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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 30, 2007

**TO:** Mark Delaplaine, California Coastal Commission

**FROM:** Macie Cleary-Milan, <sup>MOM</sup> Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** Enhancement Opportunities for the San Onofre State Beach and San Clemente State Beach.

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Attached please find information that TCA presented in Sacramento to State Parks Department and California Department of Fish and Game on May 26, 2005. This information was also presented on January 26, 2006 at a meeting held in Los Angeles with then Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, Sunne Wright McPeak and Secretary for Resources, Mike Chrisman. The information was presented by Ken Ryan, our previous Chairman of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agencies Board of Directors in a discussion regarding enhancement opportunities in conjunction with the Foothill South extension.

This information provides for a total of 183 new campsites created at the San Onofre State Beach and San Clemente State Beach by maximizing the existing areas to yield additional campsites.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (949) 754-3483.

cc: Nancy Lucast, Lucast Consulting

## ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH

### Potential Improvements to San Clemente State Beach:

**Option 1:** Utilizes existing areas within SCSB to increase camp spaces; relocation of existing non-camping uses would not be required. This alternative would result in at least 24 new camp spaces.

- Construction of a noise wall at the Caltrans right-of-way or along a small retaining wall at the edge of SCSB. A soundwall would improve the overall noise levels throughout the park.
- Existing vegetation and a small botanical garden walk would be incorporated or relocated.

**Option 2:** This alternative would add 12 new camp spaces (possibly RV camping).

- Would require the relocation of the 11 private resident trailer sites.
- The existing 5 permanent homes (3 of which are historic) would remain to meet requirement needed for the SONG's emergency evacuation plan obligation for 5 on-site residents.
- The existing residential roadway and planted median would serve as a buffer between the camping and the residential area.

**Option 3:** This alternative would add 16 camp spaces.

- Would require the relocation of the operations and maintenance components of San Clemente SB and the Orange Coast District.
- In this alternative, only the administrative uses and 5 family residences would remain on site.

**Option 4:** This alternative would add 12 camp spaces.

- Would require that all administrative functions be relocated off-site.
- Create a new entry and new interior circulation for SCSB.
- Existing historic administrative structures could be reused as reception, visitor enter and museum.

Total: 63 new camp spaces

# ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH

## Potential Improvements to San Onofre State Beach (SOSB) Subunit 4:

**Option 1:** Construction of a sound wall at the Caltrans right-of-way within Subunit 4. A plexi-glass wall would maintain existing coastal views from the freeway. A sound wall would minimize noise impacts from adjacent I-5 and would improve the overall noise levels of Subunit 4.

**Option 2:** Conversion of existing day use and overnight use spaces into a higher quality camping space and increase the overall value of the camping experience at SOSB Subunit 4. A minimum of 20 camp spaces, with the possibility of more, could be created <sup>1</sup>.

- Convert existing parking spaces by changing existing straight parking spaces into angle parking spaces; the conversion takes out every other space to add a side landscaped area. Add landscaping for buffer on wet end of spaces.
- Underutilized parking in this area allows this scenario.
- The proposed improvements to the west end of each of these spaces would include buffer landscaping.

**Option 3:** Extend minor loop roadways into the bluff area to add camping spaces. Approximately 80 camp spaces would be created.

- The addition of small looped roads would increase the number of camping spaces by approximately 80 spaces.
- Areas that are relatively flat and with the lowest apparent resources could be selected for the development of these loop camping roads.

**Option 4:** Convert the existing state corporate storage yard to gain camping spaces. Approximately 20 camp spaces would be created.

