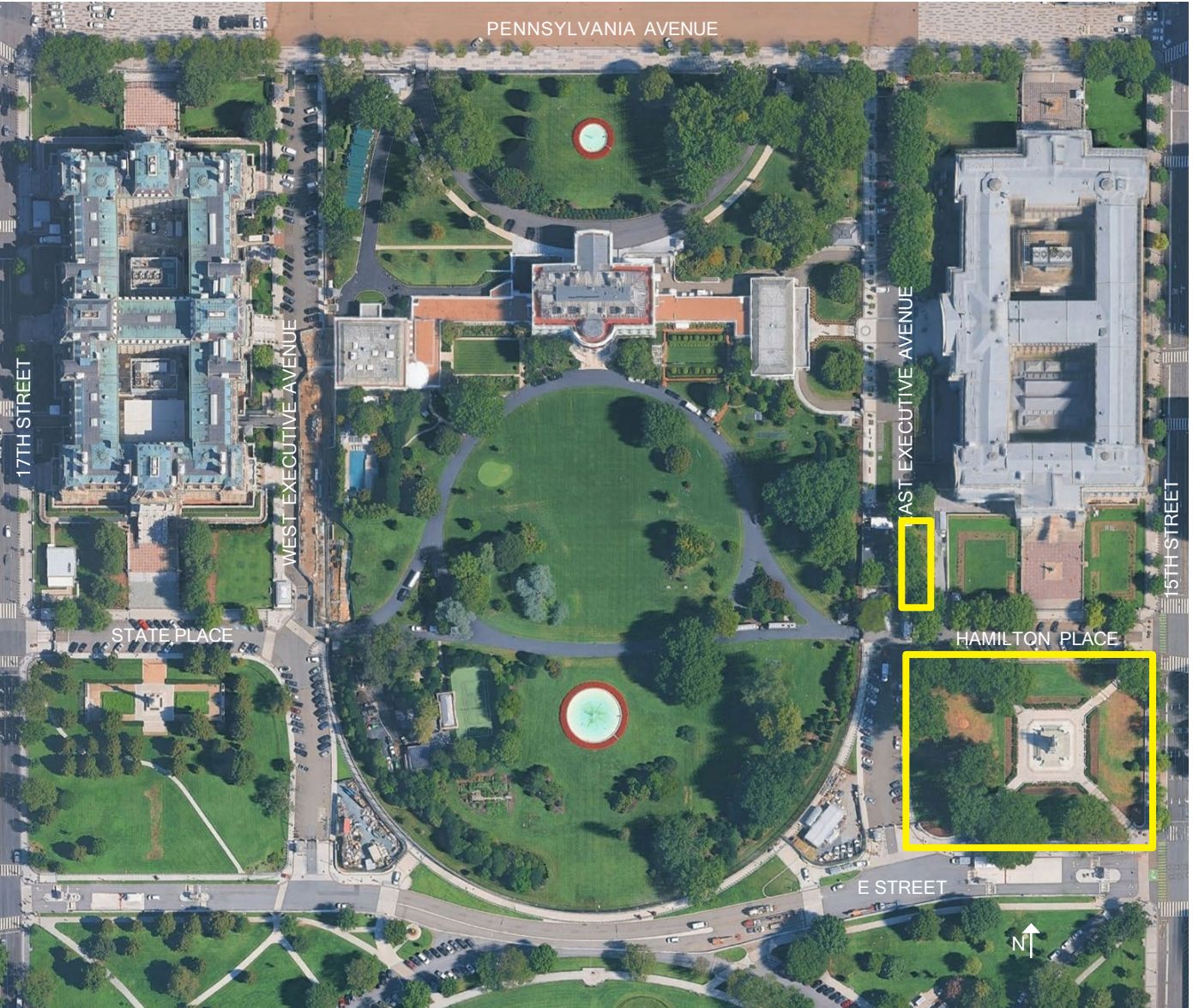


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THE WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING
FACILITY PROJECT

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The White House Visitor Screening Facility

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1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

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1.1 AGENCIES AND PROJECT SUMMARY

The United States Secret Service (USSS) in conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS), United States Department of the Interior (DOI), and Executive Office of the President (EOP) proposes constructing a permanent security screening facility for visitors to the White House for tours and events. The facility will be located underneath Sherman Park, which is located Southeast of the White House.

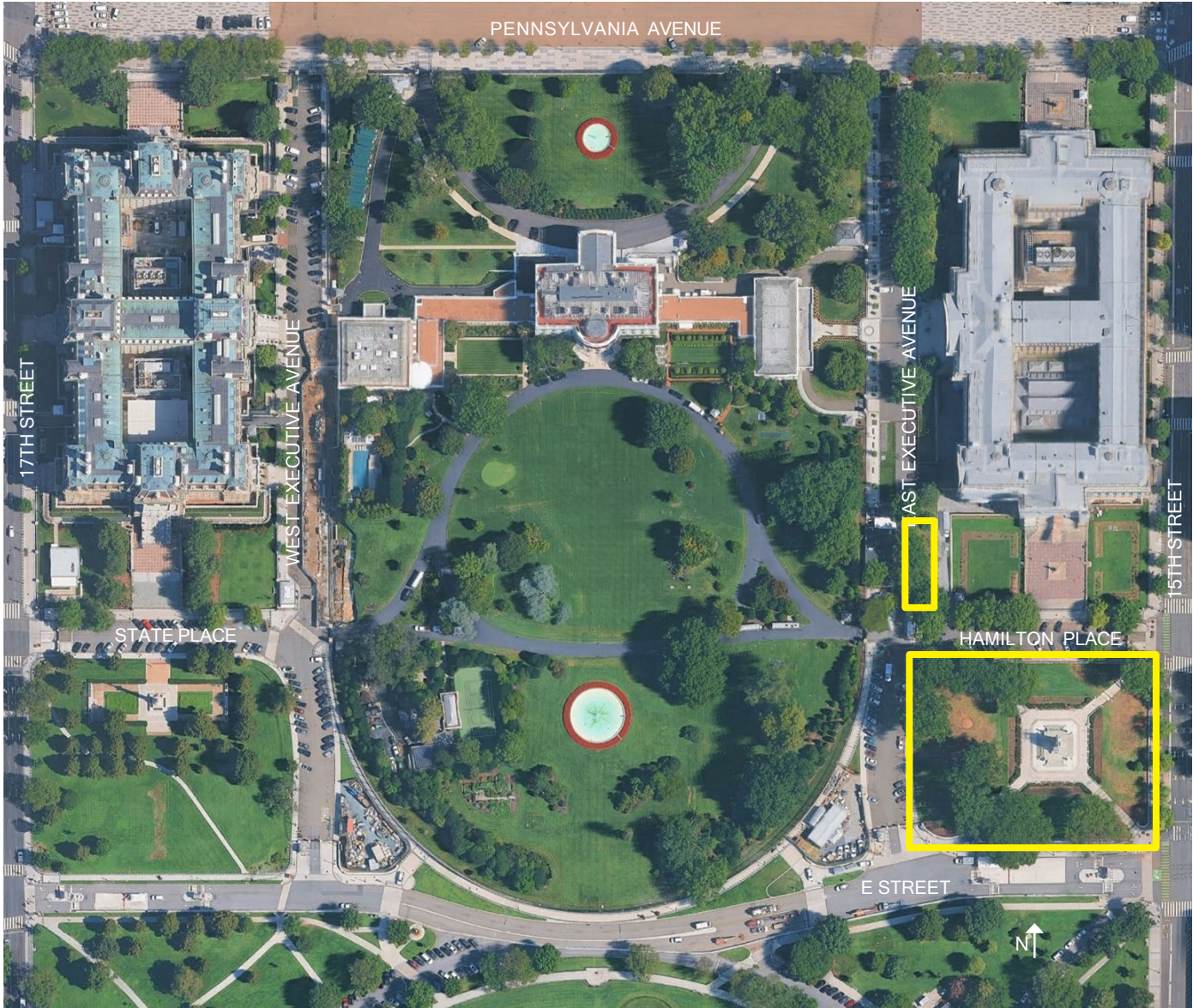


1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA

The project area falls within the Monumental Core of the District of Columbia (D.C.) and is at the heart of the Central Washington Planning Area of the National Capital Planning Commission’s (NCPCC) Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital (Comprehensive Plan) adopted on June 6, 2024. The project location is entirely on federal land in President’s Park, an 82-acre park that serves as the setting for the White House and other federal buildings as well as memorials and monuments.

