

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

June 14, 2023

Agenda Item: **8b**

Action

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: **Smith Rock Design Contract**

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Background / Project Description:

- The Smith Rock State Park Master Plan Update resumed last summer is nearing completion.
- OPRD would like to proceed with design of the projects identified for the GO Bond, continuing with the same design team that worked on the master plan.
- Proposed GO Bond projects at Smith Rock include:
 - New Welcome Center and restroom adjacent to the large day use parking lot
 - Accessibility improvements to the rim trail extending away from the new Welcome Center.
 - Utility renovations and improvements to support the new facilities
 - A new trail with lower gradients from the Welcome Center into the canyon.
- The final list of projects will depend on project cost estimates and available funding.
- Proposed GO Bond project timeline:
 - Schematic Design & Design Development – July 2023 to May 2024
 - County Land Use Review – May 2024 to November 2024
 - Construction Documents – November 2024 to August 2025
 - Bidding and Construction – August 2025 to October 2026
- Estimated Planning and Design Budget:
 - Master Plan & Background Studies \$240,000 to \$350,000
 - Permitting & Design \$550,000 to \$750,000
 - Construction Budget \$6.5M

Prior Action by Commission: Master Plan Updates 9/13/2023 and 4/13/2023

Action Requested: Approval of consultant design and permitting budget in excess of \$750,000

Attachments: Welcome Center Figures from Master Plan (8d Attachment A)

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SMITH ROCK MASTER PLAN DRAFT

D. Welcome Center

The new Welcome Center area is designed to be the primary location where visitors arrive and get introduced to the park's resources. The Welcome Center building, which will replace the yurt currently located at the Chute, will include a small gift shop, interpretive exhibits, office and meeting rooms, and restroom facilities. There will also be a covered courtyard, with pathways leading to accessible viewpoints and group gathering areas, including a small amphitheater. The building style will maximize views and minimize impacts to the landscape, using durable materials in natural colors.

Improved trails are also proposed along the rim and into the canyon from the Welcome Center, with the intent of providing a quick, engaging, and accessible experience of the park. A comprehensive wayfinding and interpretive plan will be implemented at this location to provide a high level of service to visitors.

The existing 92-space parking area in this location is proposed to be reconfigured and expanded to accommodate larger vehicles and buses, with room for bus drop-off and possible future shuttle service.

- ① Parking (92)
- ② Trailhead
- ③ Head-In South Parking (50)
- ④ Drainfield
- ⑤ Pay Station
- ⑥ Entrance Sign
- ⑦ NE Crooked River Dr.



Figure 18: Welcome Center Existing Condition

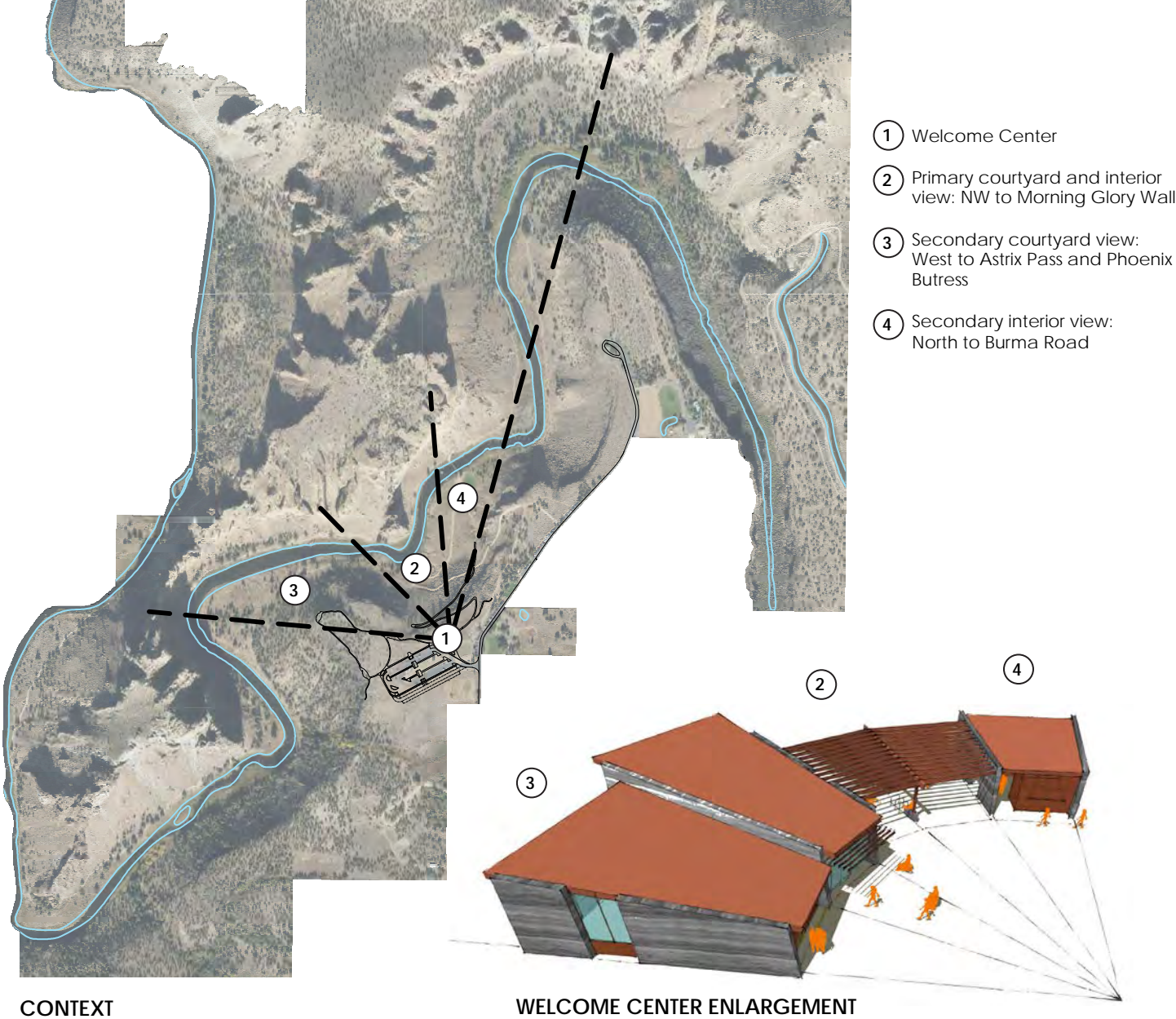


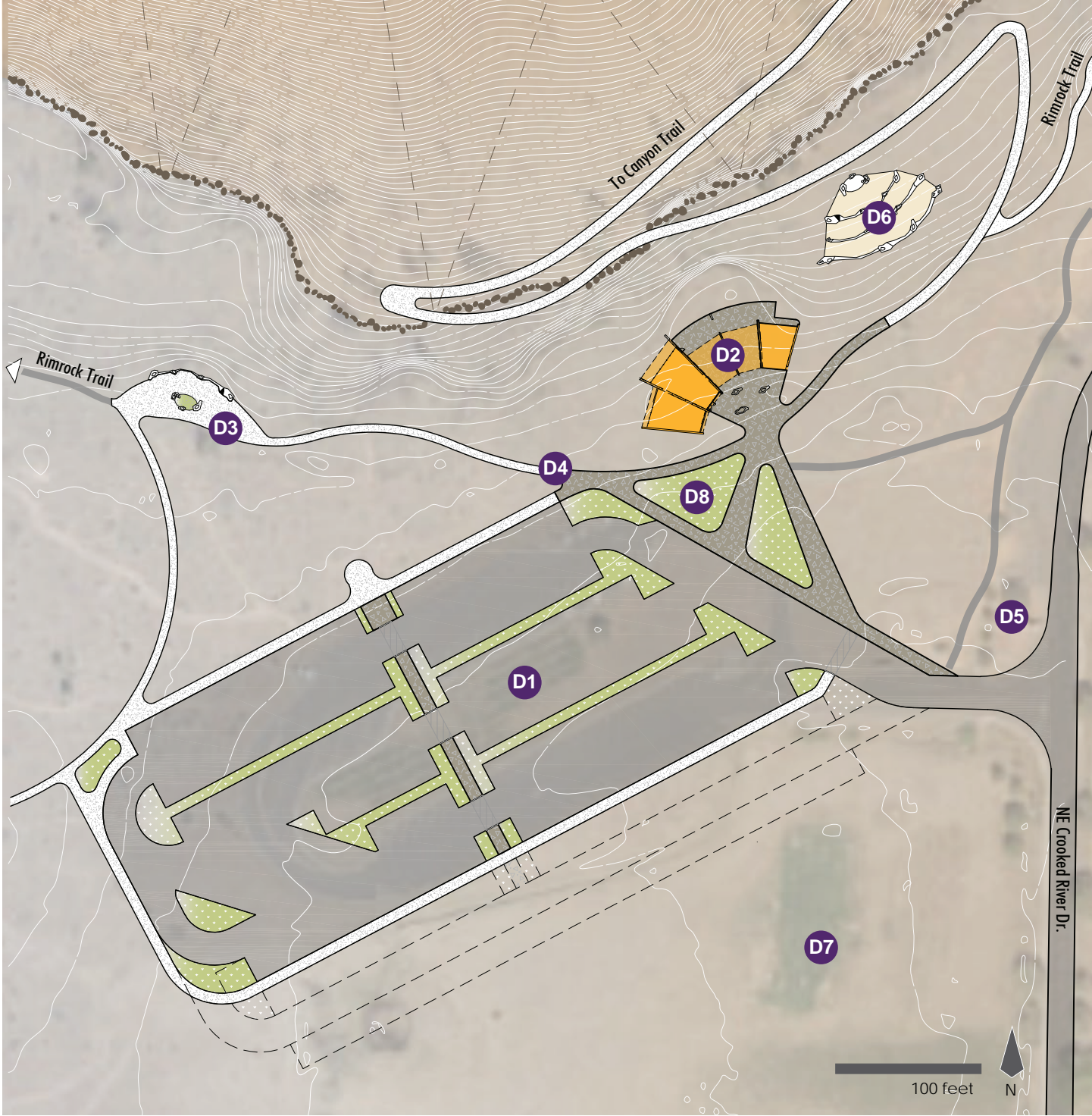
Figure 19: Welcome Center Viewshed

Development Recommendations

- D1** Expand and reconfigure existing parking lot to accommodate approximately 215 spaces (200 standard, 8 ADA, 7 RV)
- D2** Construct a new 2,500 square foot Welcome Center and restrooms
- D3** Improve the Rimrock Trail with accessible seating, viewpoints and interpretive elements
- D4** Improve trailhead and accessible trail circulation throughout the focus area
- D5** Develop comprehensive wayfinding and interpretive plan for this high-use area
- D6** Construct a new accessible amphitheater
- D7** Upgrade utilities, including potable water, electric service, and sanitary drainfield
- D8** Restore habitat within parking lot islands, along the roadway, and in areas disturbed by construction



Figure 20: Welcome Center Perspective



- Rimrock
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail Connection
- Proposed Amphitheater
- Proposed Welcome Center
- Landscape Area
- Cost estimate: \$6.5 million
- See Ch-5 for permitting requirements

Figure 21: Welcome Center Focus Area