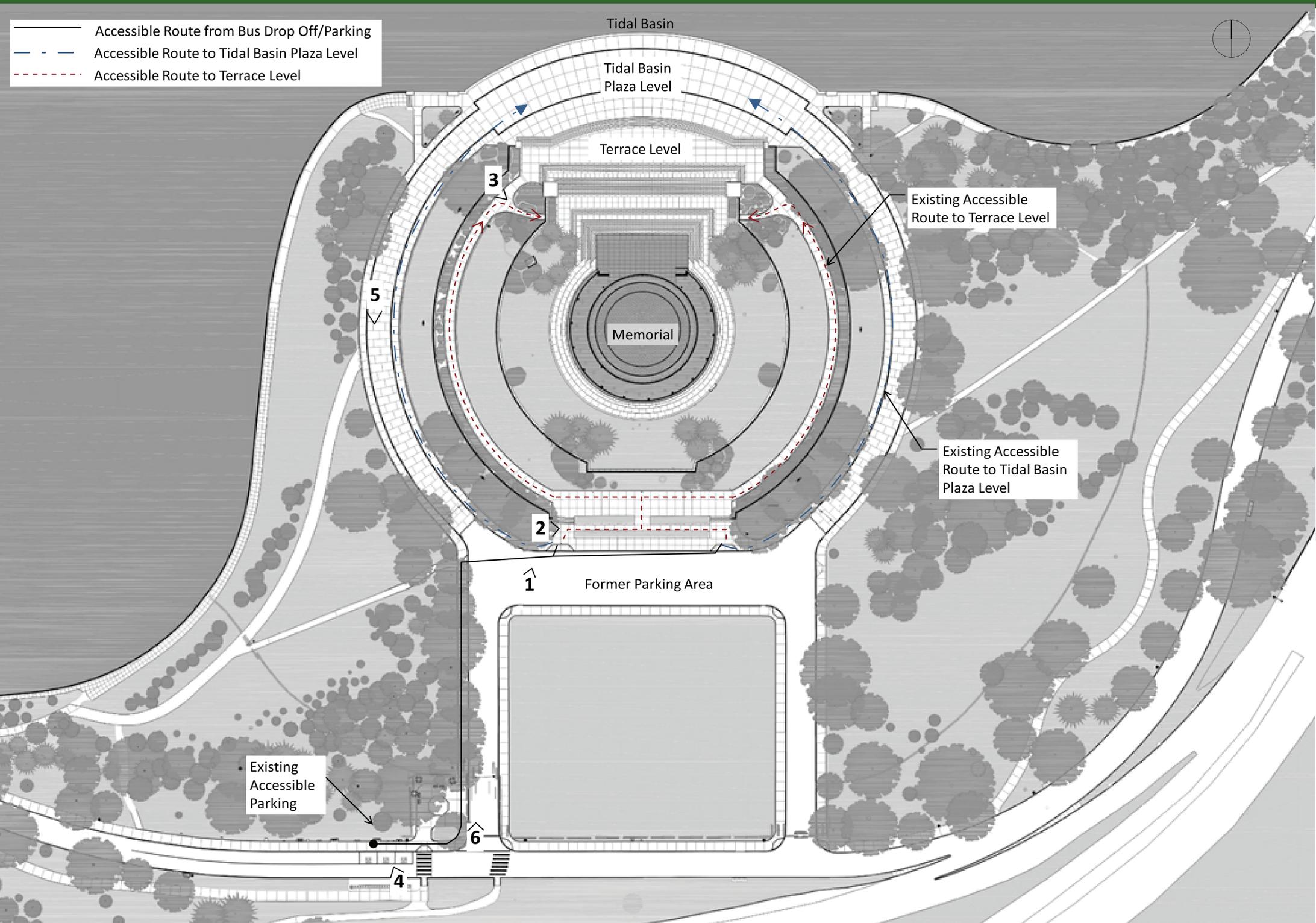
- Improve parts of the interior for maximum accessibility, including
 - Interpretive exhibits.
 - Physical elements.



The statue of Thomas Jefferson is at the chamber level of the Memorial.



Existing Conditions



1 Path to sloped walkways



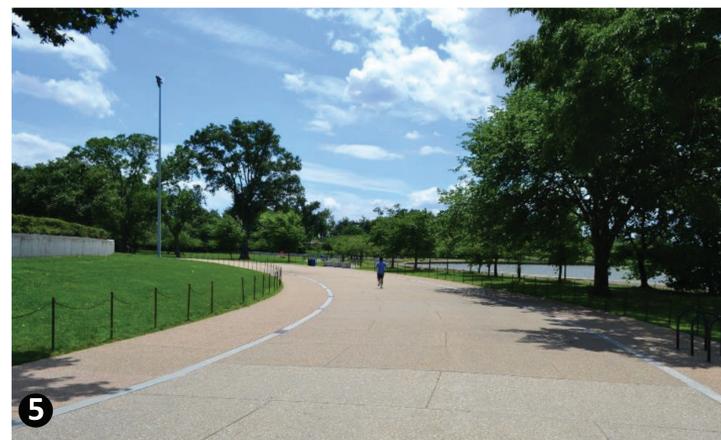
2 West sloped walkway leading to Terrace Level