Jurisdictional control, stewardship, and oversight responsibilities for the White House and President’s Park are shared by various departments and the District of Columbia. East Executive Avenue to the West, E Street to the South and Alexander Hamilton Place to the North of the project area are managed by NPS. 15th Street on the east periphery of the park is managed by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT).



1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.3 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The purpose for this project is to provide a permanent White House Visitor Screening Facility (VSF) for the United States Secret Service (USSS) that can support security screening needs for visitor tours, large-scale events, White House Staff, and Contractors. This new facility will expand the screening capacity/capabilities and eliminate the need for temporary screening tents for events. As a result, the permanent facility will strengthen campus security and enhance the overall visitor experience.

The project site is located in Sherman Park on the south side of the Treasury Building adjacent to proposed screening facility location included in the NPS led interagency Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President’s Park (CDP, 2000)

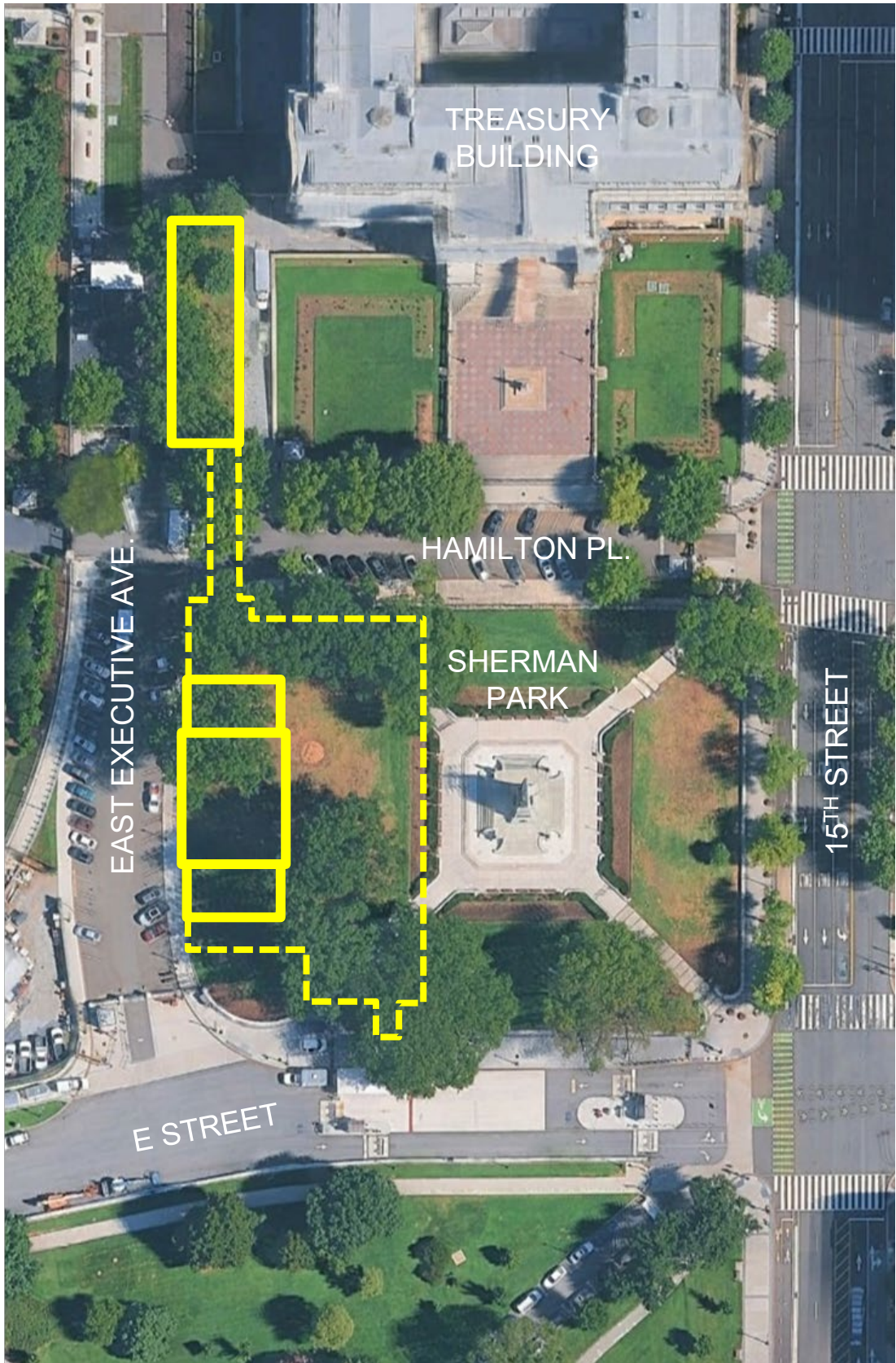
The majority of the facility’s program is located below grade within the park’s western quadrant to minimize visual impact and avoid infrastructure conflicts in the park’s southeast corner. Landscape restoration, including new tree plantings, will be provided within all impacted zones to reinstate and enhance the park’s character.

The below grade portion of this facility is approximately 33,000 square feet .The depth of the building accounts for a 12’-0” clear floor to underside of structure, 2’-0” allocation for concrete structure, and a minimum of 3’-0 ground cover above.

Visitors will enter the facility through an above-ground pavilion located in the western quadrant of the park, aligned with the existing General William Tecumseh Sherman Monument at the center of the park. Queuing will begin along a new pathway extending from the monument to the entrance pavilion, where visitors will undergo an initial ID check before proceeding into the facility. Visitors would then proceed through the lobby and down to the lower level to a second checkpoint, followed by the pre-screening process.

The below-grade primary screening area is sized to accommodate the equipment and spatial requirements necessary to achieve the throughput capacities established by USSS for large events. Primary screening is laid out as an open floor plan to provide maximum flexibility with the current screening process and equipment, and to support adaptation to evolving screening technologies and capabilities.

Upon successfully clearing primary screening, visitors proceed to the escalators that return them to grade level north of the secure fence line along East Executive Avenue.



AERIAL SHOWING PROJECT SITE AT SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.

- Above Ground Project Site
- - - Below Ground Project Site

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.4 OUTREACH AND COORDINATION

The applicant has held one virtual project meeting with CFA / NCPC Staff as part of the Pre-Submission process. The meeting was held on February 23, 2026, jointly with representatives from NCPC and Commission of Fine Arts.

The applicant has held 3 consulting parties meetings with staff from multiple agencies including but not limited to CFA, NCPC, and SHPO, Meetings were held on:

- April 20th, 2026
- May 19th, 2026
- June 17th, 2026

The applicant has held several virtual meetings with DC Department of Transportation (DDOT), who will act as the liaison for all other DC Government department reviews.

1.5 SCHEDULE

The project has an operational need date of July 2028.

