

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is still actively pursuing legislative approval of the bonding authority for the Oregon State Capitol Renovation project.

While the renovation funding was not approved during the regular 2015 session of the Oregon Legislature, the necessary bonding authority remains available for approval during the shorter 2016 session.

The \$300+ million project grows more necessary and no less complicated with the passage of time. It also becomes more expensive. But, funding it is truly a decision to be made by the Legislature.

It's the Foundation's job - along with other advocates for the project - to demonstrate the public support needed to convince the Legislature to approve critical fixes to our beautiful State Capitol. Others joining the Foundation in supporting the renovation project so far include the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Marion County, and Associated General Contractors.

The Legislative Administration Committee has completed an assessment of deferred maintenance, code violation and Americans with Disabilities Act items that need immediate attention in the Capitol Building. The list does not include important seismic upgrades to help protect the Capitol during the predicted Cascadia subduction major earthquake.

Addressing these needs will be discussed during the 2016 legislative session. That will give us the opportunity to once again educate our elected officials about the need for and the wisdom of the full Oregon State Capitol Renovation project including the seismic upgrades.

Get more information at www.oregonlegislature.gov/foundation.

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