

AGENCY NAME: Department of Land Conservation and Development

II. KEY MEASURE ANALYSIS

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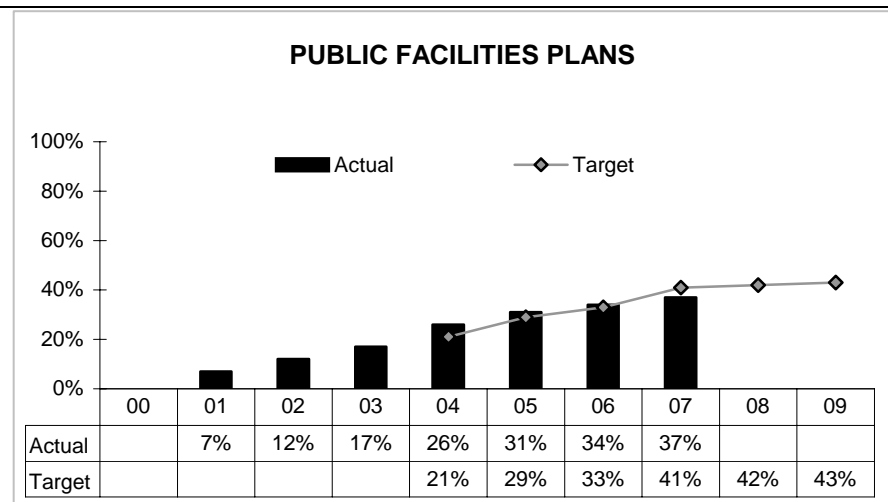
KPM #3	PUBLIC FACILITIES PLANS – Percent of cities that have updated the local plan to include reasonable cost estimates and funding plans for sewer and water systems.	Measure since: 2002
Goal	Economic development: Promote economic development and quality communities.	
Oregon Context	OBM: 4 Job Growth and OBM 74: Affordable Housing	
Data source	DLCD tracking of periodic review approval orders.	
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1. OUR STRATEGY

This measure tracks the percentage of cities with a population over 2,500 that have completed an update of their local plans to provide water and sewer system facilities needed to serve future land development with the urban growth boundary (UGB), including cost estimates and funding plans. The timely provision of public facilities is a prerequisite for most urban development, including affordable housing and market-ready industrial sites.

2. ABOUT THE TARGETS

The higher the percentage reported under this measure, the better the performance. The targets include estimates of the number of cities that will update their plans each year outside of periodic review, the number of cities that will enter periodic review with a relevant work task, and the years that cities in periodic review are expected to complete the relevant work tasks. The targets generally assume that an amended local plan on this topic will be adequate for a 10 year period.



3. HOW WE ARE DOING

Although performance exceeded the targets in the previous three years (FY 2004, 2005, and 2006) by 1-5%, in FY 2007 performance was 4% below the target. This appears to be due primarily to the length of time to complete the local public hearing and adoption process for work related to this task. The data show a number of cities that prepared or updated, but did not formally adopt, public facilities plans during FY 2007. Because the methodology for this KPM requires local adoption, these plans could not be reported in FY 2007. We expect that at least some of them will be adopted in FY 2008.

4. HOW WE COMPARE

The department is aware of no other public or private industry standard that evaluates progress toward updating plans for urban sewer and water facilities.

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5. FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS

Factors include: 1) a city is in periodic review (required for cities with populations over 10,000) and its periodic review work program includes a task to prepare or update a public facilities plan; 2) state grant funds are available for public facilities plans, either during periodic review or otherwise; 3) a city in periodic review is on schedule to complete its work program; 4) a city updates its public facilities plan at least every 10 years; and 5) department staff resources are available to provide local governments with technical assistance in preparing public facilities plans.

Barriers include: 1) The legislative moratorium on periodic reviews from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2007; 2) the department has little influence over whether cities that are not subject to periodic review (i.e., with populations less than 10,000) undertake the preparation or updating of public facilities plans; 3) historically, state grant funds have not covered all qualified and needed local projects, and the department's ability to provide financial assistance to cities decreases each biennium; and 4) less staff time is available for technical assistance to cities on this program due to Measure 37 claims processing and the rate of staff turnover in the previous and current biennium.

6. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Continue using the revised methodology in future years. Pursue additional budgeted funds from the legislature for grants to local governments to encourage cities to prepare or update public facilities plans.

7. ABOUT THE DATA

The reporting cycle is Oregon's fiscal year.

The data for this measure derive from two sources: periodic review work programs submitted to the department for review, and post-acknowledgment plan amendments for cities with populations over 2,500 reported to the department. For periodic reviews, the department counts approved public facility plan tasks. For post-acknowledgment plan amendments, the department counts notices received for adopted public facilities plans.

Strengths of the data: It includes the larger urban areas in Oregon where most of the state's population resides.

Weaknesses of the data: 1) With the department's current database, which was designed for a different purpose, it is difficult to extract the specific data needed for a KPM. Searches are overbroad, and the staff assigned to track this measure must review a very large amount of data to cull out a small percentage of relevant data. 2) Data omits 139 incorporated cities in Oregon with populations less than 2,500, many which are within proximity of larger metropolitan areas and are experiencing growth.