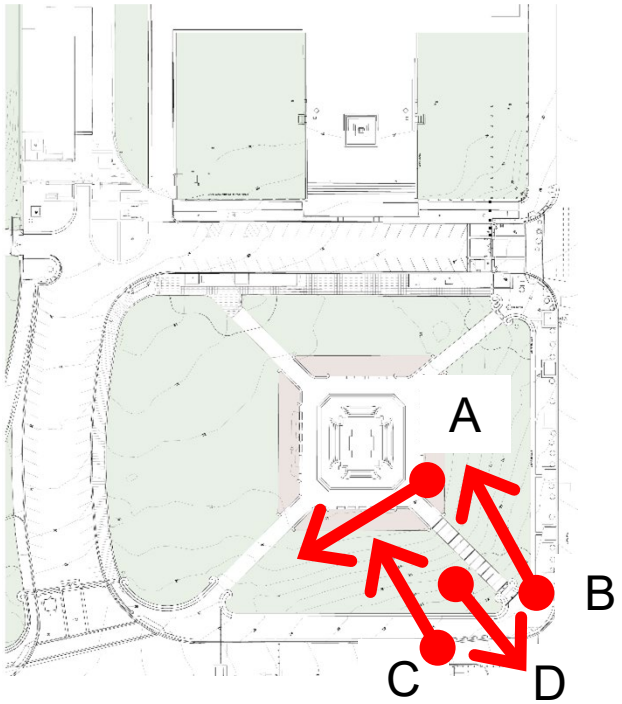
The schedule below provides a summary of the intended project schedule with key phases and milestones:

- Start Site Preparation - August 2026
- Start Excavation & Construction - Fall 2026
- Facility Operational - July 2028

2. DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION

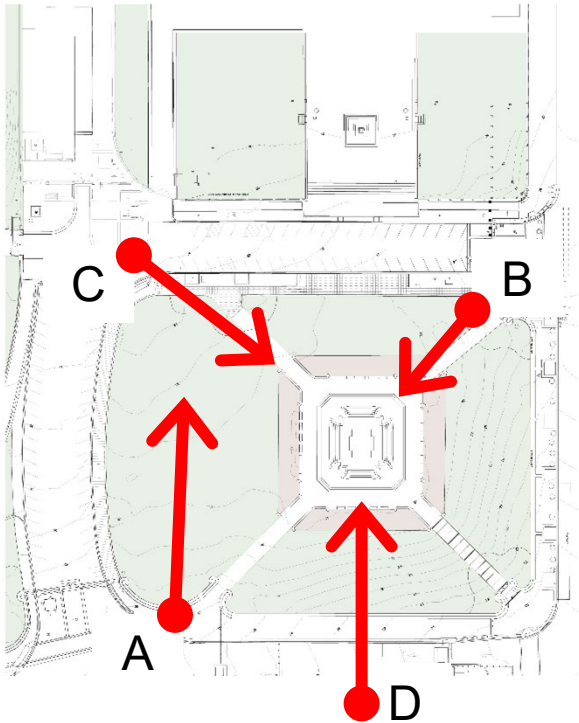
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2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS



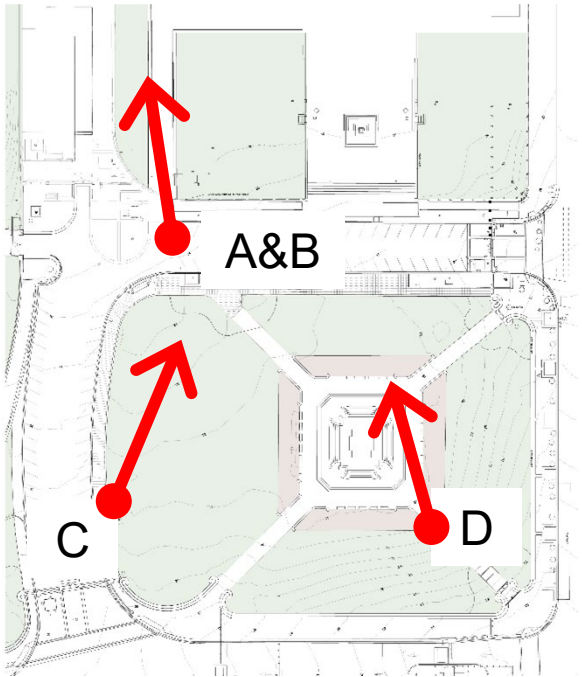
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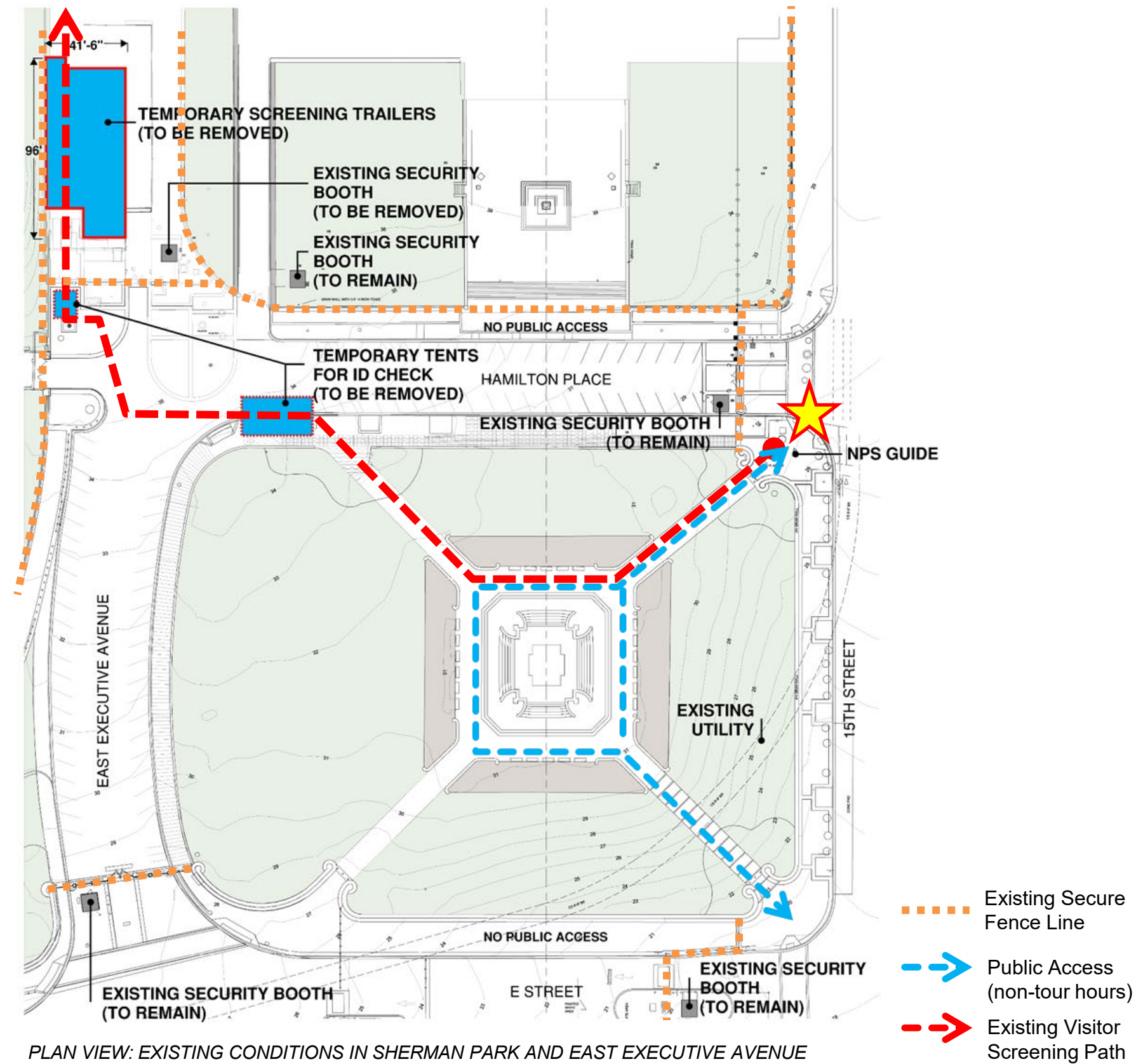


2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Since 2005 USSS has utilized temporary trailers on East Executive Avenue for security screening of White House tours and event guests.

White House visitors would arrive at the corner of 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place and begin queuing within the hardscape pathways within Sherman Park. Visitors would be processed through an initial security check point under temporary tent structures and proceed to East Executive Avenue for security processing. Visitors would enter a double-wide temporary trailer on East Executive Avenue and be processed through a single lane of security equipment. Once processed, visitors would exit the facility and walk northbound on East Executive Avenue to proceed to the East Wing.



