Background

The state’s Long Range Building Program (LRBP) is a statutorily-mandated, legislative process to develop and define the state’s biennial Capital Construction Program (CCP). For MSU, the LRBP is a continuous, cyclical planning process. MSU Facilities Planning Design & Construction (FPDC) coordinates the LRBP process for MSU, its four campuses and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES). Both the Montana University System and the legislature expect MSU and UM to follow similar LRBP processes. Projects that are eventually funded by the legislature are then executed by the state’s Architecture & Engineering Division in collaboration with MSU FPDC.

Overall LRBP Process

- May (odd years) - FPDC sends the LRBP Instruction Packet to all MSU campuses and MAES.
- May-June (odd years) – All campuses follow their internal processes to develop and refine their proposed LRBP Project Priority Lists.
- August (odd years) – Campuses submit their draft LRBP Project Priority Lists to FPDC.
- Sept-Oct (odd years) - FPDC reviews the lists with President Cruzado to develop an initial draft MSU Consolidated LRBP Project Priority List (for all campuses).
- November (odd years) – President Cruzado presents draft MSU Consolidated LRBP Project Priority List to all MSU executives in conjunction with Cat/Griz Board of Regents (BOR) meeting in Bozeman.
- February (even years) – The Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE), MSU and UM meet to develop a draft Montana University System Consolidated LRBP Project Priority List for final approval by the BOR at their May meeting.
- June (even years) – Projects approved by the BOR are entered into the state’s computer system for consideration by the Governor for the next legislative session.

MSU Bozeman Campus LRBP Process

- May-June (odd years) – FPDC collects and collates potential projects from available sources – e.g., Capital Projects Lists; Major Maintenance Lists; Facilities Condition Inventory Deficiency Reports; previous LRBP Lists; etc.
- June (odd years) – FPDC meets with President Cruzado to develop an initial/draft project inventory.
- June (odd years) – President Cruzado shares initial project inventory with VP’s at the President’s Executive Council (PEC).
- July (odd years) – President Cruzado presents initial project inventory to University Council (for information/input).
- July (odd years) – FPDC presents initial project inventory to other campus governance groups (electronically to groups that do not meet during the summer), including the University Facilities Planning Board, and collects feedback for consideration.
- August (odd years) – The MSU Bozeman Campus list is then blended into the overall MSU process with information from all MSU campuses as shown above.