

Appendix G

UO Policies and Procedures

A variety of plans and policies help shape the development of the university. Mitigation strategies can be incorporated into all of these plans.

The University of Oregon Campus Plan

This plan creates the long-range vision of the University of Oregon by “providing the policies and patterns that define the type and extent of future campus development.” The plan outlines 12 policies that are requirements for development on campus. Though all policies are important, there are five that are pertinent when addressing hazard mitigation. These policies are:

- Policy 1: Process and Participation
- Policy 6: Maintenance and Building Service
- Policy 7: Architectural Style and Historic Preservation
- Policy 9: Transportation
- Policy 10: Sustainable Design

These policies pertain to certain aspects of the university environment. Policy 1 sets forth expectations how the university will address Process and Participation in the planning, design, and construction of new projects on campus. University planning decisions need to be coordinated and the public must have meaningful opportunities to participate in the planning process. Moreover, the process and the projects need to be periodically analyzed to assess how well they fit with the campus plan vision. This policy supports the concept of coordinating natural hazard mitigation with other projects on campus and including it as one of the criteria for a successful project.

Policy 6 complements the elements of Policy 1. Policy 6 states the university’s long-term viability depends on the day-to-day maintenance and service of the entire campus. This is a natural fit for the implementation of hazard mitigation practices through the continued upkeep and maintenance of the built environment on campus.

Policy 7 reflects the university’s desire to maintain the historic aspects and qualities of the campus. The architectural and historic preservation policy outlines the requirements for protecting the cultural and historical aspects of the campus. This policy also addresses the rehabilitation of these buildings. Incorporating mitigation into

restoration processes will allow the university to continue to preserve and enjoy the historic buildings throughout campus.

Policy 9 states goals for transportation throughout the university. The university can prepare for a natural disaster by preparing an effective transportation system.

Policy 10 addresses the university's desire to have and maintain a sustainable campus. Mitigation practices are a natural fit for sustainability and the longevity of the university campus. The Sustainable Development Plan addresses these issues in greater depth.

Sustainable Development Plan

This plan is designed to ensure that the University of Oregon designs development in a sustainable manner. The university recognizes that there are benefits that come with implementing sustainable design. The university has 13 design pattern approaches that outline sustainable development on campus. The approaches are designed to incorporate sustainability into all components of the design, building, repair, maintenance and operations.

The Sustainable Development Plan is critical to mitigation for several reasons. Incorporating mitigation practices into the design phase of a project will increase the resiliency of the project, and thus make it more sustainable. Repair and maintenance of campus buildings is a natural fit for the implementation of mitigation practices. Day-to-day operations of buildings across campus are another avenue for designing a resilient campus. Simple checklists can be integrated into daily routines to indicate hazards in buildings. Incorporating mitigation into the Sustainable Development Plan ensures sustainability for the future of the university.

Transportation Plan

The University of Oregon transportation plan is intended to help facilitate transportation throughout campus. The plan outlines requirements and long-term goals for pedestrian, biking, and motor vehicle travel. The plan is currently out-of-date. The last revisions took place in December of 1976.

Mitigation can be integrated into the transportation plan in several ways. The plan can facilitate egress and ingress to the university, traffic and pedestrian flows as well as other transportation issues. Transport is essential to response and recovery of a natural disaster. The transportation plan should be updated and include aspects of mitigation.