2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS



VIEW OF THE EXISTING VISITOR SCREENING TRAILER ENTRANCE ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF THE EXISTING VISITOR SCREENING TRAILER EXIT ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF TEMPORARY SCREENING TENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LARGE EVENTS ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF GUESTS BEING SCREENED THROUGH TEMPORARY TENTS ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



RENDERING SHOWS VIEW OF PROPOSED ABOVE GROUND ENTRANCE PAVILION IN THE WEST QUADRANT OF SHERMAN PARK

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

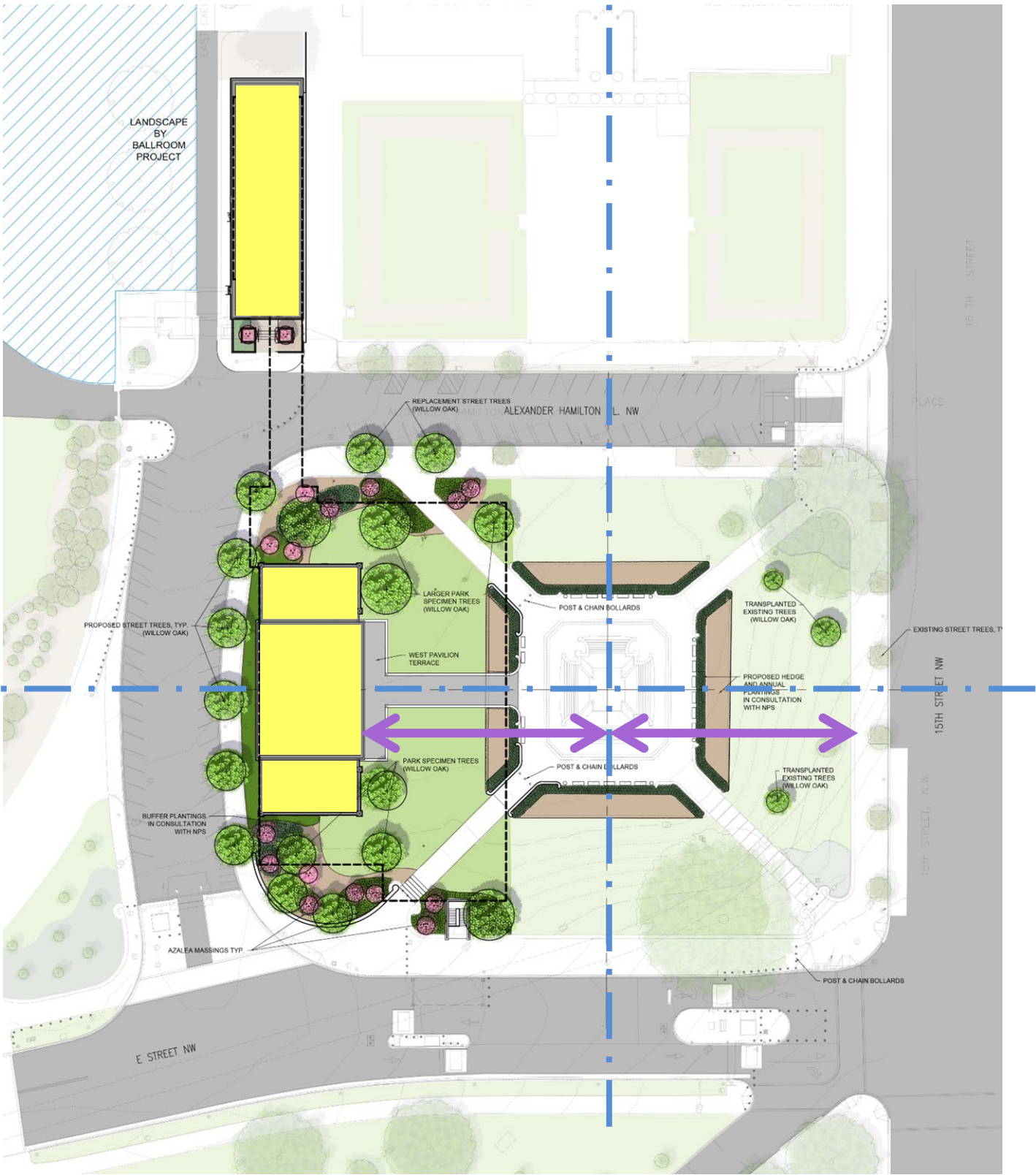
The proposed landscape plan identifies all new trees, plantings, and grass areas planned within the scope of this project. Plantings around existing and new site walls will be selected and coordinated with NPS to provide a cohesive design that includes all 4 sides of the monument.

The proposed entrance pavilion is sited along the western most edge of the park where the quadrant is significantly wider than the north, south, and east sides. The east façade of the building is aligned to match the distance between the monument and existing retaining wall along 15th Street on the opposite side.

Trees are proposed along lower East Executive Avenue within the sidewalk similar to the existing trees along 15th Street. These will provide a landscape buffer between parking and the west face of the pavilion.

The landscape design for the west side of East Executive Avenue across from the proposed exit building (location of existing temporary trailers) will be provided as part of the adjacent East Wing project.

The existing historic pathways and retaining walls at each corner of the park will remain in the finished site condition, however, the northwest and southwest pathways will need to be removed and rebuilt to accommodate construction of the proposed facility below. Additionally, steps will be integrated into the rebuilt southwest pathway to clear the proposed structure below.



PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PLAN

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

Visitors to the White House will be instructed to arrive at the west side of Sherman Monument from either Hamilton Place and 15th Street or E Street and 15th Street corners of the park.

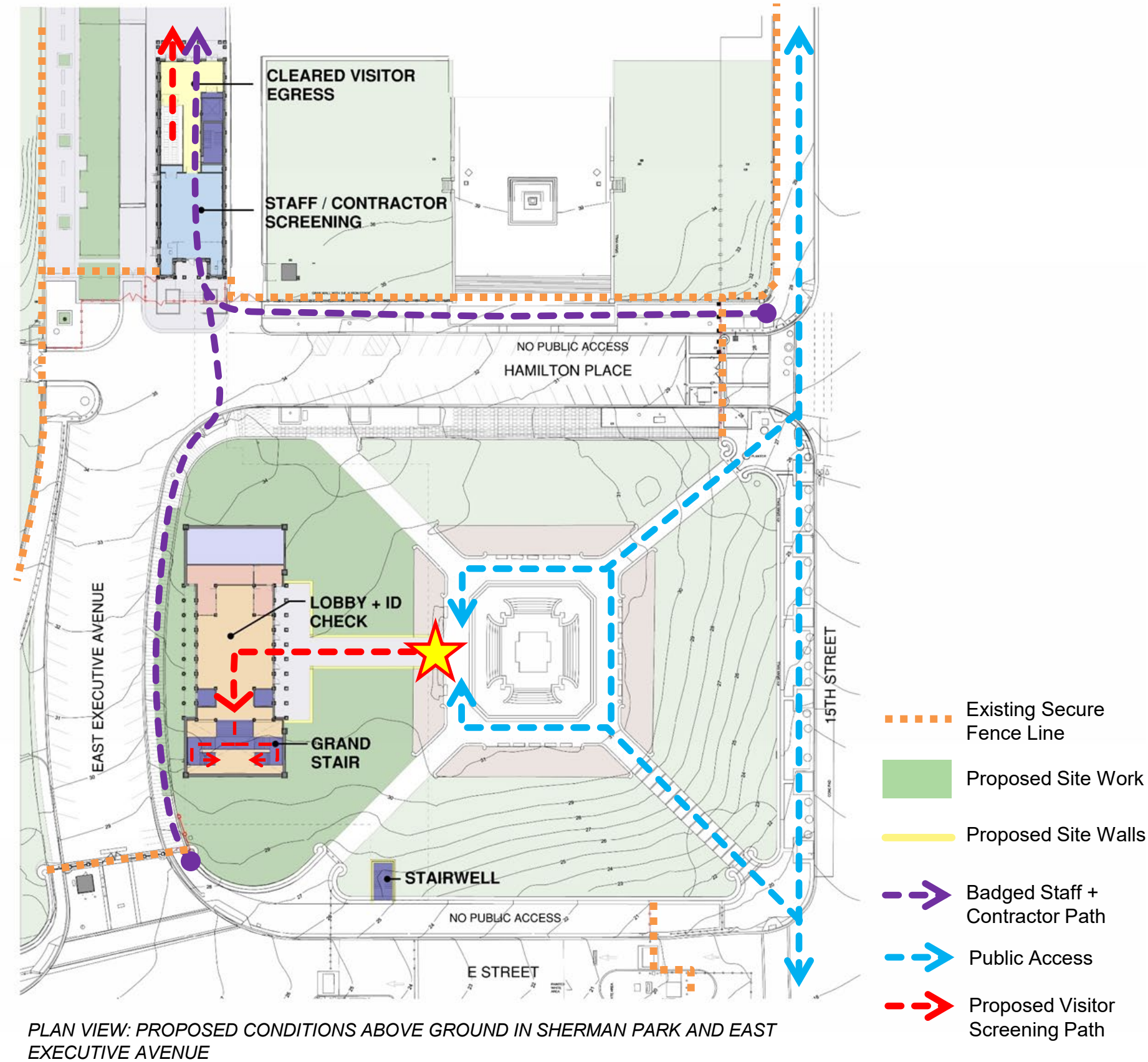
Queuing will begin in the plaza at the center of the park. Visitors will enter the facility via a new walkway on axis with the monument. An above-ground entrance pavilion, located in the western quadrant of the park, will provide indoor queuing, pre-function space, secret service support, building support, and symmetrical stairs and elevators to descend to the screening area below.

