



MINNESOTA ZOO

2021 CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUEST

**\$5 MILLION TO RENOVATE THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL;
\$4 MILLION TO REVITALIZE THE NOCTURNAL TRAIL;
\$15 MILLION FOR ASSET PRESERVATION**

RENOVATE THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL \$5,000,000

The Zoo's animal hospital, built in 1975, predates the opening of the Zoo and requires significant renovation to meet industry standards for animal care. This project will:

- Replace building HVAC systems, electrical services and repair the building exterior structure; including, adding an ambulance bay for safe animal transport.
- Renovate facilities to support modern veterinary technology and practices.
- Provide educational opportunities for guests to observe and learn about Zoo veterinary care.
- Co-locate compatible animal programs and update workspaces.

REOPEN THE NOCTURNAL TRAIL \$4,000,000

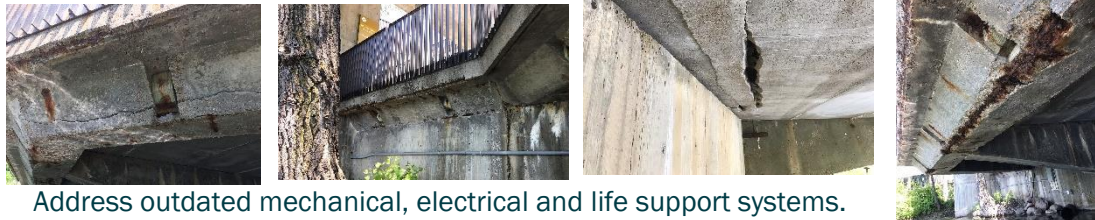
The nocturnal exhibit has been closed for 10 years, leaving a boarded-up hallway in the middle of the Tropics Trail. This project reopens the area as a new exhibit that will:

- Immerse visitors in the experience of traveling from ocean floor to treetop canopy.
- Include amenities such as a kids' area, much-needed family restrooms, a stage for animal encounters and volunteer space.

ASSET PRESERVATION \$15,000,000

Maintaining a zoo the size, age and complexity of the Minnesota Zoo, requires ongoing infrastructure investment to keep facilities functional and safe. Priority projects include:

- Replace the failing infrastructure Lakeside Plaza to ensure the main thoroughfare ADA compliant and is safe for guest use



- Address outdated mechanical, electrical and life support systems.
- Update restrooms to meet ADA requirements and guest expectations.
- Repair animal exhibits and support buildings, including roof and skylight replacement.
- Repair and replace deteriorated bridges, trails and roads throughout the site.

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