

BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN

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OHSU supports the City of Portland in the desire for a useful Broadband Strategic Plan.

This is important for several reasons:

- 1) Telecommunications infrastructure and services are increasingly essential to creating and retaining jobs.
- 2) City Government will be better able to carry out its missions and this will enable various governmental organizations to work together more effectively, cutting overall costs and improving capability.
- 3) Economic development efforts can be improved with broader partnership and participation -- magnifying the effectiveness and usefulness of initial investment. In addition economic development efforts can better build on previous infrastructure, improving reach and reducing cost.
- 4) The challenges will be the same; planning means we will be more likely to succeed.

When we consider the need for multiple partnerships and sources of funding, large infrastructure efforts tend to take multiple years each, with a decade needed to make progress on any particular strategy. This timescale is longer than the tenure of most elected officials and many employees.

Portland residents and Oregonians as a whole deserve the best platform for future economic viability that we can arrange.

In addition to creating and sustaining job opportunity for residents, a sound plan will provide city government with good quality service, and development efforts will have the resources that a coherent regional long term planning effort can provide. We'll get more for our money.

Thank you

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