The proposed entrance pavilion preserves key public viewsheds of the monument and the Treasury while providing a dignified central entry point to the White House from the park and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Badged staff and contractors will enter via an above-grade screening post integrated into a new 4,000 square foot building along East Executive Avenue. The north side of this building will also enclose the escalators from the below-grade program, serving as the exit point from the facility into the cleared side of the campus.

A stairwell located at the south quadrant of the park, will function as a badged access point for USSS and facility personnel, as well as an emergency egress from the below-grade building.

The monument at the center of the park will be protected in place. Upon completion of the project, the park will remain open to the public and accessible from the northeast and southeast pathways from 15th Street. Alexander Hamilton Place and E Street located north and south of the site respectively will remain restricted to authorized vehicles and pedestrians.



2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

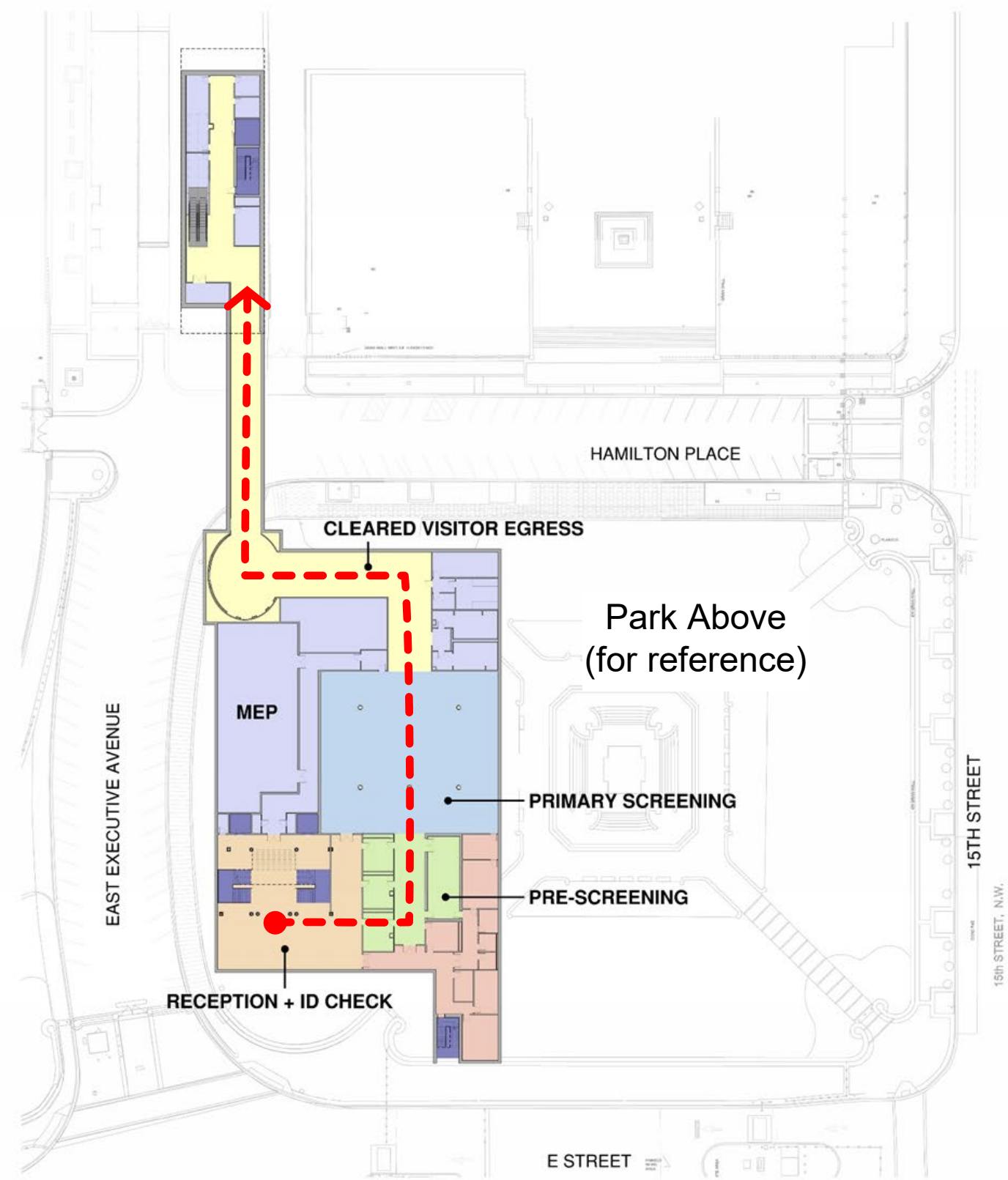
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

Upon entering the below-grade portion of the facility, visitors will process through pre-screening and primary screening.

Once visitors have completed primary screening, they proceed through a tunnel where the Executive Office of the President (EOP) and the tour office may provide informational displays to enhance the visitor experience. Escalators then return visitors to grade level north of the secure fence line along East Executive Avenue. From there, visitors continue to their scheduled White House tour or event.

The visitor screening facility is approximately 33,000 square feet and will include the necessary security procedures, technology and support space to meet the USSS protective mission for screening all visitors entering the White House.

The primary screening area is sized to accommodate the equipment and spatial requirements necessary to achieve the throughput capacities established by USSS for large events. The space is organized as an open floor plan to provide maximum flexibility with 7 lanes to accommodate current screening processes and equipment, and to support adaptation to evolving screening technologies and capabilities.



PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED CONDITIONS BELOW SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE

 Proposed Visitor Screening Path

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

The composition of the entrance pavilion is aligned on axis of the Sherman Monument, establishing a strong visual relationship between the new structure and the surrounding historic landscape while emphasizing procession, order, and monumentality.

The concept is conceived as a classically inspired composition that reinforces the formal character and significance of the site. A rhythmic colonnade of ten columns supports a carefully proportioned entablature and balustrade, creating a dignified architectural presence.

The proposed entrance pavilion establishes a direct architectural relationship with the White House campus, maintaining visual and design continuity through a datum articulated by square columns that are consistent with those used in the lower portion of the designed ballroom. The incorporation of Corinthian capitals further reinforces this connection, aligning with the ballroom's classical architectural language.

To further define the entry and facade, the doors are recessed behind the primary colonnade. Pilasters positioned between the door openings continue the cadence and proportions established by the exterior columns, creating a seamless architectural language across the façade which provides visual depth and shadow.

The pavilion and corresponding exit building are unified through the use of Sierra White granite, selected for its durability, timeless appearance, and compatibility with the surrounding granite of the park.