3 West entrance to Lower Level from Terrace Level



4 Reserved parking spots along East Basin Drive SW



5 East side Circular Roadway



6 Southwest approach to Memorial from refreshment kiosk



Possible Interior Improvements

POSSIBLE UPDATES TO THE INTERPRETIVE COMPONENTS:

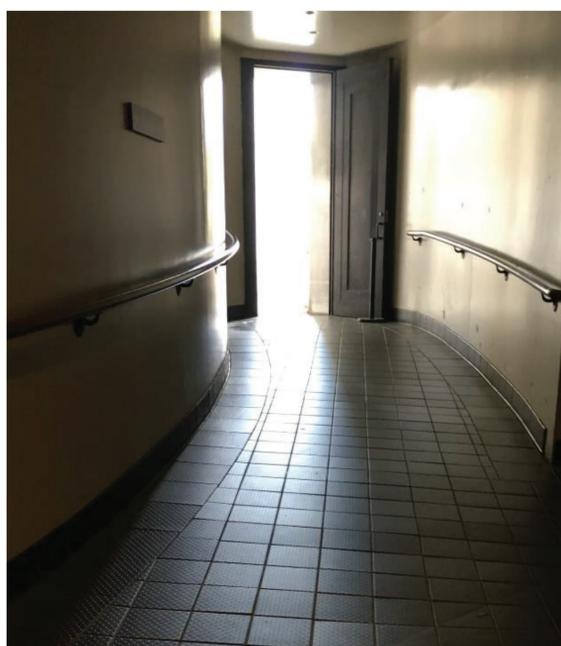
- Redesign the exhibits to focus on the Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson statue, and the surrounding landscape and vista.
- Relocate most of the interpretation to the former contact station adjacent to the chamber; to provide less of a disconnect between the visual experience and the tactile experience of viewing the memorial.
- Add tactile and audio-described waysides to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial grounds to share the experience with more visitors.
- Audio describe and provide braille for all interpretive and Memorial content.
- In the space leading up to and inside the elevator, create a desirable experience that is equivalent of ascending the stairs of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

POSSIBLE UPDATES TO THE PHYSICAL COMPONENTS:

- Provide lowered counter tops at the bookstore.
- Reduce the steepness of the ramp to the chamber level.
- Extend handrails along the ramps at the entrance to the lower level.
- Adjust locations of fixtures within the restrooms.



