

Issues List & Infrastructure Inventory List

Issues List - Barriers to economic development in the region

A list of overarching barriers to economic development, such as: available workforce, housing, state/federal regulations, developable industrial lands, access to capital, lack of economic development staff, etc.

Infrastructure Inventory List

This list will be used, in part, to prepare a report to the 2008 Legislature, informing it of the infrastructure and other capital improvement needs in the state of Oregon and to identify the amount of funding needed to address these projects.

The list, along with other funding criteria, will also be used to guide funding from the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department. There are two exceptions to this: projects resulting from a FEMA-designated disaster and projects arising from an immediate job creation opportunity.

Types of projects to be included in the Infrastructure Inventory List:

- Infrastructure (water, sewer, storm water, utilities, road, rail, marina/dock, bridges, telecommunications)
- Facilities/Buildings
- Other (environmental cleanup, property acquisition, marine navigation)

Projects will be assigned a priority, based on the following criteria:

		Examples	Primary Reason for Project
High Priority	Projects that are necessary for economic development within the next 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water system out of compliance with state/federal regulations • rail line for business expansion • sewer system nearing capacity • transportation improvement projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediate job creation/retention • antiquated facility/system • state/federal regulation • development and/or population growth
Medium Priority	Essential community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • city hall • library • medical facilities • fire station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quality of life • development and/or population growth • antiquated facility/system
	Projects that are necessary for economic development in 4 - 6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sewer system nearing capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • antiquated facility/system • development and/or population growth
Low Priority	All other projects		

Factors that should be considered for projects in all categories: technical feasibility; financial feasibility; cost effectiveness; and project management capability.

TIMELINE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS INVENTORY & STRATEGIES

- July 27 Commission allocates funds to Boards; approves Infrastructure Inventory criteria; and establishes information needed to determine capability of Boards to manage existing portfolio and develop Issues & Inventory
- August 7 Questionnaire due from Board Chairs
Cost estimate proposal for Inventory & Strategic Planning due from Boards
- August 15 Commission determines Boards' capability for three tasks (via phone)
- September 7 "Kick-off" meeting with Board Chairs and Staff
- September 10 Boards begin developing six-year strategies
- September 10 - November 15 Boards conduct outreach to organizations for Infrastructure Inventory; assist organizations with entering information; and run reports to verify participation and accuracy of data
- September 14 Commission establishes minimum administrative standards for Boards
- September 30 Boards submit list of organizations contacted for Infrastructure Inventory information to Regional Coordinators
- October 19 Boards (Group 1) submit draft six-year strategies to Regional Coordinators (*Baker-Morrow, Lower John Day, Mid-Valley, Mt. Hood Ec Alliance, Multnomah-Washington, NW Oregon, NE Oregon*)
- October 26 Boards (Group 1) meet with Commission in Portland to discuss draft strategies in order to determine the role of the Boards in furthering the statewide economic development goals in SB350

Boards (Group 2) submit draft six-year strategies to Regional Coordinators (*BLJ, Central Oregon, CCD, Jackson-Josephine, South Central, Southeast Oregon*)
- November 1 Boards (Group 2) meet with Commission in Klamath Falls to discuss draft strategies in order to determine the role of the Boards in furthering the statewide economic development goals in SB350
- November 1 - 29 Boards revise strategies based on input from Commission
Counties hold public hearings and adopt strategies
- November 15 Deadline for entering projects into Infrastructure Inventory System
- November 15 - 29 Boards hold public meetings to review and adopt Infrastructure Inventory report (this adoption may include recommendations for changes)
- November 30 Boards submit adopted strategies to Regional Coordinators
Boards submit adopted Infrastructure Inventory reports (with any recommendations for changes) and Issues Lists
- December 1 - 11 Coordinators review strategies and prepare recommendations to Commission
- December 15 Boards submit reports for 2005-07 (and 2003-05) funds to Regional Coordinators
- December 18 Commission approves strategies
- February 1 Commission submits report to Legislature
- Regional Investment (05-07 results and newly adopted strategies)
 - Issues List & Infrastructure Inventory
 - Other Budget Note items