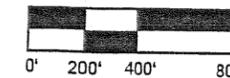
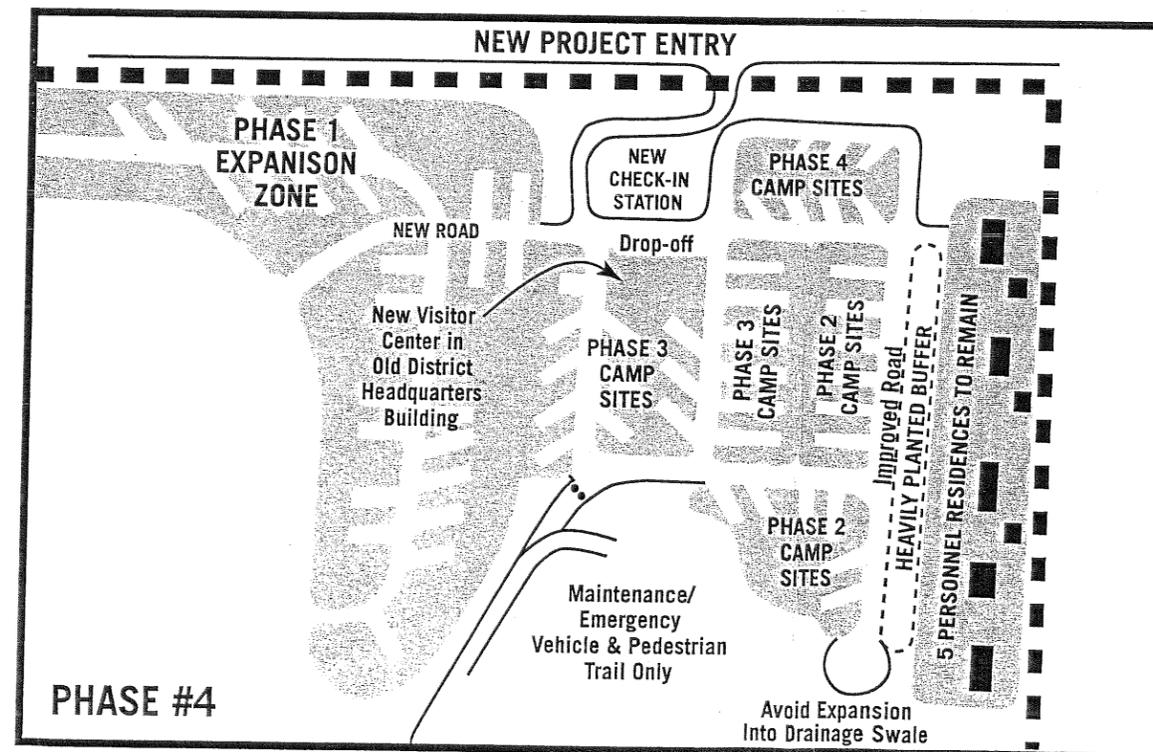
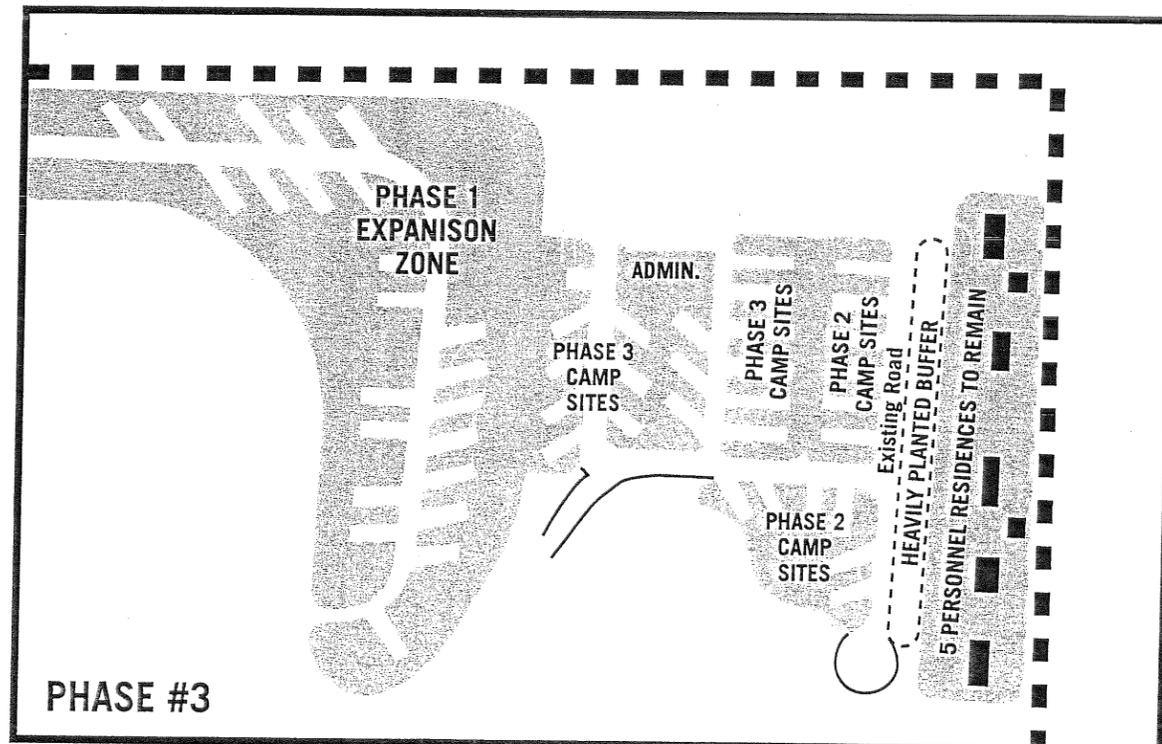
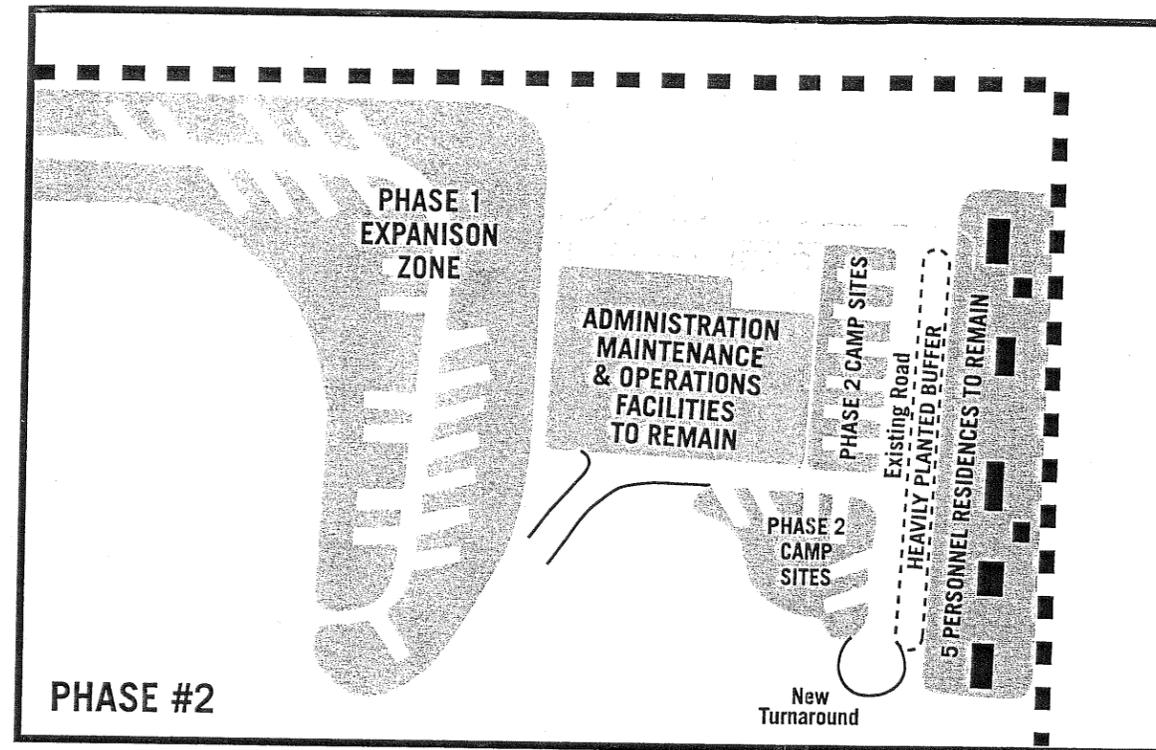
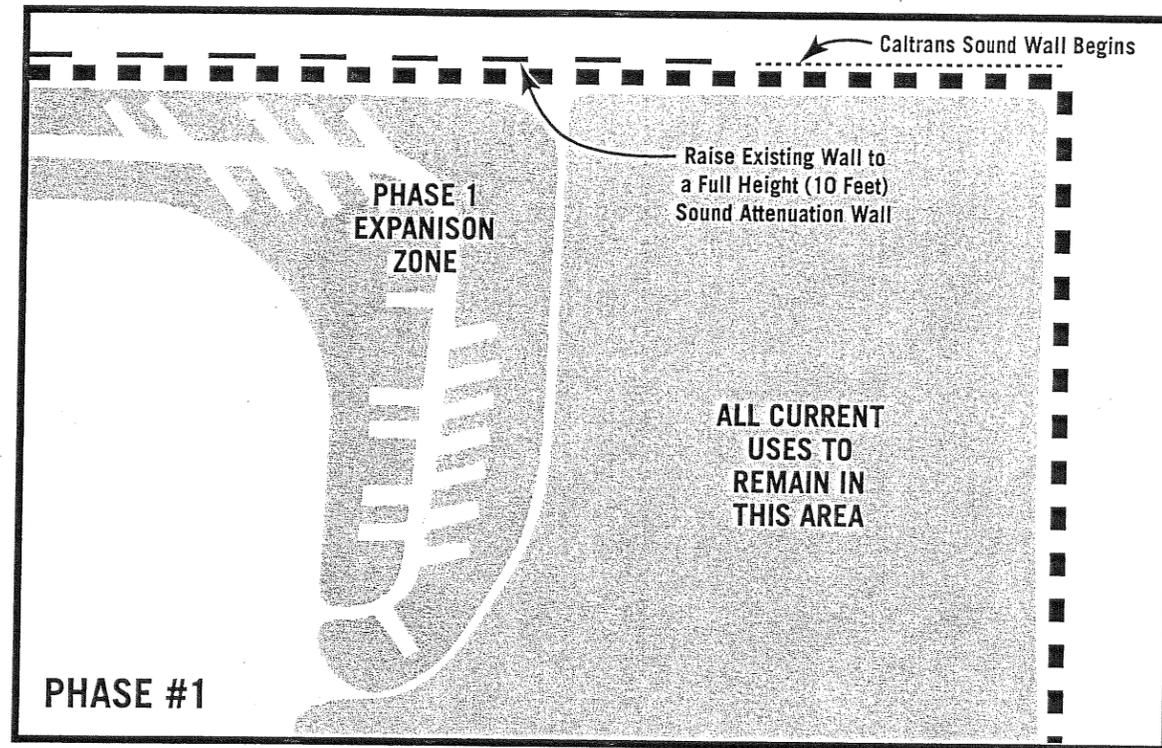
- Convert storage yard from its current low intensity use into a looped campground.
- This alternative may require the relocation of the existing entry check station.

