



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO - 94 - 07

SITING STATE OFFICES IN
OREGON'S COMMUNITY CENTERS

Oregon's Benchmarks for Livable Communities set targets for reducing communities' reliance on the single-occupant automobile, and encouraging the development of areas of mixed housing, employment and retail in which walking is convenient and pleasant. The best examples of this kind of mixed use are in Oregon's downtowns.

In addition to assisting local governments to plan for mixed use development, the state should support existing mixed use centers with its own business activity. The rental payments for leased state office space, and the retail and service trade generated by state workers, represent significant economic stimulus for the communities in which they are located.

Siting state facilities in downtowns and other central areas, particularly those well served by transit, assures that state services and programs are accessible to more Oregonians, particularly those who are dependent on transit. Enabling and encouraging both state workers and clients of state offices to conduct business by transit, walking and other methods in addition to the single-occupant vehicle aids communities in their efforts to reduce vehicle miles traveled, traffic congestion and air pollution. Siting and retaining state facilities in these central locations is in the long term best interest of the State of Oregon, as required by ORS 226.429.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. State facilities, and state agencies' use of space, shall serve to strengthen Oregon's cities and their central districts by conserving existing urban resources, using existing infrastructure and services, and encouraging the development and redevelopment of central business districts and other mixed-use centers.
2. The process for meeting state agency office needs and, where practical, other facility needs shall give preferential consideration to locations within the central business districts of cities, including suburban cities and the "capitol area" as defined in ORS 276.010(1). The director of the Department of Administrative Services may identify special program needs that justify locating offices outside central business districts, but such offices shall be located conveniently close to transit in communities that have transit service. Other areas of mixed use development that are highly accessible to the public, have a fully developed pedestrian circulation system,

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- have high quality transit service (in those communities with transit service), and are designated as urban centers in the applicable comprehensive plan may also be given priority consideration.
3. Site selection shall take into account the need for co-location of agencies or activities in common or adjacent space in order to improve public service and accessibility, effect economies of operation, and implement the state policy declared in ORS 276.426.
 4. The director of the Department of Administrative Services shall develop policies to implement this order. The directors of state agencies shall cooperate with the Department in implementing this order and give the Department early notice of changes which affect space requirements.
 5. No office space shall be located outside the areas described in paragraph 2 of this order without the direct approval of the director of the Department of Administrative Services.
 6. In assuring that office space is acquired in the most cost-effective manner feasible, as required by ORS 276.429, the director of the Department of Administrative Services shall give due regard to the value of the accessibility and central location of the areas described in this policy.
 7. The director of the Department of Administrative Services shall submit a written report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate on July 1, 1995 and annually thereafter, detailing siting decisions and describing how those decisions conform to the requirements of this order.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 7th day of June, 1994.



Barbara Roberts
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Deputy SECRETARY OF STATE