Presidential seals, carved into the granite panels flanking the colonnade, serve as a visual expression of the building's purpose.



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ENTRANCE PAVILION WITHIN SHERMAN PARK

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

As part of the conceptual design process, additional column styles were evaluated, including smooth round columns with Doric capitals. While aesthetically appropriate, this style does not establish as strong of a relationship with the architecture of the adjacent ballroom at the same datum.



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ENTRANCE PAVILION WITHIN SHERMAN PARK

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VISITOR APPROACH TO ENTRANCE PAVILION FROM SHERMAN MONUMENT PLAZA

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF E STREET NW AND 15TH STREET NW

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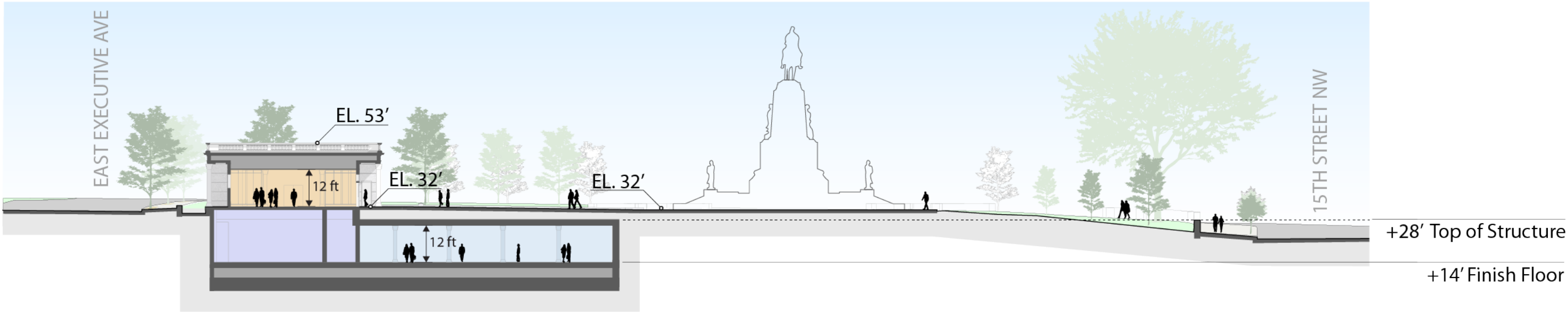
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW FROM VISITOR ENTRANCE TO SHERMAN PARK AT HAMILTON PLACE AND 15TH STREET NW

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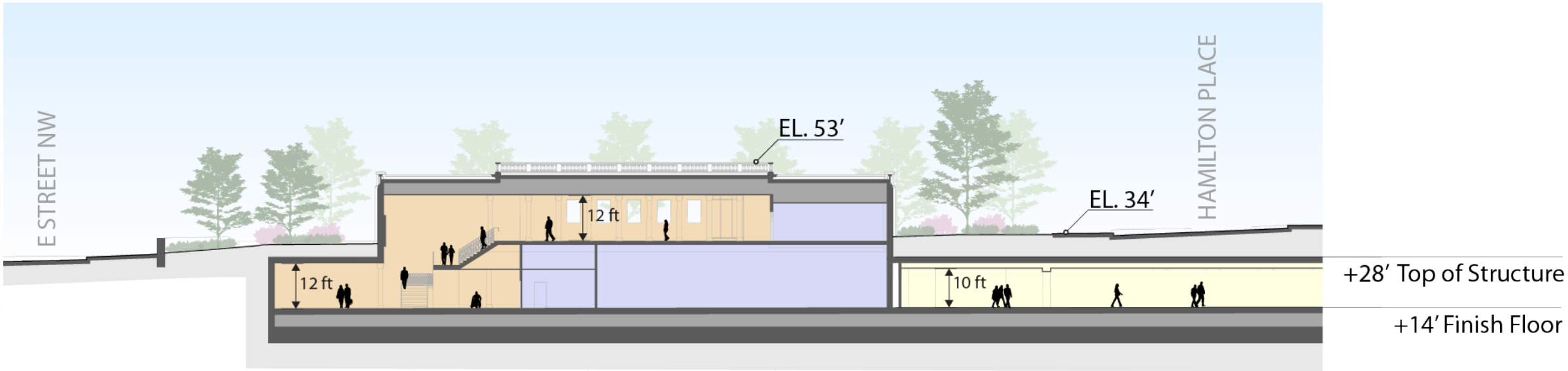
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



1 ID CHECK + LOWER LEVEL SCREENING



LEGEND – SECTION CUT LOCATIONS

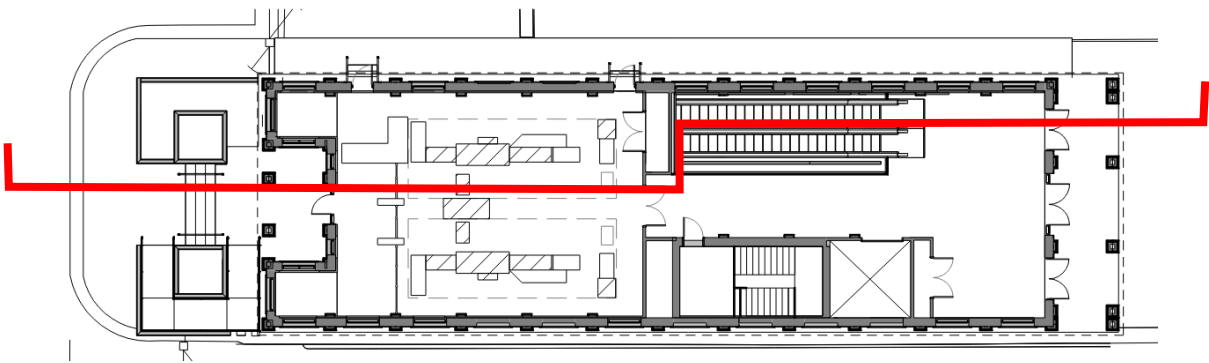


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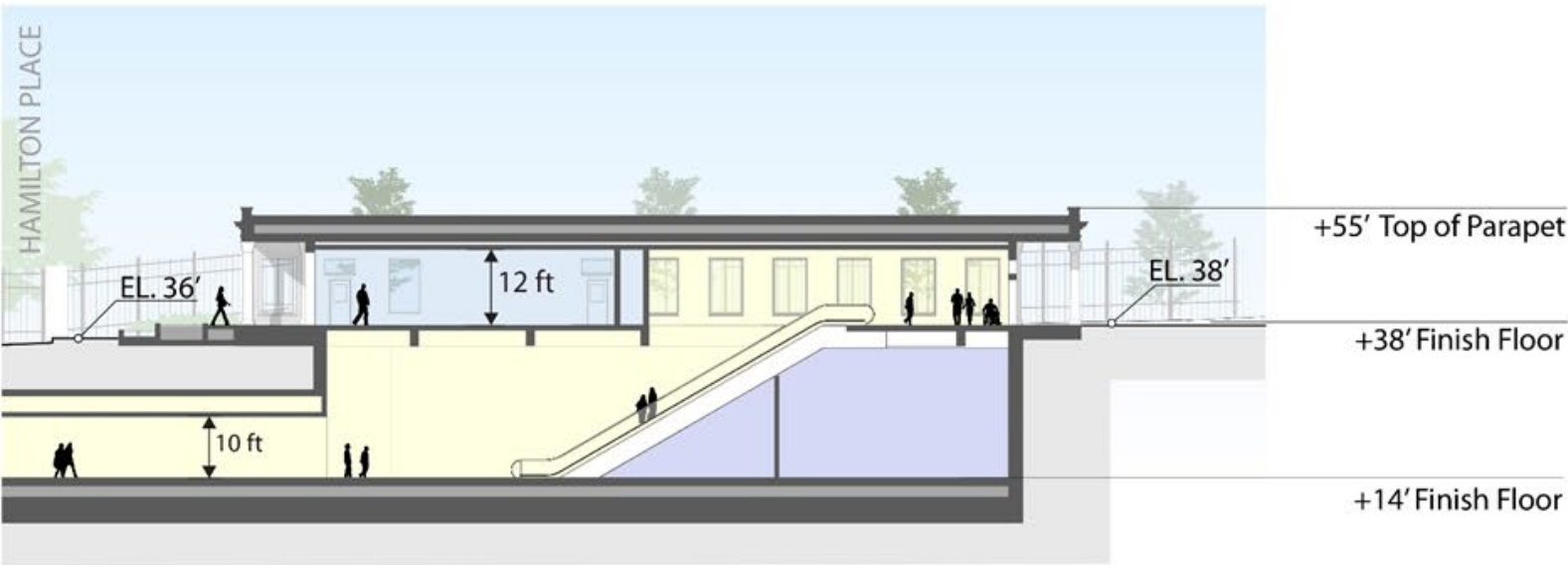
DIAGRAMMATIC SECTIONS SHOWING THE FACILITY UNDERNEATH SHERMAN PARK'S WEST QUADRANT