Existing exhibit space



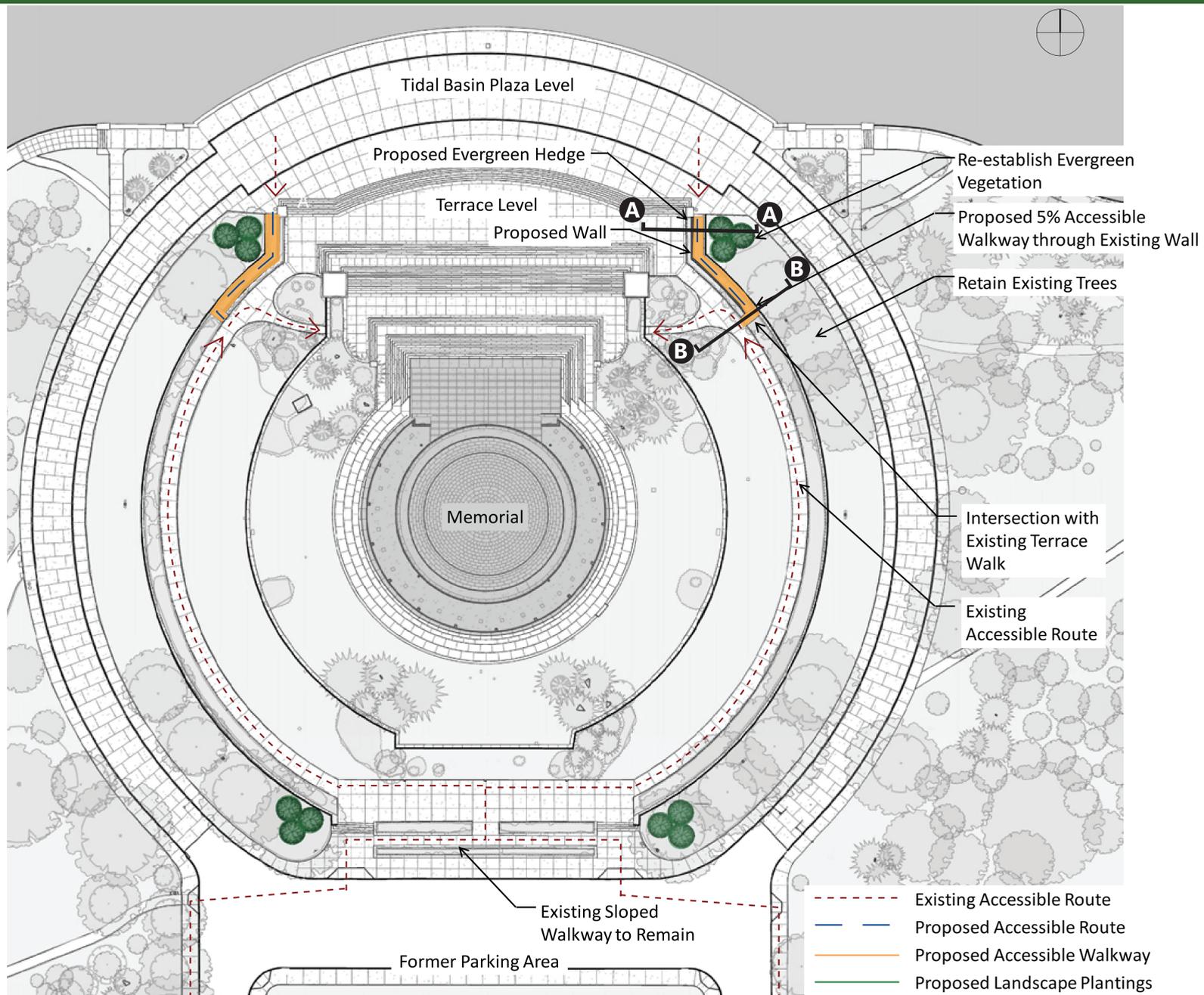
Elevator lobby ramp



Bookstore on lower level

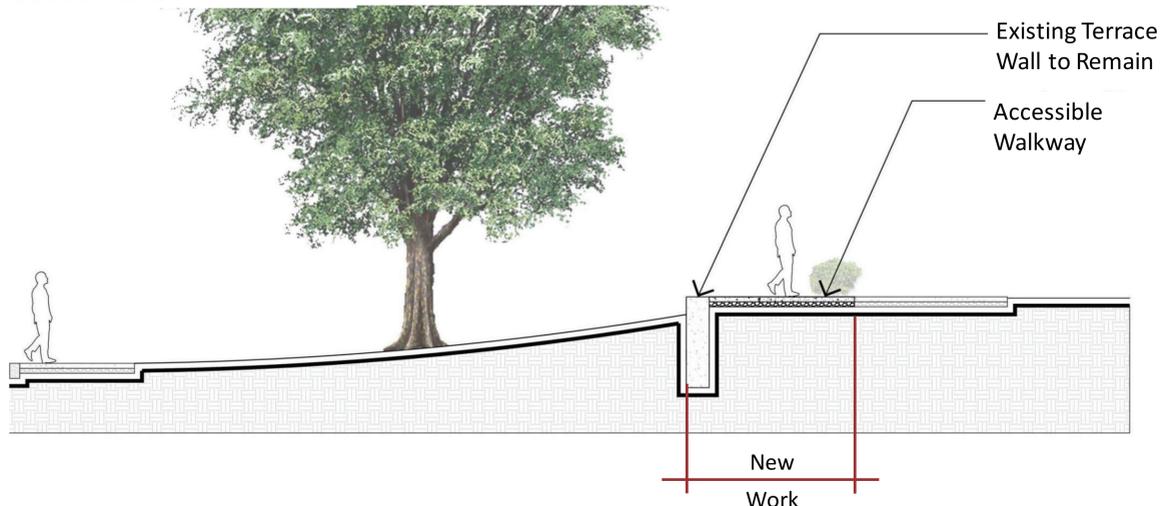
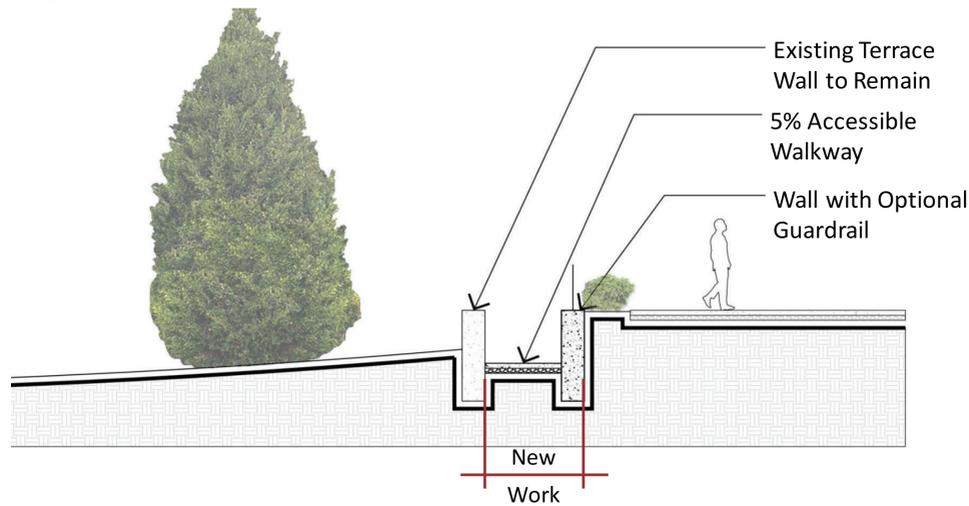


Option 1: Sloped Walkway within Existing Planter



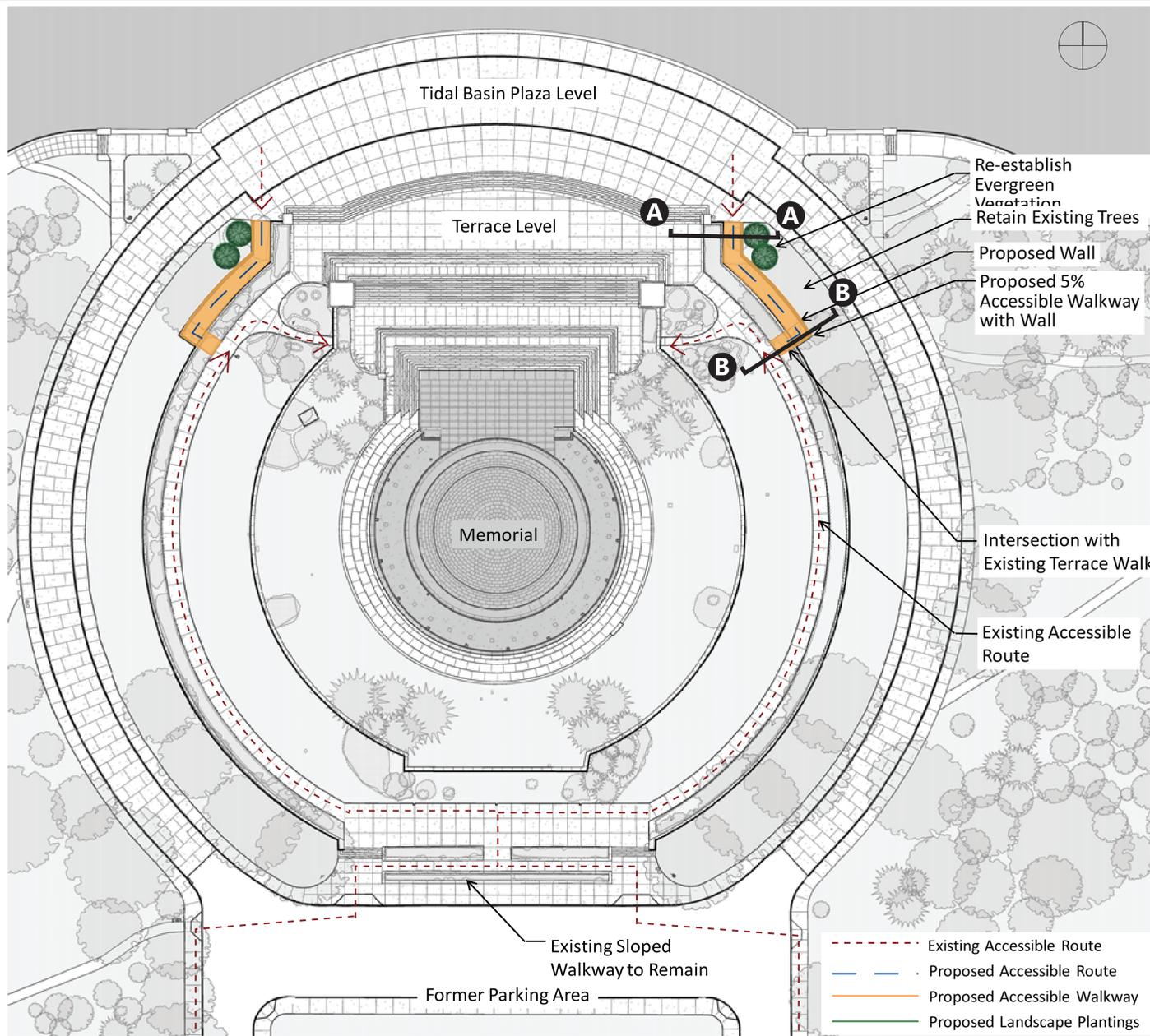
Section A-A

Section B-B

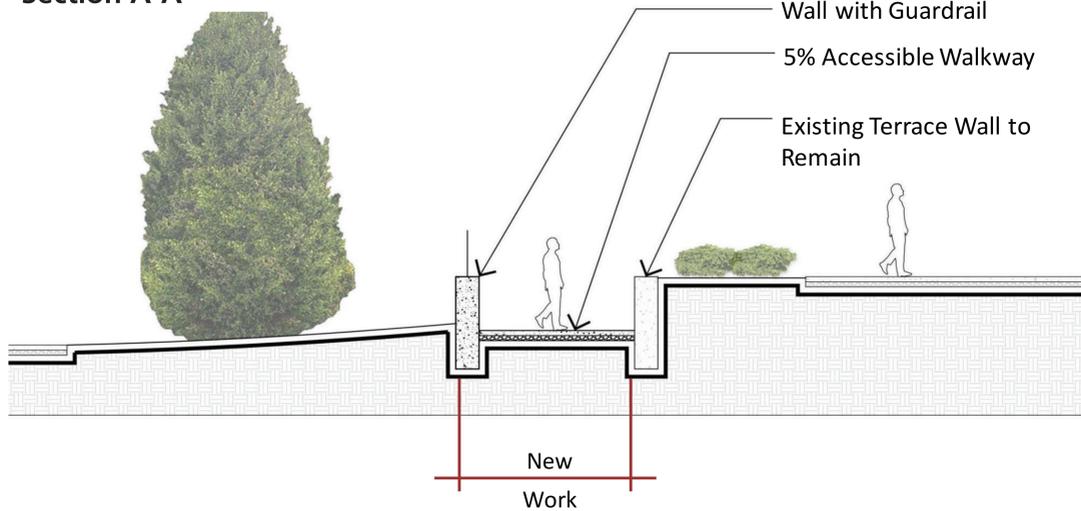




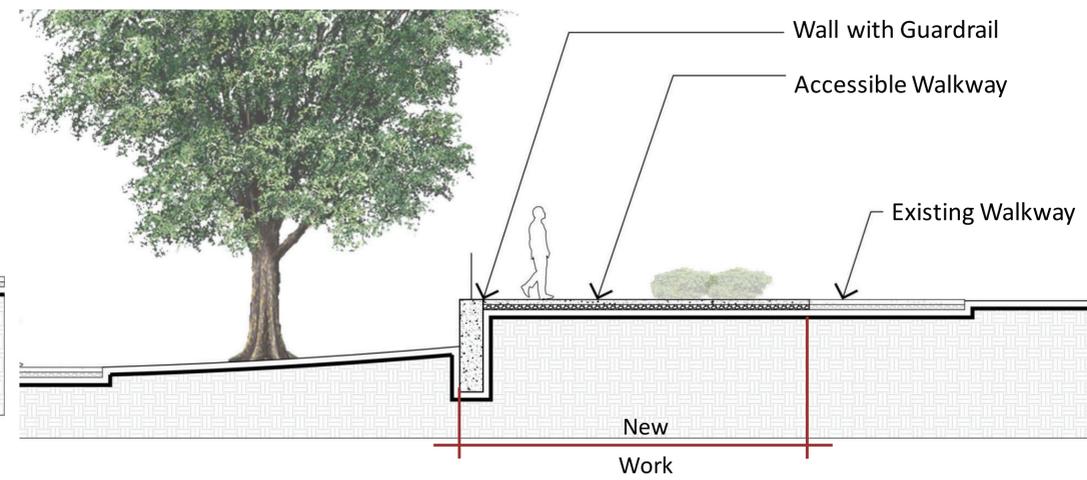
Option 2: North Sloped Walkway with Guardrail



