

# Oregon Resilience Plan at 10 Reflections on the past, thoughts on the future

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#### Reflection on the ORP



- First major report from any state on creating a roadmap to a more seismically resilient future by focusing on long term infrastructure
- Organized and written by volunteers a countless number of experts that provided their energy and ideas to the effort; it would be difficult to duplicate today
- Remarkable achievement; still relevant today as it was when first published; most quoted and by far best-known report published by OSSPAC
- Provided the inspiration and became the catalyst to drive progress on seismic resilience both within Oregon and beyond; became the roadmap and the rallying cry

#### Issues with the ORP



- Because it was written by so many people, each chapter ended up being "standalone" and didn't have the same voice, use the same timeline elements, or even issue the same style of recommendations
- Too many recommendations to process but in the end, seemed appropriate for a 50-year plan; SB33 that came afterward looked to the short-term time horizon as did other efforts
- Recommendations not specific enough to act on; didn't provide what needed to be done nor who was best to do it; many items were not in legislative control; seemed appropriate for 50-year plan to show the end state

## Issues with the ORP (cont.)



- ORP focused on infrastructure and didn't address many other important topics like community resilience, mass displacement and shelter, and others; however, long term vision on infrastructure made sense given that those things were going to take a long time to change and needed to start as soon as possible; other reports came after that focused on other topics
- Wouldn't change much of ORP even with 10-years of hindsight

### Next Steps to Focus On



- So many things need to be done lots of different smaller things contribute to our overall resilience – but can't do everything; focus on a few things and get those over the finish line; this is a marathon, not a sprint
- Public Education and Outreach: if the public doesn't know about the problem, how can they apply pressure to the legislature to act?
- Retrofit of Dangerous Buildings: Seems like this would be an easy one to start with where everyone can agree; many communities are already done with URMs and have moved on to others like non-ductile concrete and soft-story; figure out what the impediment is and drive towards solution

## Next Steps to Focus On (cont.)

- Retrofit Incentives for Homeowners: This touches a lot of people and makes the issue more local and real; federal grants have been made available for this before
- Functional Resilience: This is the future and drives the building stock to more resilience; it is a long-term effort but it needs to start now; in 50 years, it will make a big difference; drive the State towards this goal
- Forge a tighter relationship with Legislature and provide model legislation; this is what is unique about OSSPAC and gives it a clear advantage over other "lobbying" groups
- Partnerships: Seek out like-minded but better funded and resourced partners to extend reach and push agenda