Total: 120 new camp spaces

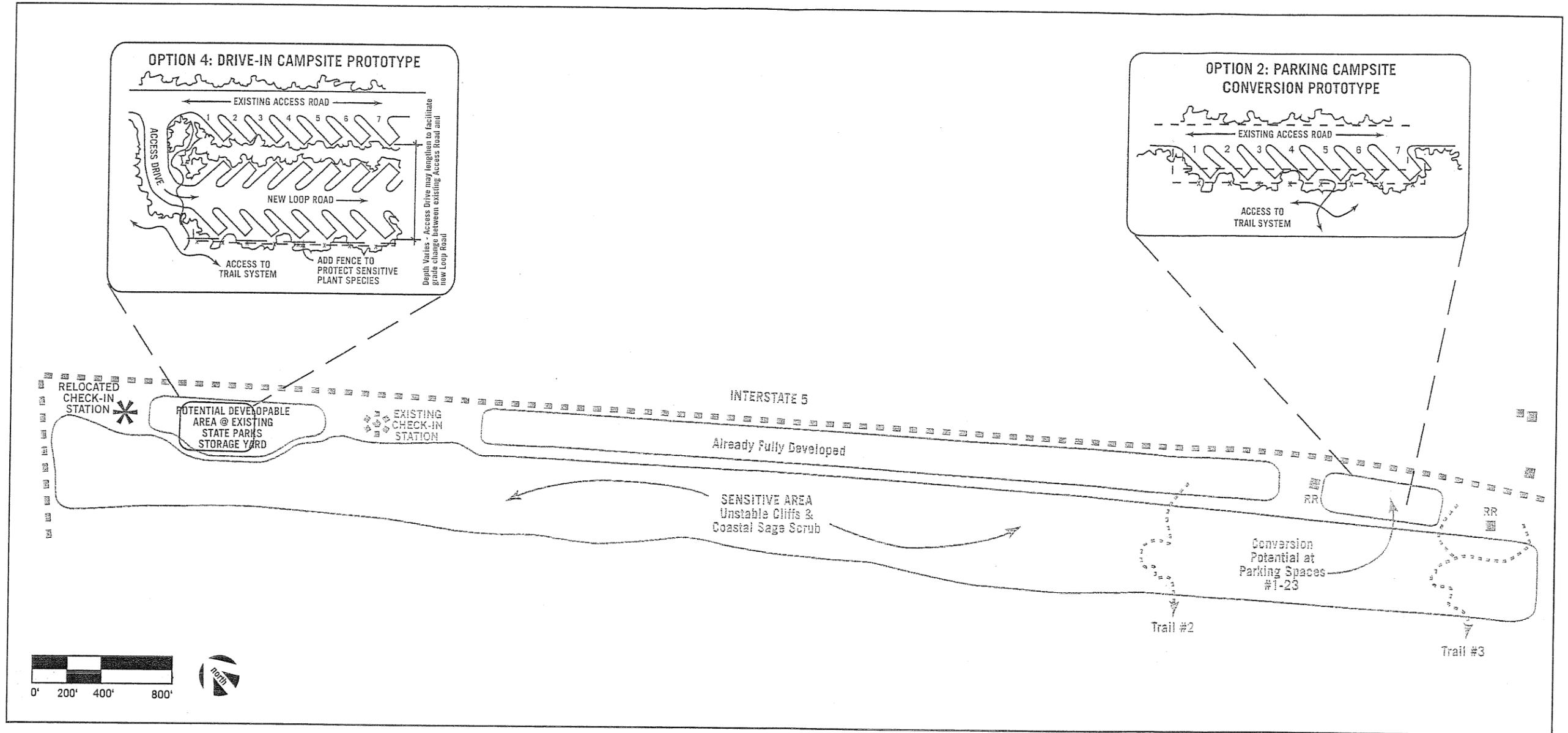
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<sup>1</sup> All camp space numbers are preliminary and subject to change based on further design.