Section A-A

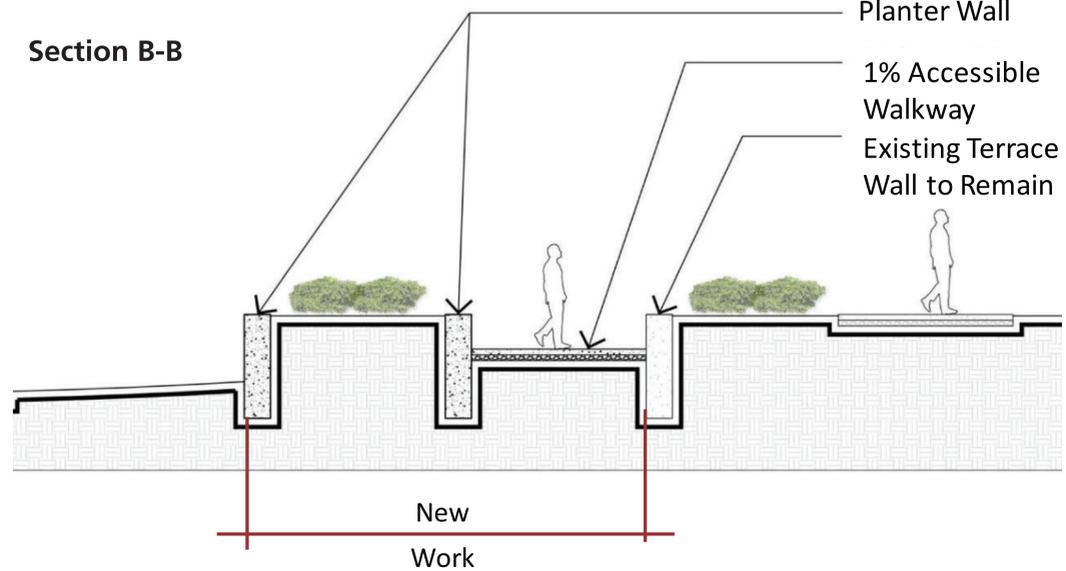