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

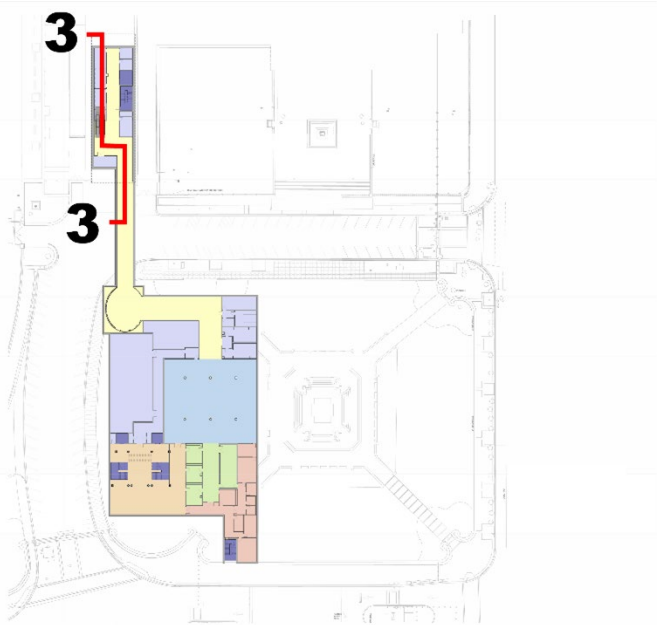


ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN AT GRADE



3 STAFF SCREENING AND EXIT BUILDING

DIAGRAMMATIC SECTION SHOWING THE ABOVE-GRADE SCREENING AND CLEARED VISITOR EGRESS



LEGEND – SECTION CUT LOCATIONS

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

The architectural design of the staff screening and exit building incorporates freestanding columns at the north and south entrances, engaged columns at building corners, and a flat roof articulated with a classically detailed entablature.

Similar to the entrance pavilion, square Corinthian columns are incorporated into the design to maintain continuity with those used in the lower portion of the designed ballroom.

The parapet has been simplified to enhance the prominence of the adjacent entrance pavilion within the park, while the continued use of Sierra White granite strengthens the visual relationship between the two buildings.

Continuous pilaster elements establish a rhythmic order across the east and west facades, accommodating glazed openings where appropriate and solid infill panels as required. Glazing systems are detailed using traditional moldings and trim consistent with the project's classical character.



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE SOUTH

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE SOUTHWEST

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

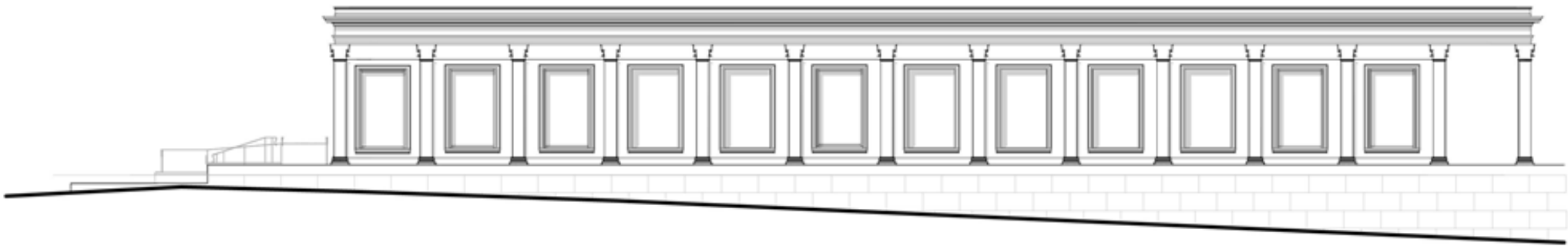
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE NORTHWEST

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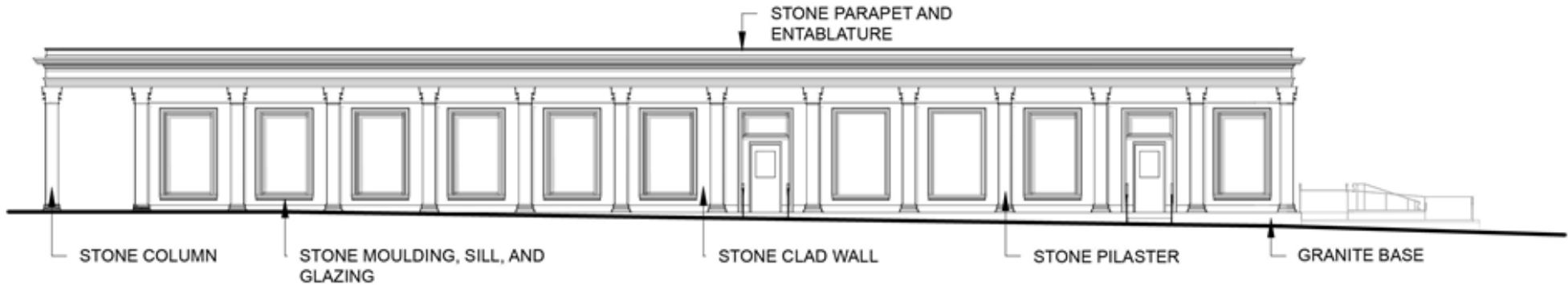
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



EAST ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING



NORTH ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING



WEST ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING



SOUTH ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING

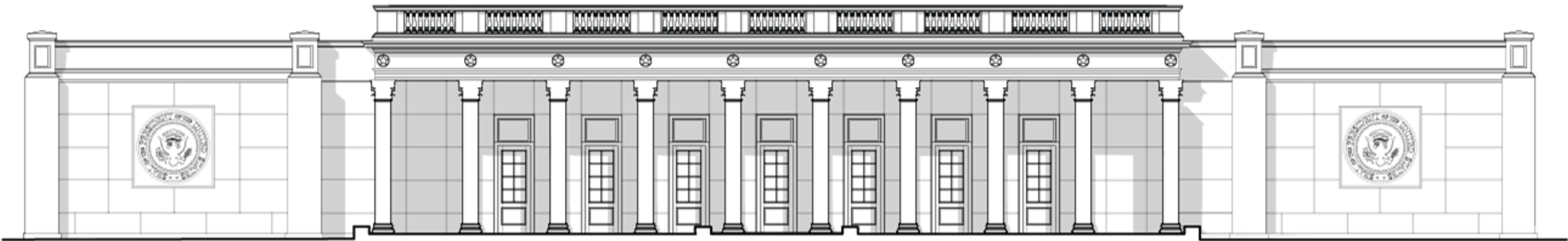
OVERALL HEIGHT: 17'-0"
COLUMN HEIGHT: 13'-0"

OVERALL LENGTH: 129'-2"
OVERALL WIDTH: 37'-0"

ELEVATION LOW POINT: 36'-0"
ELEVATION HIGH POINT: 38'-0"

