

GOV GOAL 3: PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL UNDERTAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE, NEEDED PUBLIC FACILITIES IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS INVESTMENTS, MAXIMIZES THE USE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THAT BALANCES ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

GOV OBJECTIVE 3.1: Capital improvements shall be provided to correct existing deficiencies; replace worn-out or obsolete infrastructure prior to failure and maximizing useful life; implement operational efficiencies and to accommodate desired future growth, as indicated in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) described in the annual budget.

GOV POLICY 3.1.1: The capital improvement goals, objectives and policies shall be reviewed annually for any applicable changes.

GOV POLICY 3.1.2: A CIP plan shall be prepared by County Administration and affected departments and updated on an annual basis. The following CIP portfolio project criteria shall be utilized for evaluating and ranking projects prior to their inclusion in the CIP plan:

- » Asset preservation - the extent to which the project protects or preserves the County's infrastructure.
- » Criticality of the project (consequences of not doing the project).
- » Economic outcome - the extent to which the project enhances economic development in the County.
- » Environmental stewardship – the extent to which the project implements green technologies or practices or otherwise serves to protect and improve the County's natural resources.
- » Community Sustainability and Resiliency – the extent to which the project will foster a community that is prepared for and adaptable to sea level rise and changing climates.
- » Service delivery – the extent to which the project sustains or improves level of service.
- » Project coordination – the degree to which the project is linked to other existing or proposed projects managed by the County or an external partner.
- » Public demand – the extent to which the project aligns with citizen expectations.
- » Regulatory requirements – the extent to which the project helps the County meet current or future regulatory requirements.
- » Public health, safety, and welfare – the extent to which the project addresses an expert-defined health or safety condition.

GOV OBJECTIVE 3.2: Public expenditures that subsidize development in the Coastal Storm Area shall be limited to those improvements that are consistent with applicable goals, objectives and policies in this comprehensive plan.

GOV POLICY 3.2.1: County-funded infrastructure shall be prohibited within the Coastal Storm Area except for the following:

- » The expenditure is for the maintenance, repair or replacement of existing infrastructure; or
- » The expenditure is for restoration or enhancement of natural resources or public access; or
- » The expenditure is needed to address an existing deficiency identified in the Comprehensive Plan; or
- » The expenditure is for the retrofitting of stormwater management infrastructure for water quality enhancement of stormwater runoff; or
- » The expenditure is for the development or improvement of transportation infrastructure consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; or
- » Infrastructure intended to increase resiliency and minimize risk in the Coastal Storm Area; or
- » The expenditure is for public facilities of overriding public interest as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

GOV OBJECTIVE 3.3: Future development shall bear a proportionate cost of infrastructure improvements necessitated by development to maintain adopted level of service standards.

GOV POLICY 3.3.1: Pinellas County shall continue to implement its multimodal impact fee ordinance to finance transportation management strategies necessitated by (re)development.

GOV POLICY 3.3.2: Pinellas County's potable water and sewer ~~impact~~ user fee revenues shall be allocated primarily for capital improvements related to expansion of potable water and sewer infrastructure.

GOV POLICY 3.3.3: Pinellas County shall continue to provide the option of using development agreements to provide public facilities to accommodate new development.

GOV OBJECTIVE 3.4: Pinellas County will manage its fiscal resources to ensure the provision of needed capital improvements for previously issued development orders, future (re)development in a manner that maintains adopted level of service standards.

GOV POLICY 3.4.1: Pinellas County shall manage its debt by only programming funds for infrastructure and programs that do not exceed the County's fiscal capacity.

GOV POLICY 3.4.2: Pinellas County shall confine long-term borrowing to capital improvements that cannot be financed from current revenues on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

GOV POLICY 3.4.3: Pinellas County will ensure that any bonds issued will be structured to be paid back within a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the capital project.

GOV POLICY 3.4.4: Efforts shall be made to secure grants or private funds whenever available to finance the provision of capital improvements.

GOV POLICY 3.4.5: Pinellas County shall continue to investigate funding sources and strategies to finance transportation needs consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, such as additional optional fuel taxes, and a transportation system surtax.

GOV POLICY 3.4.6: Pinellas County shall continue to collect a tourist development tax and shall use as outlined in the tourist development plan to implement needed improvements consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

GOV POLICY 3.4.7: Fiscal policies of the Board of County Commissioners to direct expenditures for capital improvements shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

GOV POLICY 3.4.8: Pinellas County shall include capital improvement projects for the renewal and replacement of public facilities to maintain adopted level of service standards in the CIP.

GOV POLICY 3.4.9: The County shall continue to investigate other funding sources and strategies for the operation and maintenance of built and proposed capital improvements.

GOV POLICY 3.4.10: The County shall determine the best financial strategy(ies) to support and protect public access to water-dependent land uses.

GOV POLICY 3.4.11: The County shall establish explicit funding strategies and commitments to address the need for affordable or community housing.

GOV POLICY 3.4.12: The County shall acquire, assemble, and "bank" lands for current and future economic development needs.