

4

Monitoring and Evaluation

Chapter 163.187(1)(f), F.S., states that amendments that changes the schedule in the CIE, and any amendments directly related to the schedule, may be made once per calendar year on a date different from the two predetermined amendment-submittal dates to coincide with the adoption of the budget and capital improvements program of the local government. However, corrections, updates, and modifications concerning costs, revenue sources, acceptance of facilities pursuant to dedications which are consistent with the plan, or the date of construction of any facility enumerated in the Capital Improvements Element may be accomplished by ordinance and do not constitute an amendment to the plan.

The role of monitoring and evaluation is vital to the effectiveness of any planning program and particularly for the capital Improvements Element. This is largely because the County's revenue and expenditure streams are subject to fluctuations in the economy. It is the behavior of these streams which will be used to predict fiscal trends in order to maintain the County's adopted level of service standards for public facilities. Therefore, the Capital Improvements Element requires a continuous program for monitoring and evaluation and, pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., this element will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that required fiscal resources are available to provide public facilities needed to support adopted LOS standards.

The annual review will be the responsibility of the Pinellas County Planning Department acting as the local planning agency for the Board of County Commissioners, as well as the director of the Pinellas County Office of Management and Budget, the director of the Pinellas County Public Works Department, the director of the Pinellas County Culture, Education and Leisure Department, the director of the Pinellas County Utilities Department, the director of the Pinellas County Environmental Management Department, and the Pinellas County Administrator.

The monitoring and evaluation review shall include, but not be limited to, the following considerations:

1. any corrections, updates, and modifications concerning costs, revenue sources, acceptance of facilities pursuant to dedications which are consistent with the element, and/or the date of construction of any facility enumerated to the element;
2. the Capital Improvements Element's consistency with the other elements and its support of the Future Land Use and Quality Communities Element;
3. the priority assignment of existing public facility deficiencies;
4. the County's progress in meeting those needs determined to be existing deficiencies;

5. the criteria used to evaluate capital improvement projects in order to ensure that projects are being ranked in their appropriate order of priority;
6. the County's effectiveness in maintaining the adopted LOS standards;
7. the County's effectiveness in reviewing the impacts of plans and programs of state agencies and Water Management Districts that provide public facilities within the County's jurisdiction;
8. the effectiveness of impact fees, and mandatory dedications or fees in lieu of, for assessing new development a pro rata share of the improvement costs which they generate;
9. the impacts of special districts and any regional facility and service provision upon the County's ability to maintain its adopted LOS standards (an example of this is a municipal services taxing unit);
10. the ratio of outstanding indebtedness to the property tax base;
11. efforts made to secure grants or private funds, whenever available, to finance the provision of capital improvements;
12. the transfer of any unexpended account balances and reserves;
13. the criteria used to evaluate proposed plan amendments and requests for new development or redevelopment; and
14. the capital improvements needed from the latter years of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan's planning period for inclusion in the Six-Year Schedule of Improvements.