



# YOUR NEW ZOO IS TURNING 40.

## 2018 BONDING REQUEST: \$34,750,000

**\$21,000,000** capital request to naturalize, mobilize and revitalize the Minnesota Zoo  
**\$13,750,000** for asset preservation to address the backlog of crucial repair and improvement projects on our 40-year-old campus.

### CAPITAL REQUEST: REVITALIZE THE ZOO

#### Minnesota Treetop Trail: Phase 1

**\$5,000,000**



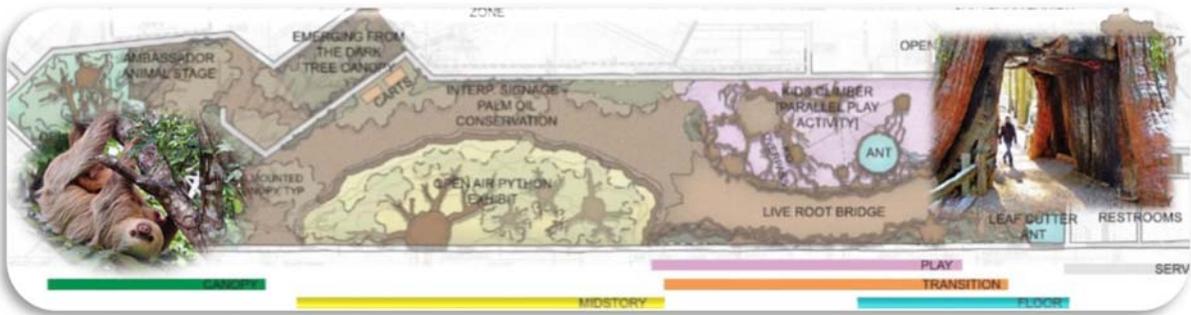
- Reuse infrastructure from the defunct monorail to create an elevated walkway
- Provide Zoo guests with a new perspective of the animals and their natural surroundings
- Connect Discovery Bay and the Weesner Family Amphitheater
- \$10 million of private funding anticipated to build Phase 2 of the loop

#### Creatures Beneath the Canopy

**\$4,000,000**

The nocturnal exhibit has been closed for 10 years, leaving a boarded-up hallway in the middle of Tropics Trail. This funding will allow us to reopen this area as a new exhibit that will:

- Immerse visitors in the experience of traveling from ocean floor to treetop canopy.
- Include a kids' play area, much-needed family restrooms, a stage and volunteer space.
- Improve animal management with multiple staff entry/egress points to sloth and python exhibits.



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## Transportation and Accessibility: Phase 1

\$2,500,000

At 485 acres, the Minnesota Zoo is one of the country's largest zoos. We must make sure that Minnesotans of all ages and abilities can access all the Zoo has to offer.

- The monorail closure left a large portion of the Zoo difficult to access for people with limited mobility.
- Visitors' number one complaint is the difficulty of getting around the Zoo.
- Phase I improves our roads, paths and behind-the-scenes viewing areas to accommodate small vehicles providing hop-on-hop-off rides around the campus.



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## Reimagining the Guest Welcome

\$9,500,000



Most Zoo guests pass through the South Entrance, where they find amenities that do not meet the needs of today's Zoo. We will revitalize this central part of the Zoo by:

- Bringing meerkats to the Zoo and providing guests with an engaging social animal encounter upon arrival.
- Redesigning and expanding 40-year-old restrooms to increase privacy and accessibility while reducing lines.
- Installing acoustic panels, carpet and other improvements to reduce the noise level.
- Adding a new retail space.
- Refreshing the snow monkey exhibit.



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**As always, we recognize the importance of the Zoo's private/public partnership. State funds requested for this bonding session will be accompanied by private support managed by the Minnesota Zoo Foundation. State funds make up approximately 33% of our operating budget.**

### For more information

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