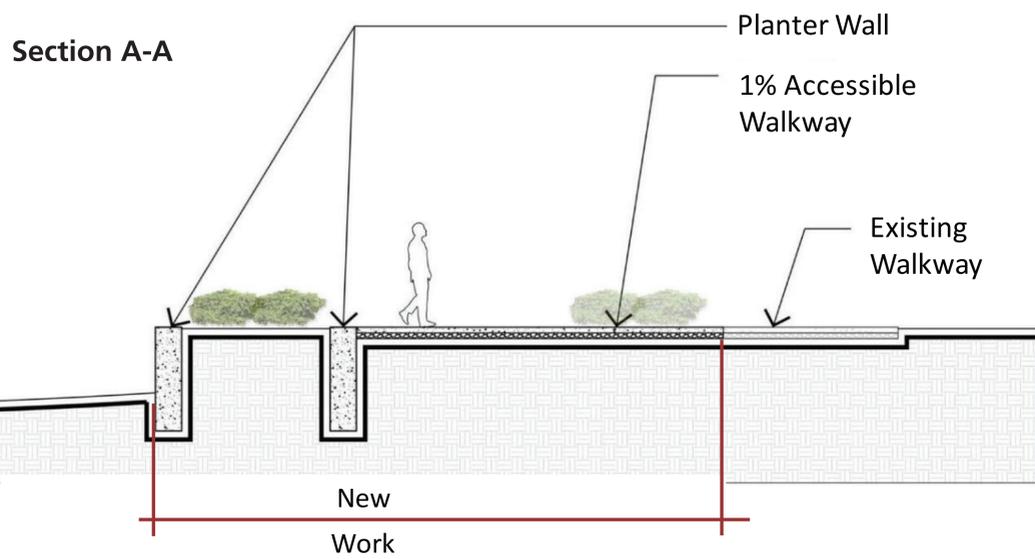
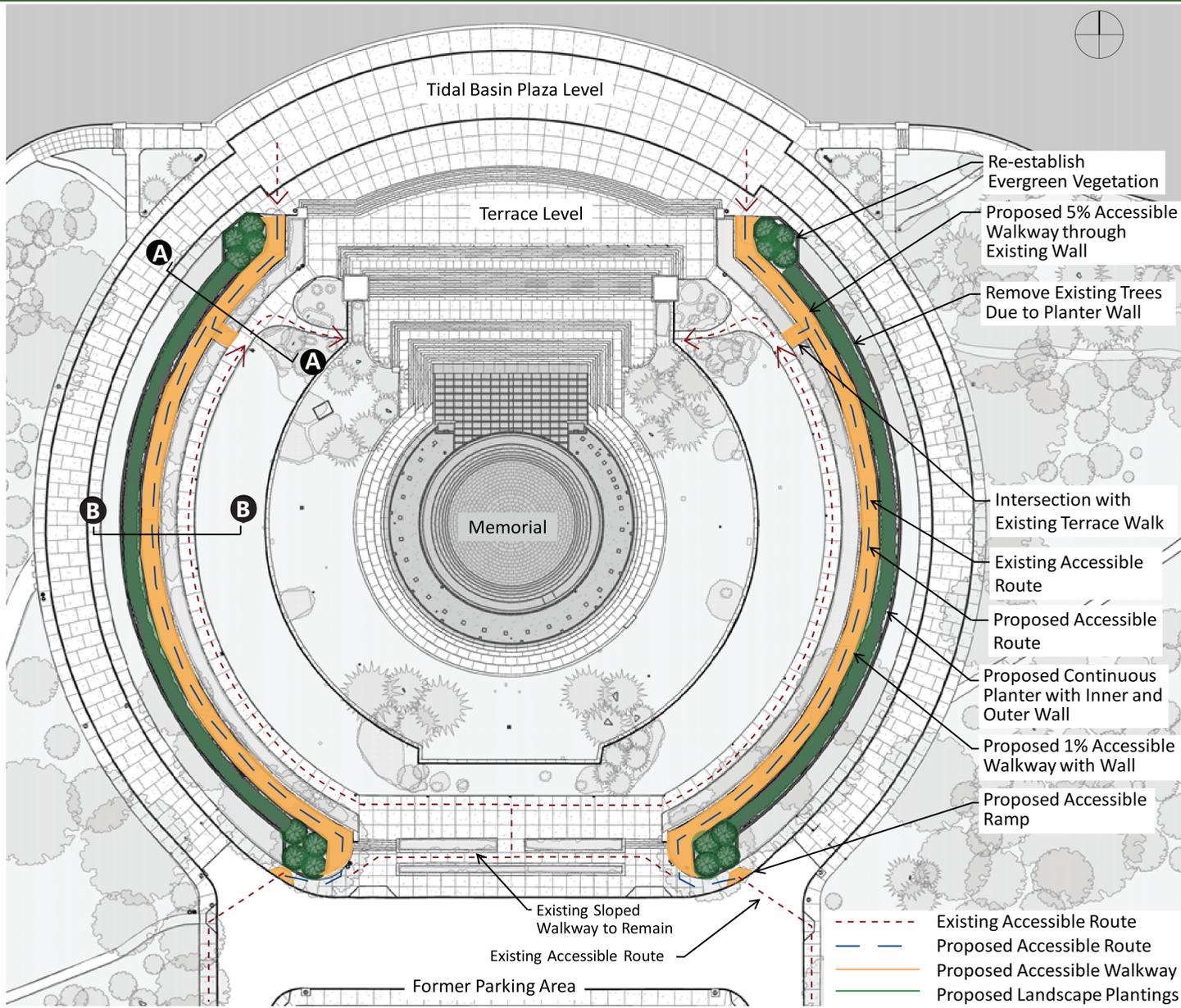