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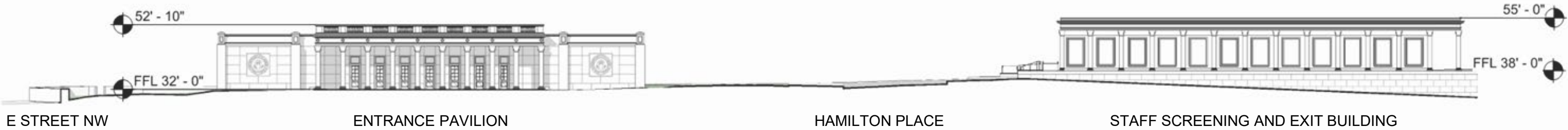
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



EAST ELEVATION - ENTRANCE PAVILION

OVERALL HEIGHT: 20'-10"
COLUMN HEIGHT: 14'-0"

OVERALL LENGTH: 137'-0"
OVERALL WIDTH: 55'-0"



SITE ELEVATION OF EAST FACADES

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.3 ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

- Lily Triangle / Below East Exec and E Street**

 - Larger footprint
 - Disruption to Campus operations during construction
 - Entrance located within outer secure perimeter at E Street
- North Treasury - Below Ground Plaza / Partial Courtyard Infill**

 - Major utility conflicts
 - Fewer screen lanes possible
 - Aesthetic change to front entry of Treasury
 - Staff and Visitors share lanes
- Sherman Park - Below Ground Facility - North Entry Plaza**

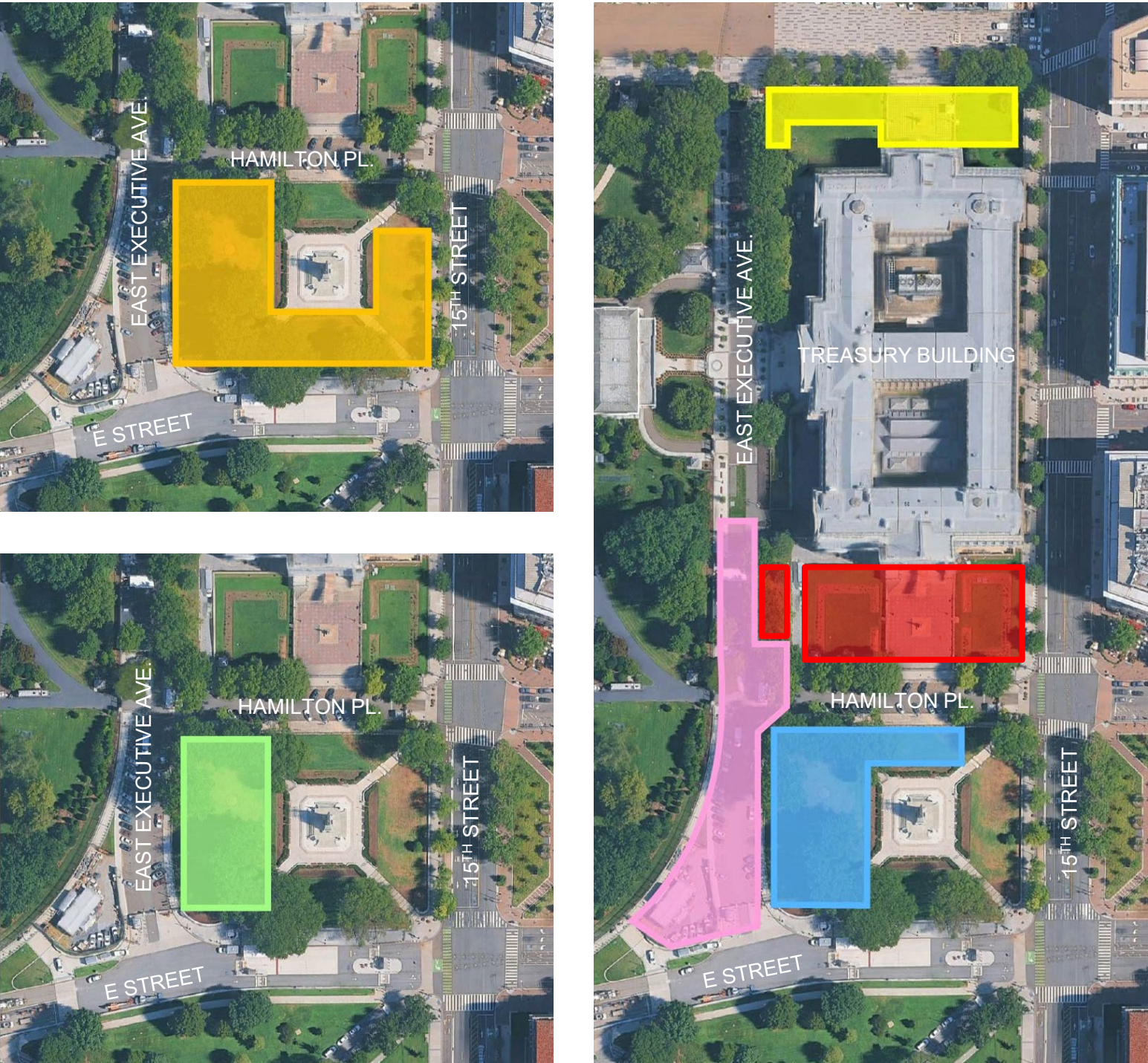
 - Substantial excavation and ramping required to reach depth.
 - Circulation pinch point complicating flow and operational efficiency.
 - Potential Treasury archeological site in North side of Park.
- Sherman Park - Below Ground Facility - East Entry Plaza**

 - Three quadrants of the park would be affected
 - Large sewer tunnel traversing the southeast quadrant of the park impedes on below grade access.
 - Additional below grade square footage required to reach primary screening area under west side.
- Sherman Park - Above Ground**

 - Highly visible from the park and the surrounding public spaces.
 - Complete removal of existing trees with no available space to introduce replacement plantings.
 - Entrance located within outer secure perimeter at E Street and park
 - Cleared visitors would exit into Sherman Park, which remains south of the secondary secure fence line.
 - Additional USSS personnel required to monitor cleared visitor after screening
- South Treasury - Below Ground Facility**

 - Construction would require the removal of the historic fence and plaza
 - The entry would be highly visible, affecting view of Treasury
 - Overflow visitors would queue along the 15th Street sidewalks with entry inside current security perimeter.
 - Subterranean conflicts with existing utilities, requires structural underpinning

The proposed location for the Visitor Screening Facility at Sherman Park was strategically selected with consideration to multiple factors including, but not limited to security, functionality, visitor flow, aesthetics, and cost. Siting the facility was performed in a manner to mitigate the permanent impact to the surrounding areas as much as possible. Alternate locations around the complex have been considered extensively.



SCREENING FACILITY ALTERNATIVES

3. HISTORICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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3.1 HISTORIC PRESERVATION - DESIGN APPROACH

President's Park is a nationally significant cultural landscape in the monumental core of Washington, D.C. The design team has been coordinating with DC SHPO and other consulting parties to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic resources.

- The VSF will be located primarily underground and the above-grade portions will be located on the west side of Sherman Park to minimize interruption of views to the U.S. Treasury Department Building and the Sherman statue from primary and public rights-of-way.
- Direct views of the U.S. Treasury Department Building's southern temple front along the primary north-south axis through Sherman Park will not be obstructed by the VSF.
- Direct views of the Sherman statue along the primary north-south axis of Sherman Park or from the east side of the park will not be obstructed by the VSF.
- 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.
- Digital scanning of the Sherman Memorial will be undertaken to document existing conditions.
- The Sherman statue will remain in place and be protected throughout construction.
- The sidewalks and curbing along E Street, NW and East Executive Avenue will be restored in-kind.

In addition, archeological surveys will be conducted prior to construction to identify any resources that are known or suspected to be present in the vicinity of Sherman Park. Construction monitoring and archeological documentation will be conducted during grading and excavation activities. All procedures would follow approved Workplan, Archeological Monitoring and Documentation Plan, and Unanticipated Discoveries Plan.

Further, a comprehensive landscape treatment and maintenance plan for Sherman Park will be developed and implemented to guide the restoration and management of the park following tree removal to ensure vegetation health and success.

NEPA and Section 106 processes are currently underway, including development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Further investigations and mitigation measures, as appropriate, will be guided by the MOA.