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## ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SUBUNIT 4 Preliminary

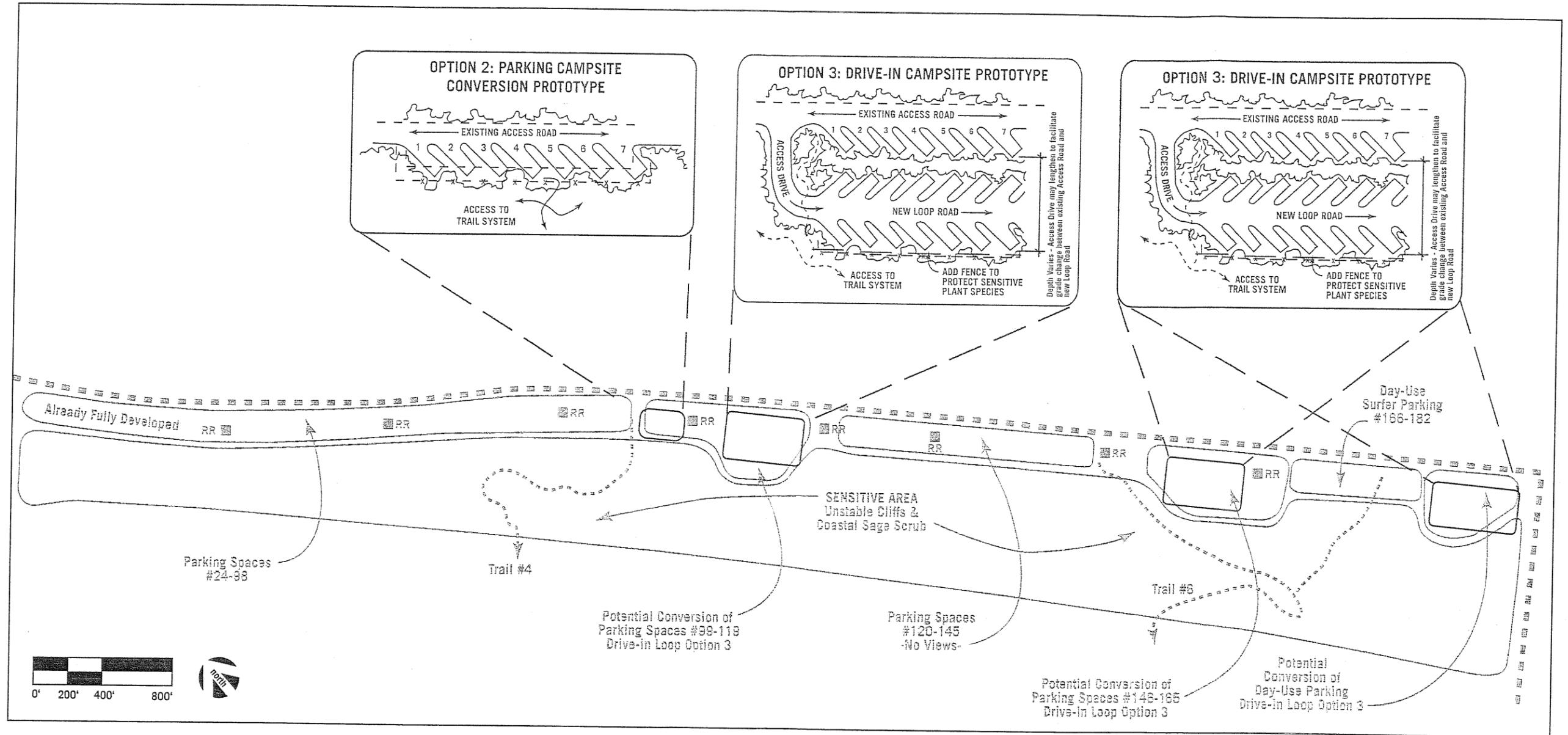
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Figure 1

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Figure 2