Section B-B





Option 3: Continuous Sloped Walkway with Planter

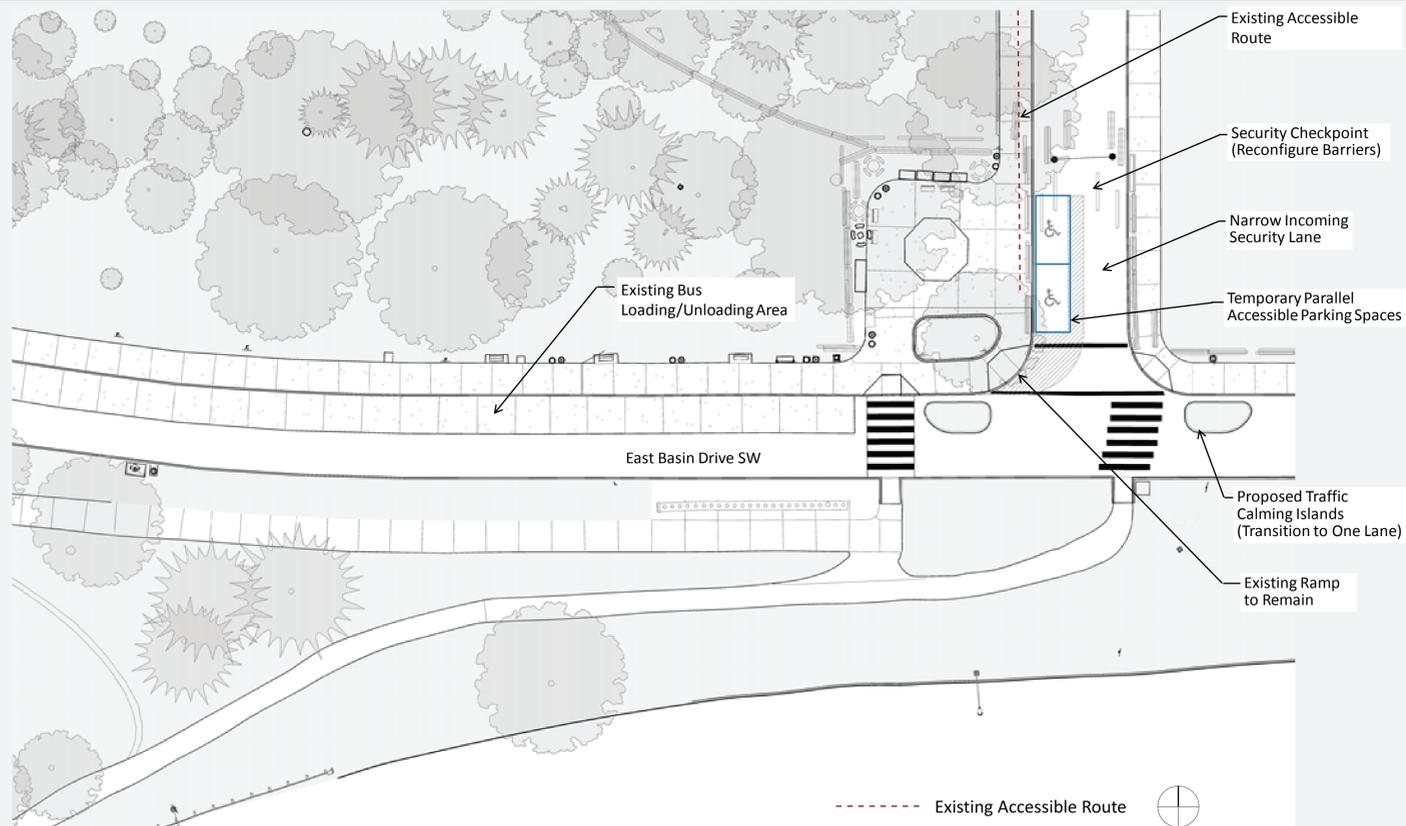




Option 4: Parking and Bus Drop-Off Area Options

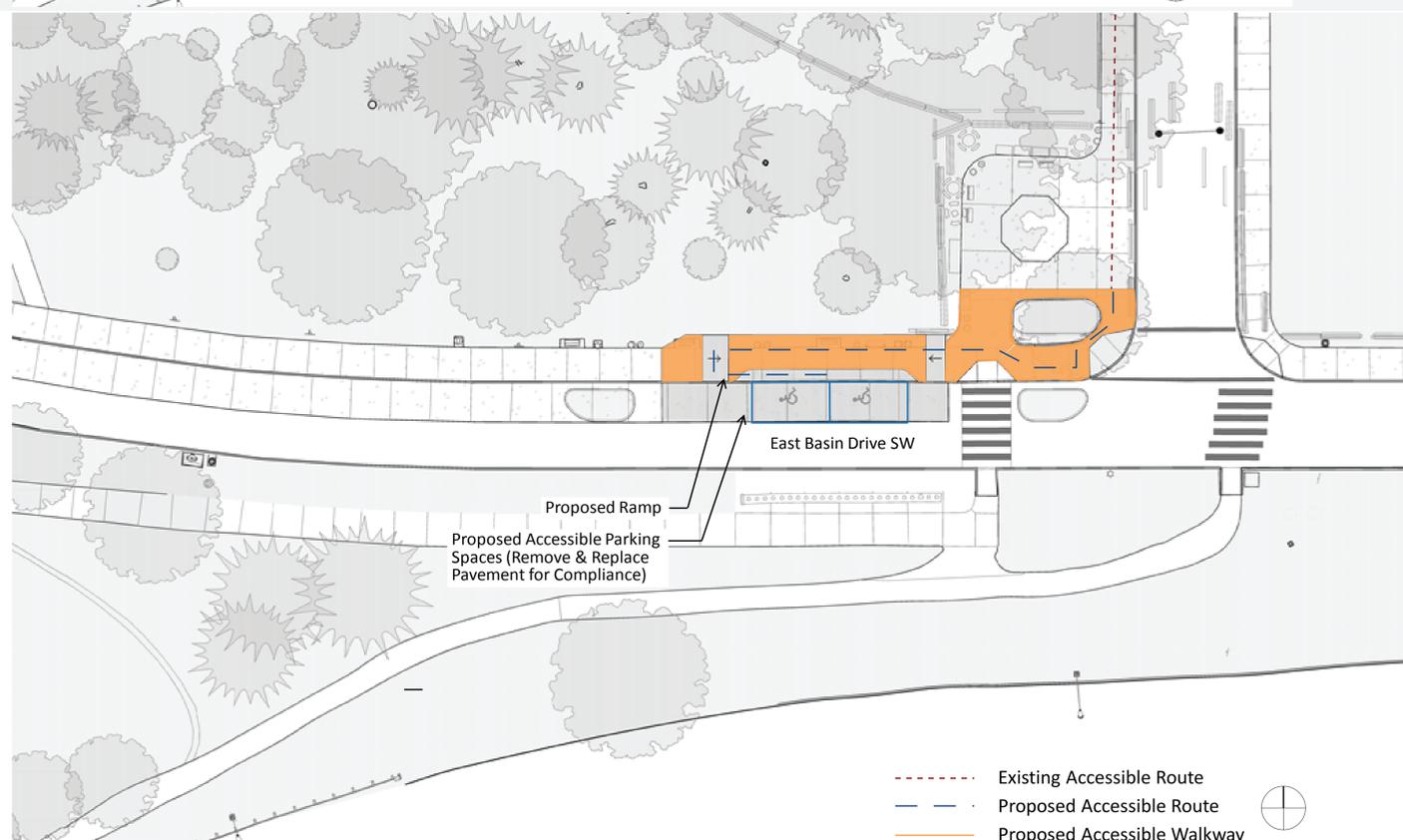
Option 4.1: Temporary Parallel Parking at Kiosk Location

- Accessible parking removed from East Basin Drive
- Out of traffic for loading/unloading
- Use existing ramps for access to walkway
- Away from bus loading/unloading
- Room for maneuvering vehicles is very limited



Option 4.2: Accessible Parking Spaces in Existing Location

- Accessible parking remains along East Basin Drive
- Adjacent walkway reconstructed to improve accessibility



Option 4.3: Accessible Parking Spaces at Kiosk Location

- Accessible parking removed from East Basin Drive
- Out of traffic for loading/unloading
- Surrounding walkways reconstructed to improve accessibility
- Away from bus loading/unloading
- Sufficient room to easily maneuver vehicles is very limited

