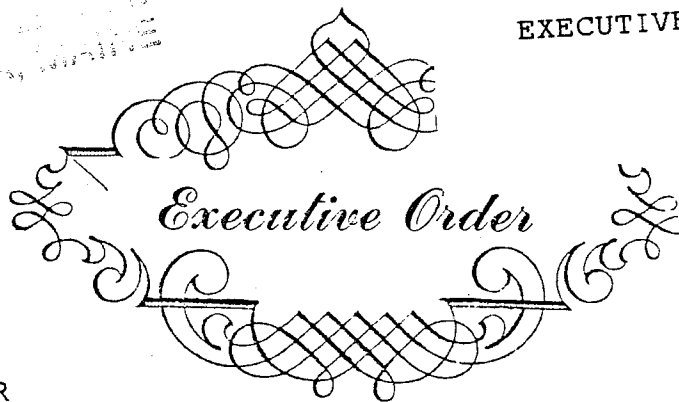


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A LONG-TERM CAPITAL PLANNING PROCESS FOR MAINE PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the future growth of Maine's economy, the quality of its environment, the economical delivery of public services, and the public safety and welfare of its people depend critically on a soundly maintained base of public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the effective maintenance, operation, and improvement of existing state and local public capital investments is essential; and

WHEREAS, the value of these public facilities totals in the billions of dollars, and the annual investment in such improvements totals in the hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state's taxpayers to provide for maintenance, replacement, and new facilities in a planned and cost-effective manner,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, therefore Order that the Cabinet Committee on Capital Planning is established as follows:

1. Membership. The membership shall consist of:

- Commissioner of Finance and Administration
- Commissioner, Department of Transportation
- Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
- Director, State Development Office
- Director, State Planning Office
- Director, Maine State Housing Authority
- Director, Bureau of Public Improvements

The Director of the State Planning Office will chair the Committee.

2. Duties. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Commissioner of Finance and Administration - shall report on anticipated revenue and spending levels, current levels of indebtedness, authorized but unissued bonds, the overall credit standing of the State and its municipalities, the condition of the Bond Bank, and the status of the University of Maine program and budget.
- b. Commissioner, Department of Transportation - shall report on the overall transportation plan and budget with recommendations as to funding levels, tax and fee changes, and bonding.
- c. Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection - shall report on wastewater and solid waste programs including the status of Federal, State, and local funding sources, with recommendations as to necessary State appropriations and bonding.
- d. Director, State Planning Office - shall report on population and demographic trends, the state of our economy, the status of the Community Development Grant Program, the FMHA Rural Development agreement, and the state of the public facilities and finances of the municipalities, and shall summarize any major policy issues needing consideration.
- e. Director, State Development Office - shall report on the state of our economic development strategy, including the status of the promotion of tourism, the Maine Guarantee Authority annual plan, the Maine VSBLA, and relevant Federal economic development agencies programs.
- f. Director, Bureau of Public Improvements - shall report on the regular capital and repair budget, with recommendations as to funding levels and bonding for various departmental projects. The most recent report and/or recommendations of the Capital Planning Commission shall be presented.
- g. Director, State Housing Authority - shall report on the status of Federal, State, and local housing programs in the State, and recommend any necessary changes and new funding and/or bonding.

3. Report.

Not later than December 31, 1983, the Committee shall report to the Office of the Governor with its Assessment of the condition of all of Maine's public facilities, (including those which are state funded but owned by municipalities, and all water utilities); the total long-term economic costs of these facilities; the debt levels associated with them; and identified new facility or major replacement needs. This report will necessarily rely primarily on existing information. The Assessment should identify any major policy or legislative issues needing priority attention.

4. Public Facilities Plan.

Based on its Assessment, the Committee shall formulate a comprehensive state public facilities plan to meet the State's short and long-term capital improvements needs. The Plan shall be available for the Governor's consideration not later than June 30, 1984. It shall include program elements for all major State agencies and municipal needs, and a financing plan. It shall not supplant the judgments of individual agencies as to the priority of individual projects.

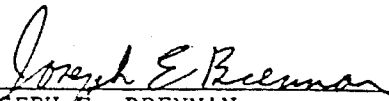
After review by the Governor, the Committee shall further prepare a report for presentation to the Legislature, separate from various necessary and required legislative documents, summarizing the comprehensive State public facilities plan proposed by the Administration.

5. Budget.

During the preparation of each biennial budget beginning with the 1986-7 biennium, the Committee shall review capital spending proposals of all State agencies, and provide its recommendations to the Governor before the budget is completed.

6. Other Recommendations.

From time to time, as may seem desirable, the Committee may make recommendations to the Governor as needed, with appropriate legislation.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor