



Developing and Implementing Functional Recovery Framework for Lifeline Infrastructure Systems

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Session Agenda (9:20am – 10:15am)



1. **An Implementation Example of Oregon Resilience Plan for Functional Recovery**
 - Kent Yu, SEFT Consulting
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 - Katherine J. Johnson, National Institute of Standards and Technology
3. **Designing Lifeline Infrastructure Systems for Post-earthquake Recovery**
 - Craig Davis, C.A. Davis Engineering
4. **Strategies for Resilient Infrastructure**
 - Ayse Hortacsu, Applied Technology Council
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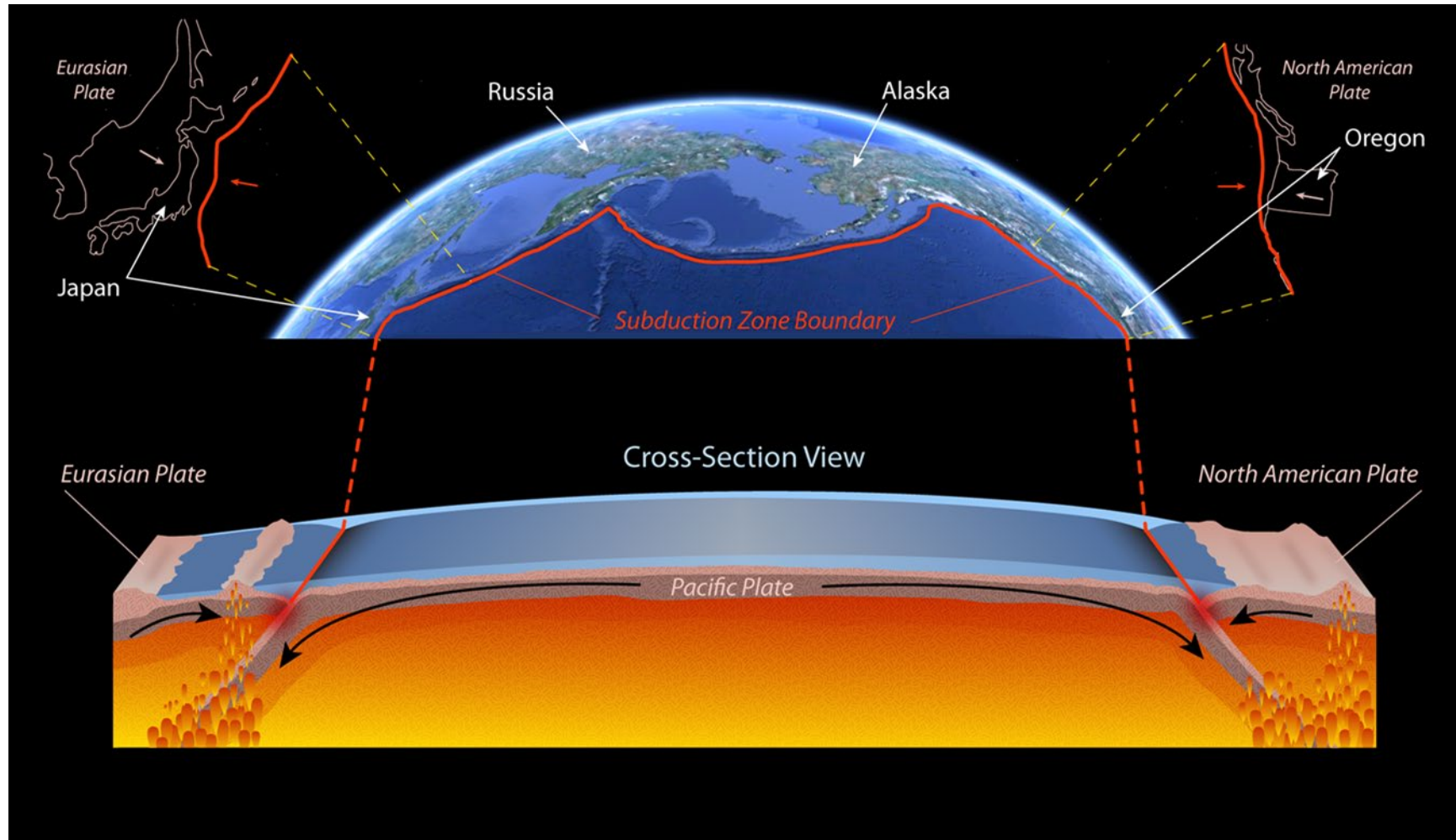


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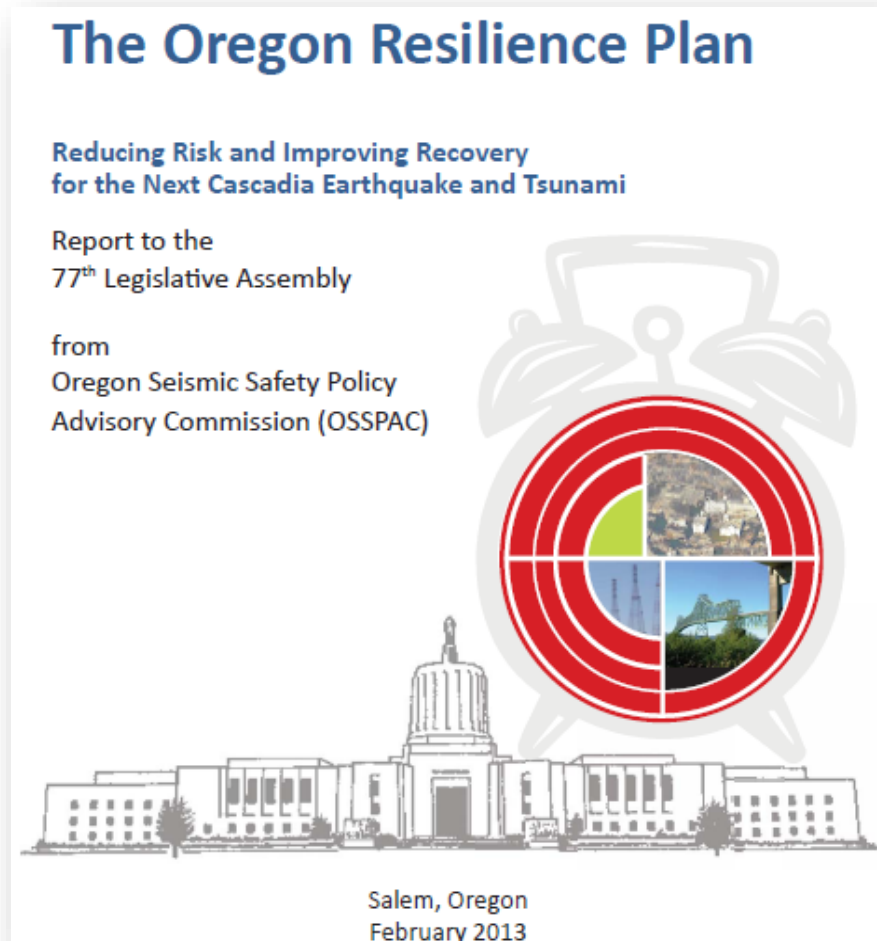
An Implementation Example of Oregon Resilience Plan for Functional Recovery

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Cascadia Subduction Zone



Oregon Resilience Plan

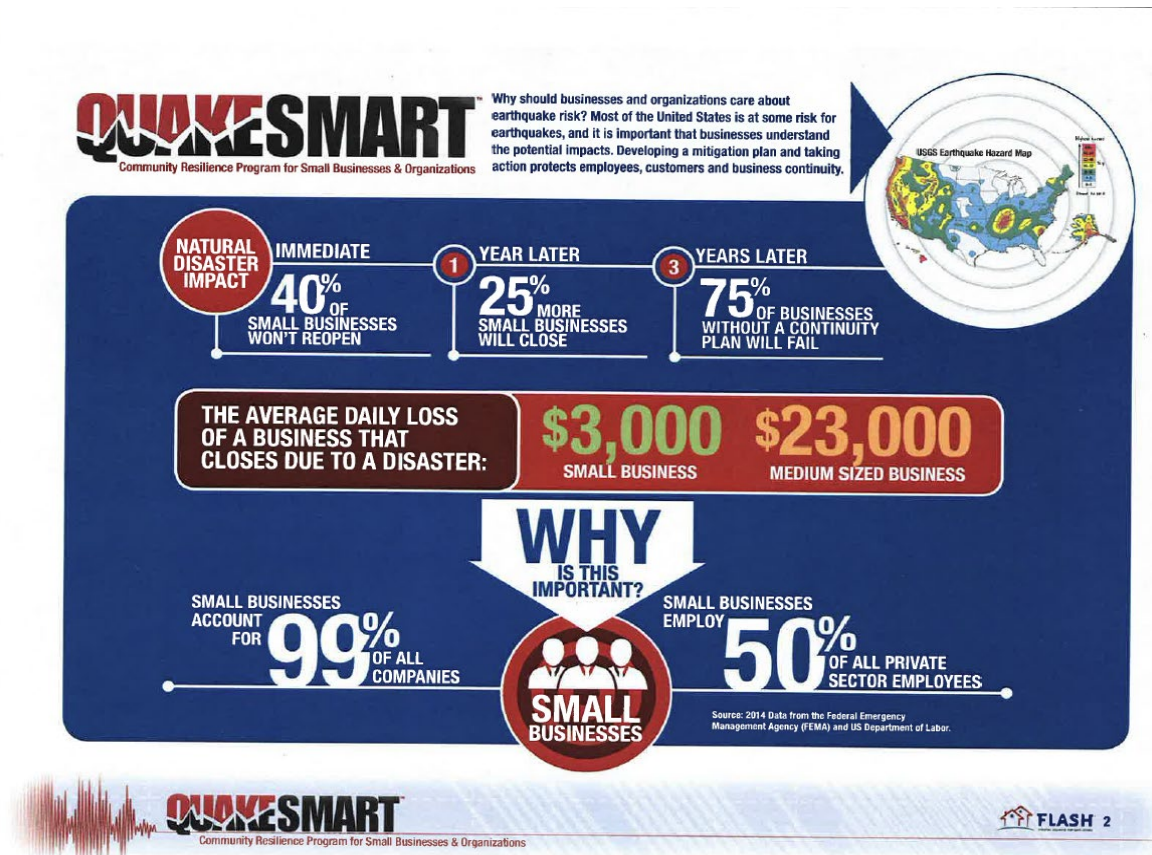


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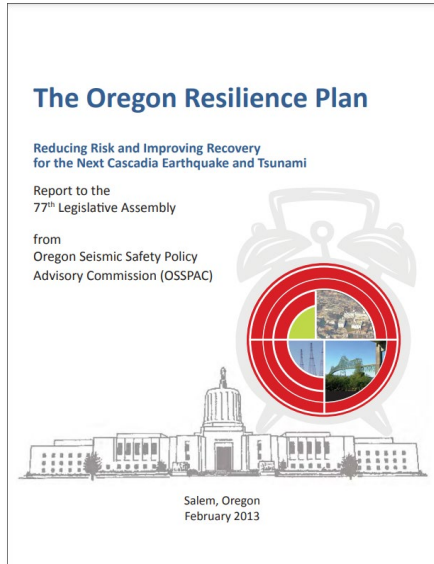
- ☐ Cascadia Earthquake Scenario
- ☐ Business/Workforce Continuity
- ☐ Coastal Communities
- ☐ Critical & Essential Buildings
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Information and Communication
- ☐ Water & Wastewater

Business and Workforce Continuity

- Business can only tolerate two to four weeks of disruption of essential services



Significant Resilience Gaps



Critical Services	Zone	Estimated Average Recovery Time
Electricity	Valley	1 to 3 months
Drinking Water	Valley	6 months to 1 year
Sewer	Valley	1 to 3 years +
Top-priority highways (partial restoration)	Valley	6 to 12 months

Critical Building Category	Zone	Estimated Average Recovery Time	Resilience Target
Healthcare Facilities	Valley	18 months	Immediate
Police and Fire Stations	Valley	2 to 4 months	Immediate
Emergency Shelters	Valley	18 months	72 hours
K-8	Valley	18 months	30 days
High Schools	Valley	18 months	30 days

ORP Level of Service Goals for Water



Event Occurs 

	0-24 Hours	1-3 Days	3-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-12 Months
Potable water available at supply source (WTP, wells, impoundment)	R	Y		G			X	
Main transmission facilities, pipes, pump stations, and reservoirs (backbone) operational	G					X		
Water supply to critical facilities available	Y	G				X		
Water for fire suppression – at key supply points	G		X					
Water for fire suppression – at fire hydrants			R	Y	G			X
Water available at community distribution centers/points		Y	G	X				
Distribution system operational		R	Y	G				X

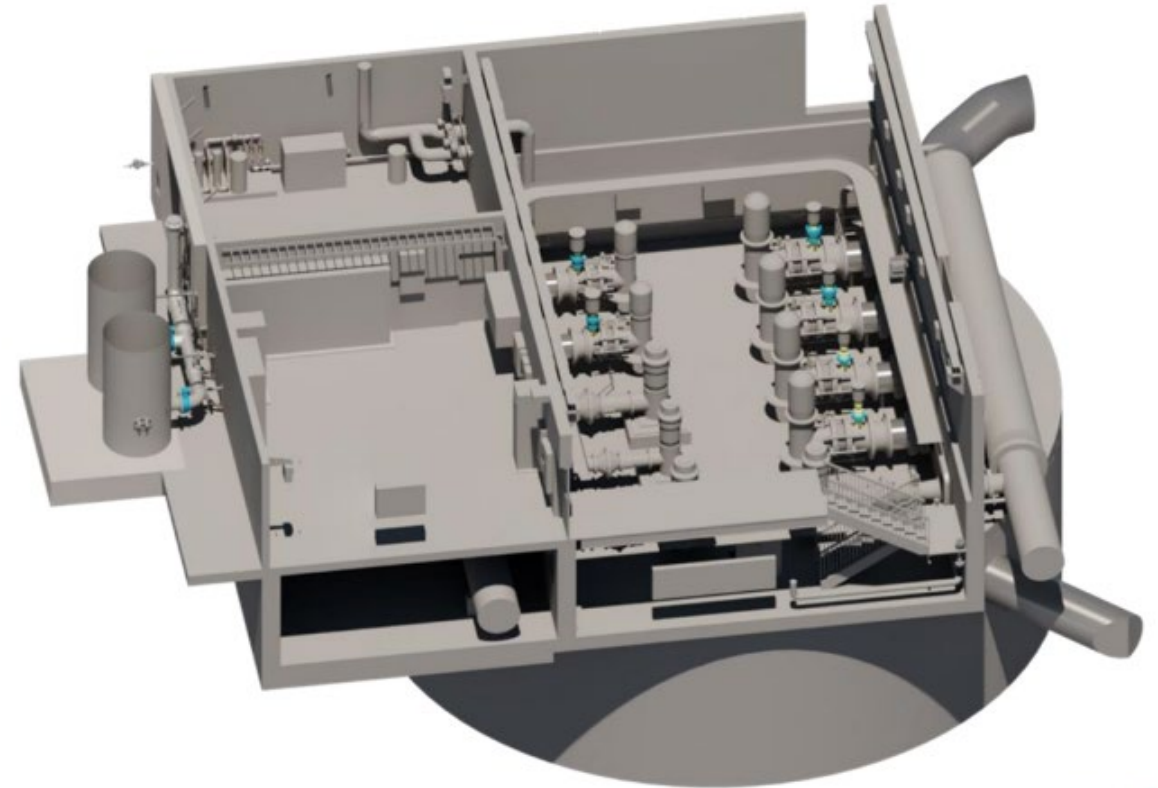
Legend:

80-90% Operational	G
50-60% Operational	Y
20-30% Operational	R
Current State/90% Operational	X

Raw Water Intake Pump Station

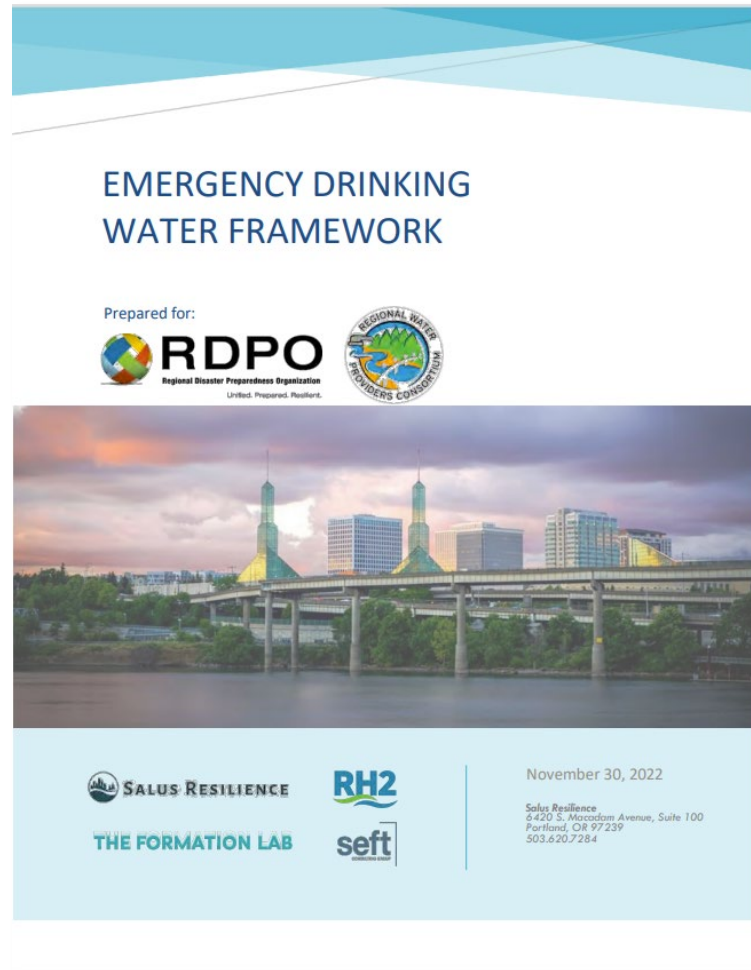


1. Performance Objective
 - Operational at 2,500-year Earthquake Hazard
2. Foundation
3. Buried Pipelines
4. Structural
5. Nonstructural
 - Seismic Certification
 - Seismic Bracing and anchorage
6. Dependencies
 - Local lifelines coordination

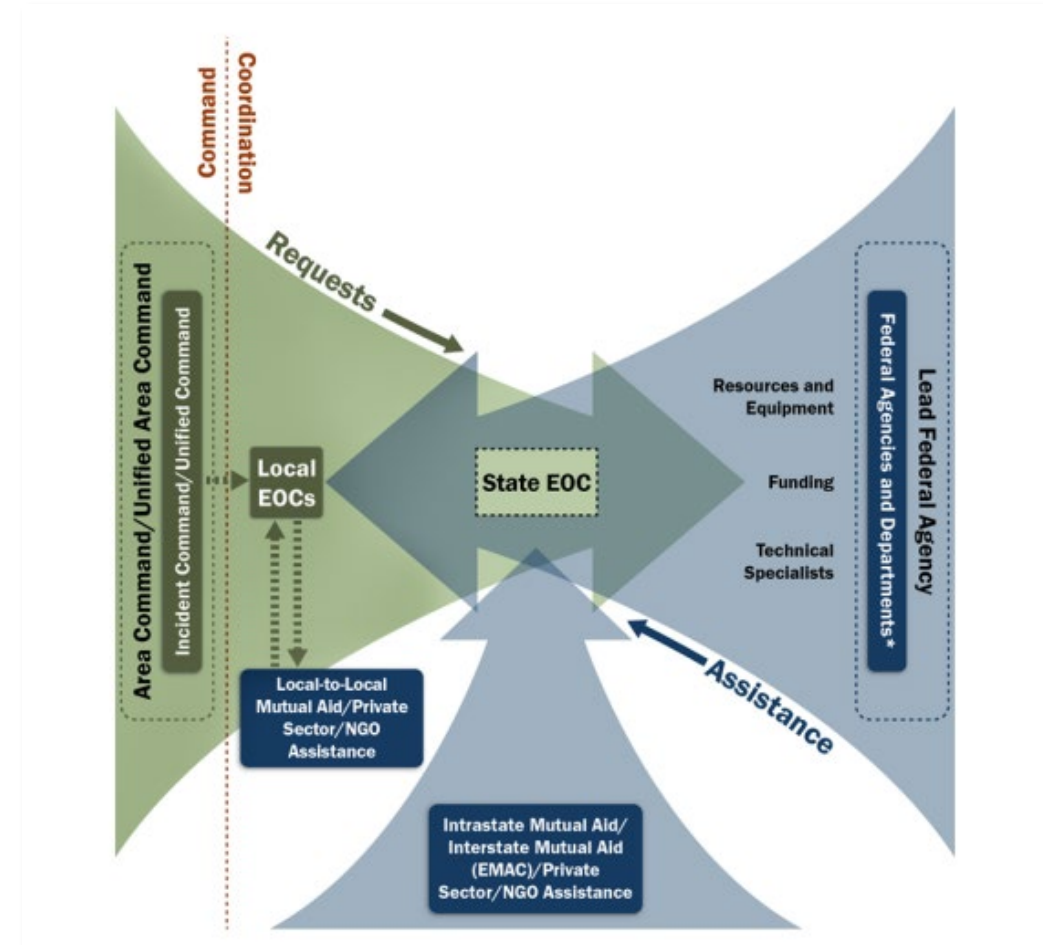


Source: Mike Britch, TVWD

Portland Metro Emergency Drink Water Framework



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Source: National Incident Management System (2017)



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Developing Capacity for Collaborative Progress

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Leading up to today:

AmericanLifelinesAlliance

A public-private partnership to reduce risk to utility and transportation systems from natural hazards and manmade threats

Protecting Our Critical Infrastructure: Findings and Recommendations from the American Lifelines Alliance Roundtable

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Increasing Community Resilience Through Improved Lifeline Infrastructure Performance

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Abstract

The concept of community resilience is complex and multidimensional, relying on engineering and other disciplines to help communities break the cycle of destruction and recovery and reduce the impacts of earthquakes and other hazards. This article presents proposed prioritized actions to improve lifeline infrastructure resilience based on an assessment of lifeline infrastructure performance commissioned and funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Introduction

Resilience involves the ability of people and communities to adapt to changing conditions and to withstand and rapidly recover from disruptions (White House 2011). At the community level, this concept is complex and multidimensional, relying on contributions from the social sciences, engineering, earth sciences, economics, and other disciplines to improve the ways communities prepare for, resist, respond to, and recover from disruptions due to either natural hazards or manmade causes. Resilience is intended to reduce both the impact of hazards by restoring community functions within a specified timeframe and the duration and cost of recovery. This requires planning for recovery and restoration prior to hazard events.

Disasters interfere with electric power, natural gas and liquid fuel, telecommunications, transportation, and water and wastewater infrastructure systems. Such systems are commonly referred to as "lifelines" because they are vital for the economic well-being, security, and social fabric of the people they serve (NIST 2014).

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AGING INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRES NATIONAL PUSH FOR LIFELINE RESILIENCE

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National Institute of Building Sciences Lifeline Infrastructure Hub to Advance Community Resilience and Recovery after Disasters

(WASHINGTON, DC, June 6, 2024) - The National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) is leading the charge to fortify the nation's resilience to climate-related disasters.

The NIBS Lifeline Infrastructure Hub recently held its inaugural meeting at the National Press Club attended by leaders from 35 organizations, including the White House, Congress, federal agencies, engineering community, business and academia, to assess the state of the nation's lifelines infrastructure resilience.

"Lifeline infrastructure is complicated and complex," said NIBS Interim President & CEO Stephen T. Ayers. "This needs to be a national collaboration across sectors and address multiple hazards. We invite all to join and support this important effort."

In April, the White House issued National Security Memorandum NSM-22, urging immediate action to address critical national security concerns. The memorandum highlights the essential role of lifeline infrastructure in national security and calls for enhanced measures to protect and strengthen these vital systems.

"Enhancing our lifeline infrastructure not only protects people and supports our economy, it is also a national security priority," said Caitlin A. Durkovich, with the National Security Council at the White House. "With our nation's generational investment in critical infrastructure, we need to act now and the NIBS Lifeline Infrastructure Hub is a timely and needed

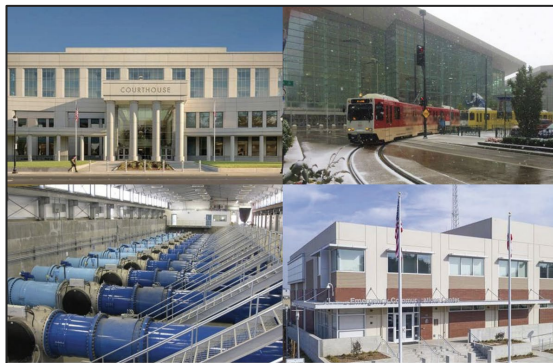
SIX-STEP PROCESS TO PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



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Congressional Report & Focus on Target Recovery Times



Recommended Options for Improving the Built Environment for Post-Earthquake Reoccupancy and Functional Recovery Time

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Table 2. Distribution of the Acceptable Recovery Times for Generalized Community Functions across All Workshop Breakout Groups.

Generalized Community Function	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months
Public Health and Safety	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Telecommunications/Information	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Healthcare	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Transportation Services	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Shelter/Housing	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Energy/Electricity	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Food and Water Resources	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Local Economy/Jobs	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue
Governance	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Entertainment/Recreation	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Social Support	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Education	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue
Cultural Identity	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue

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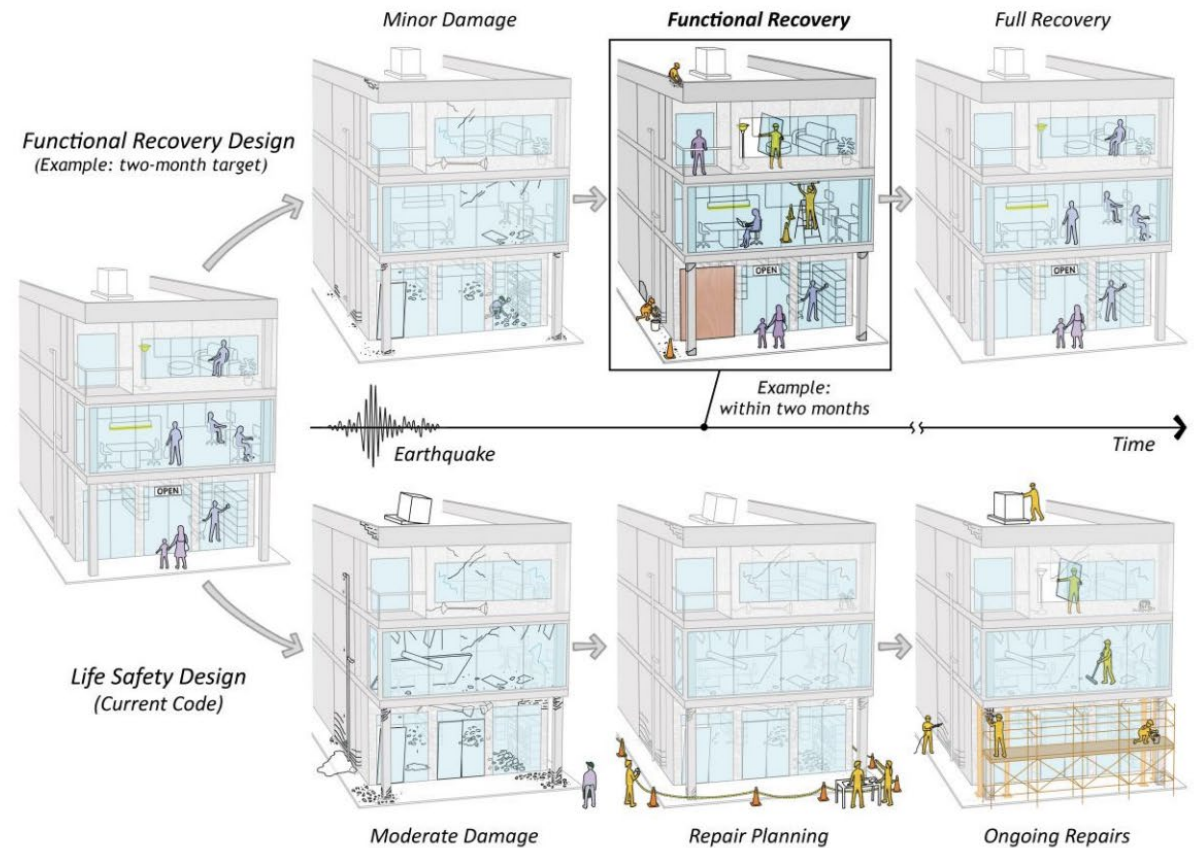
Darker color corresponds to the most often selected time category for a component that supports the generalized community function listed.

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Functional Recovery at the Asset Scale

- *Design* enables an asset to be occupied and repaired/reused more quickly than current code

Scenario Illustrating Functional Recovery Performance Compared to Life Safety Design



Definitions of Functional Recovery (*emphasis for lifelines*)

- {basic intended functions or} basic services are *less than full pre-earthquake functionality, but more than what would be considered the minimum functionally sufficient* {for reoccupancy of buildings, or} for temporary provision of lifeline services
- the {building or} lifeline can be *maintained, or restored, to safely and adequately support* {the basic intended functions, or} the basic services associated with {the pre-earthquake use or occupancy of a building, or} the pre-earthquake service level of a lifeline infrastructure system



Ongoing Efforts

- Participating in NIBS Lifeline Infrastructure Hub
- Continuing work to implement the **Initial Framework for Lifelines Functional Recovery**
- Research and production of tools to support decision-making related to risk-reduction investments: TRIP\$

*Forthcoming Report
(expected July 2025)*

Functional Recovery Performance Targets Workshop Report

*Provides additional insights
on “need-by” timeframes for
functional recovery of
functions/services by subject
matter experts*



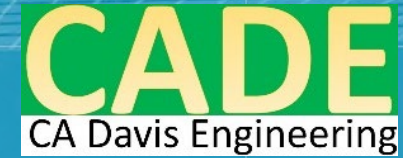
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Designing Lifeline Infrastructure Systems for Post-Earthquake Recovery

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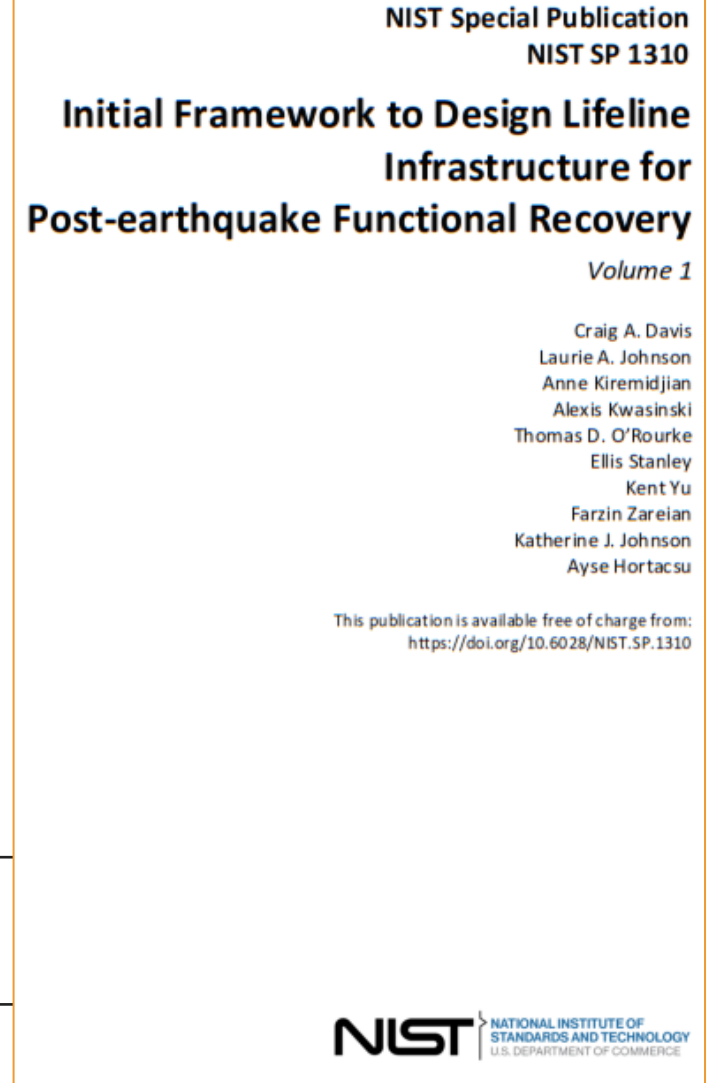
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Process Summary

Applicable to all Lifeline Infrastructure Systems

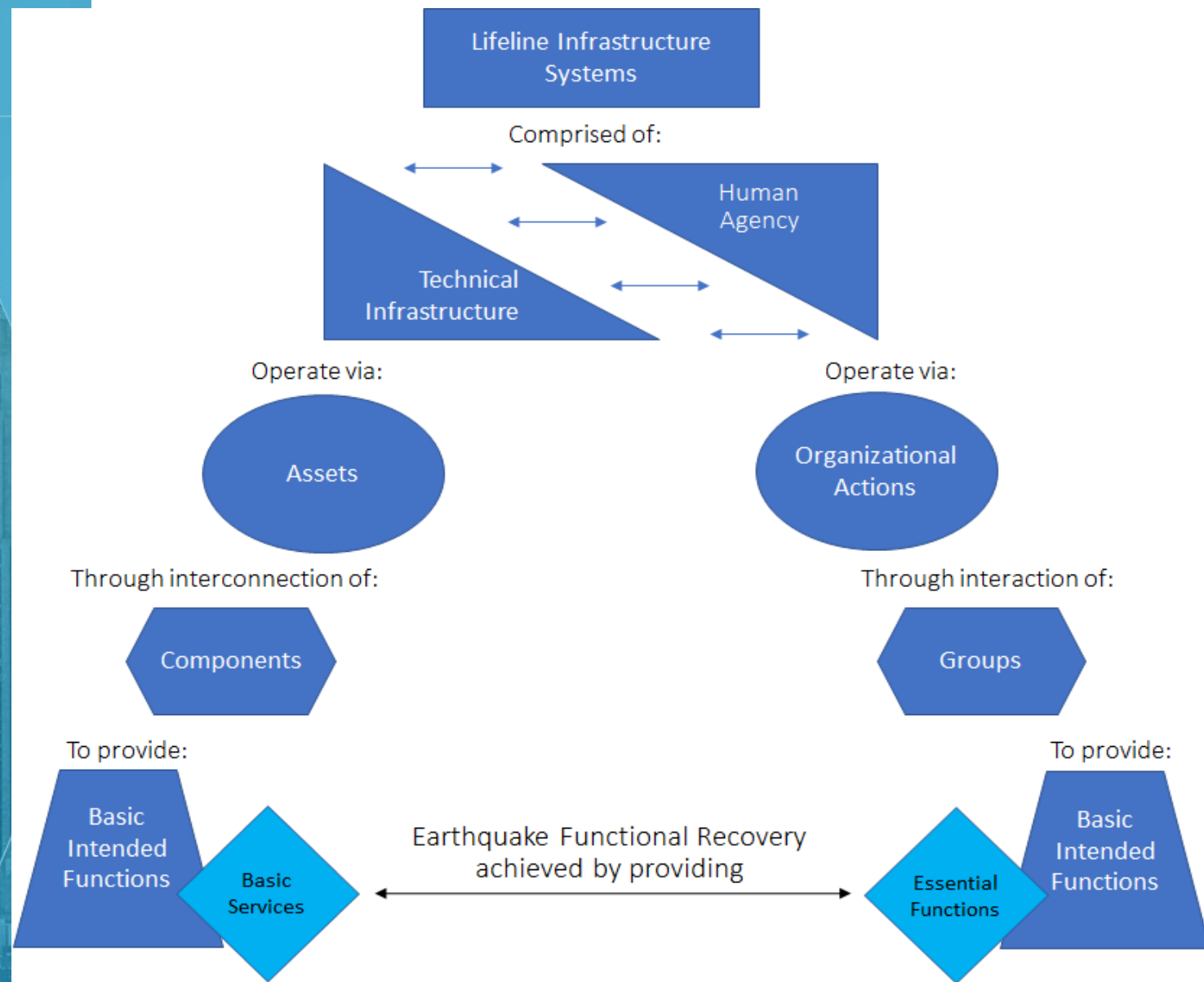


- After deciding to address functional recovery,
- Identify the basic service recovery time objectives
- Design each component to withstand levels of damage against the seismic hazards to which they are exposed (e.g., shaking, landslide, liquefaction, ...)
- Prepare organizational policies and strategies to meet the targeted objectives
- The components making up the supply/collection chain to the more critical customers are designed to have lower possibility of damage
- Component and system-level performance incorporates the dependencies upon services from other systems
- Perform an assessment of the system, including recovery modeling, to determine if the objectives can be met
 - If not, make changes
 - If so, the component and system designs + organizational/group policies and strategies are assumed to be sufficient

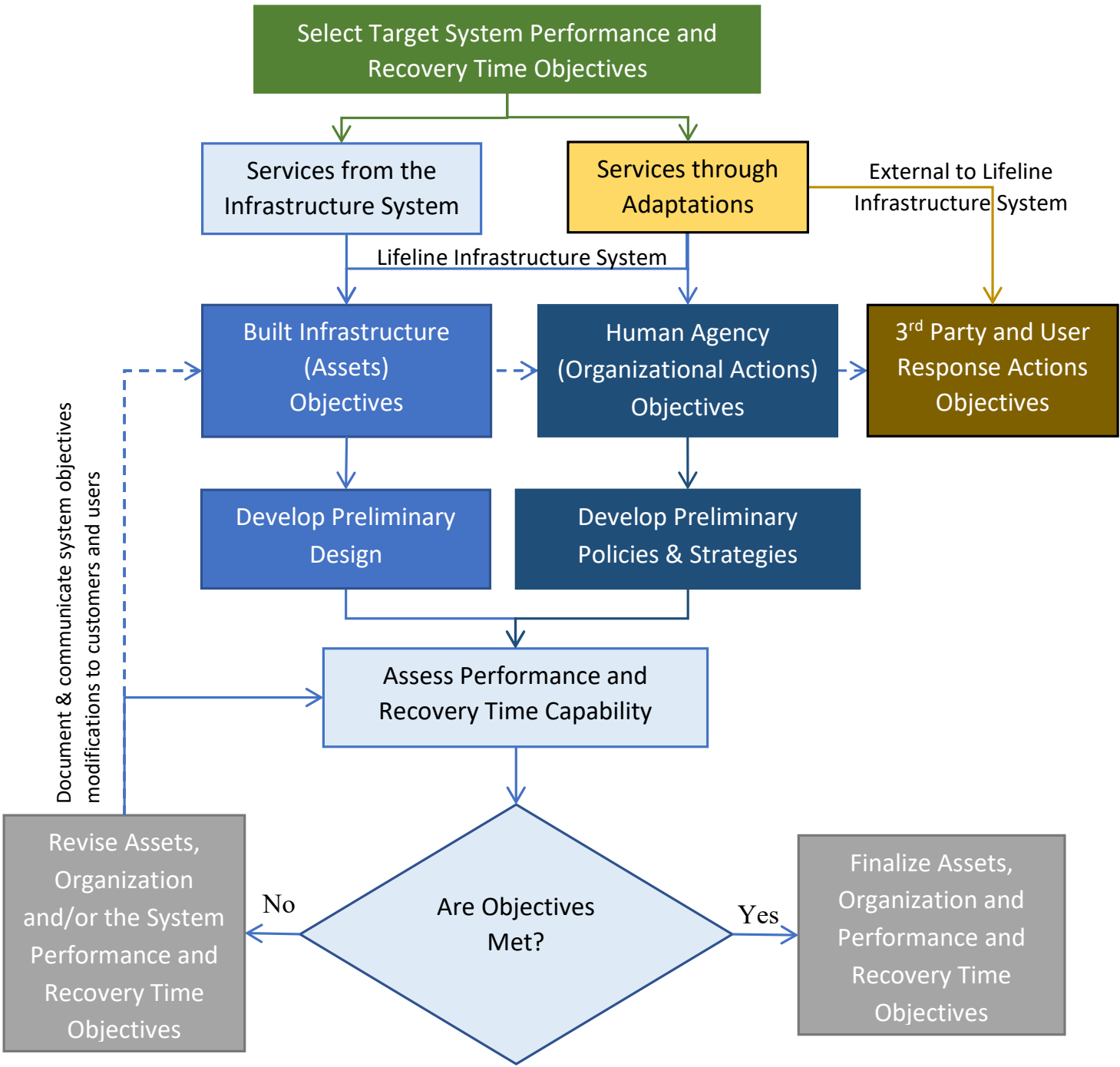
Prepare the systems to Meet Recovery Objectives Through Physical Assets and Organizational Actions Using Performance-Based Procedures

May 17, 2025

NIST SP 1310



The effectiveness of assets and organizations to provide basic services and essential functions depends on performance of the **designs** and **plans** in the face of earthquake-induced **damage** and **disruption**.



Performance-Based Procedures for Assets and Organizational Actions

Recovery Based Objectives



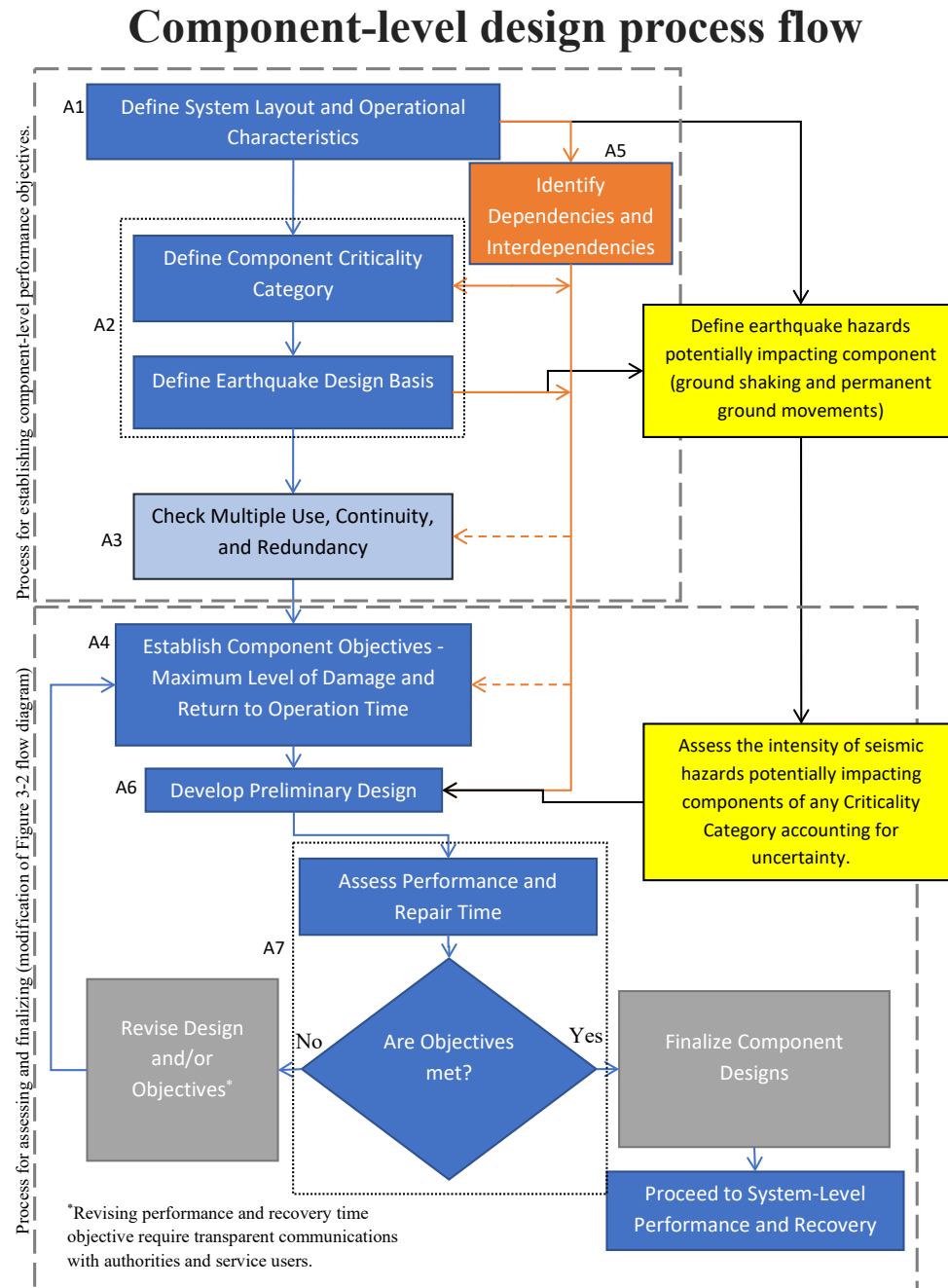
The basic service recovery objectives

defined by the needs of the communities served, not from the existing lifeline infrastructure layout or functionality.

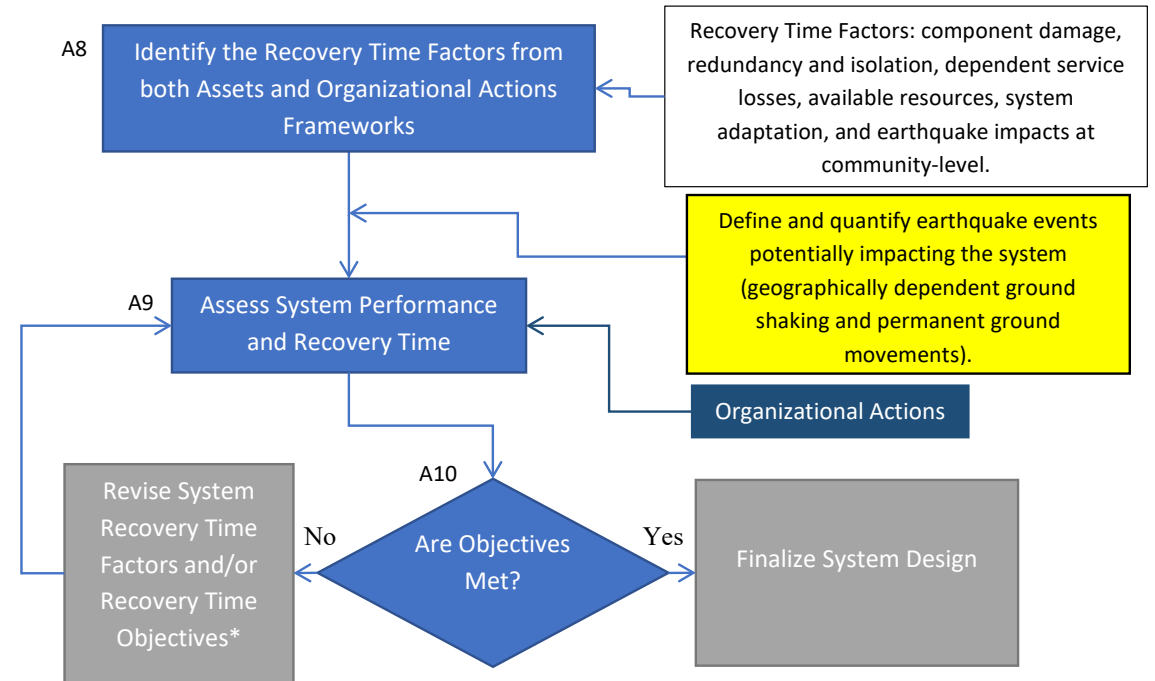
Establish the future resilience improvements in the systems

FEMA report P-2234 (soon to be published) provides a methodology to identify target basic service recovery objectives for user types with consideration of necessary user adaptations.

Assets Framework



System-level assessment validation process



See NIST SP 1310 for more description

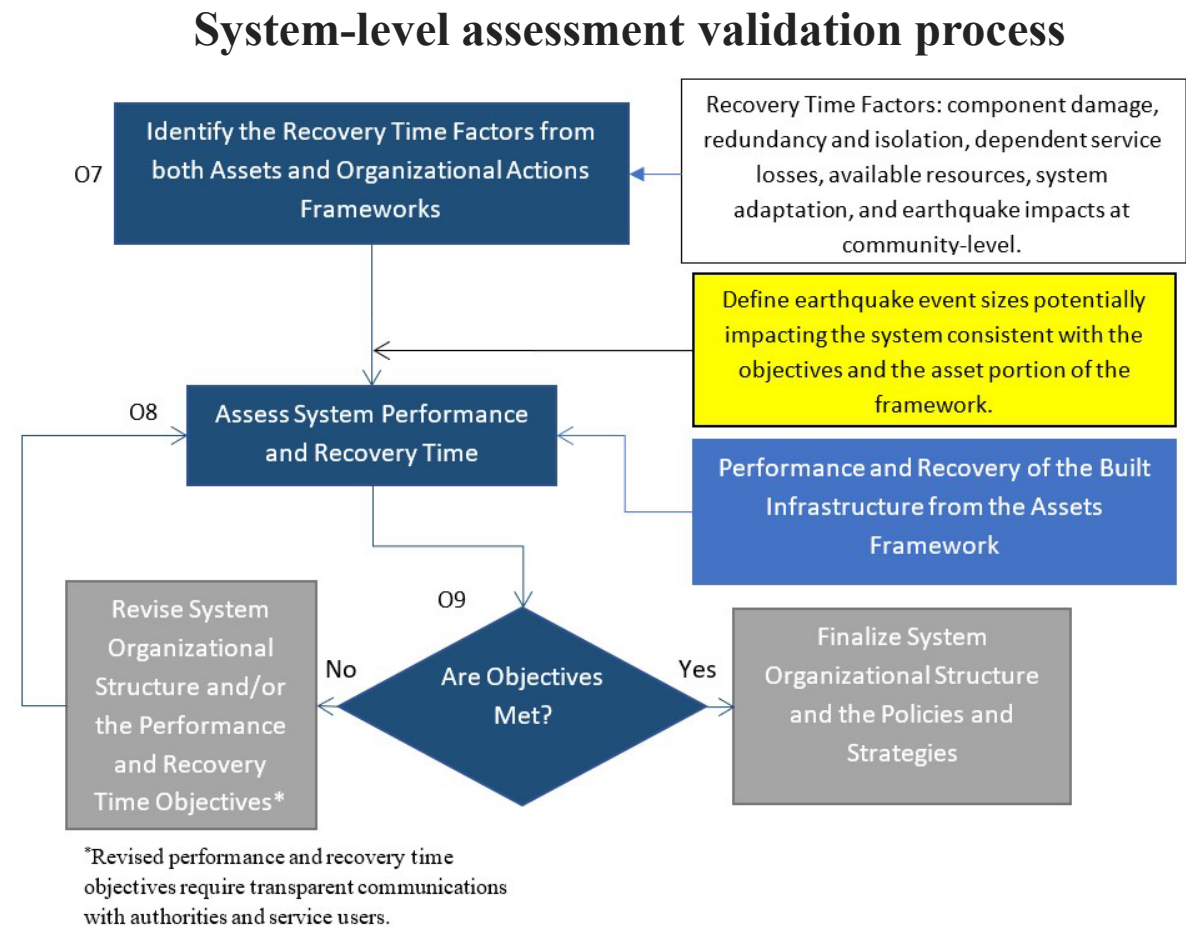
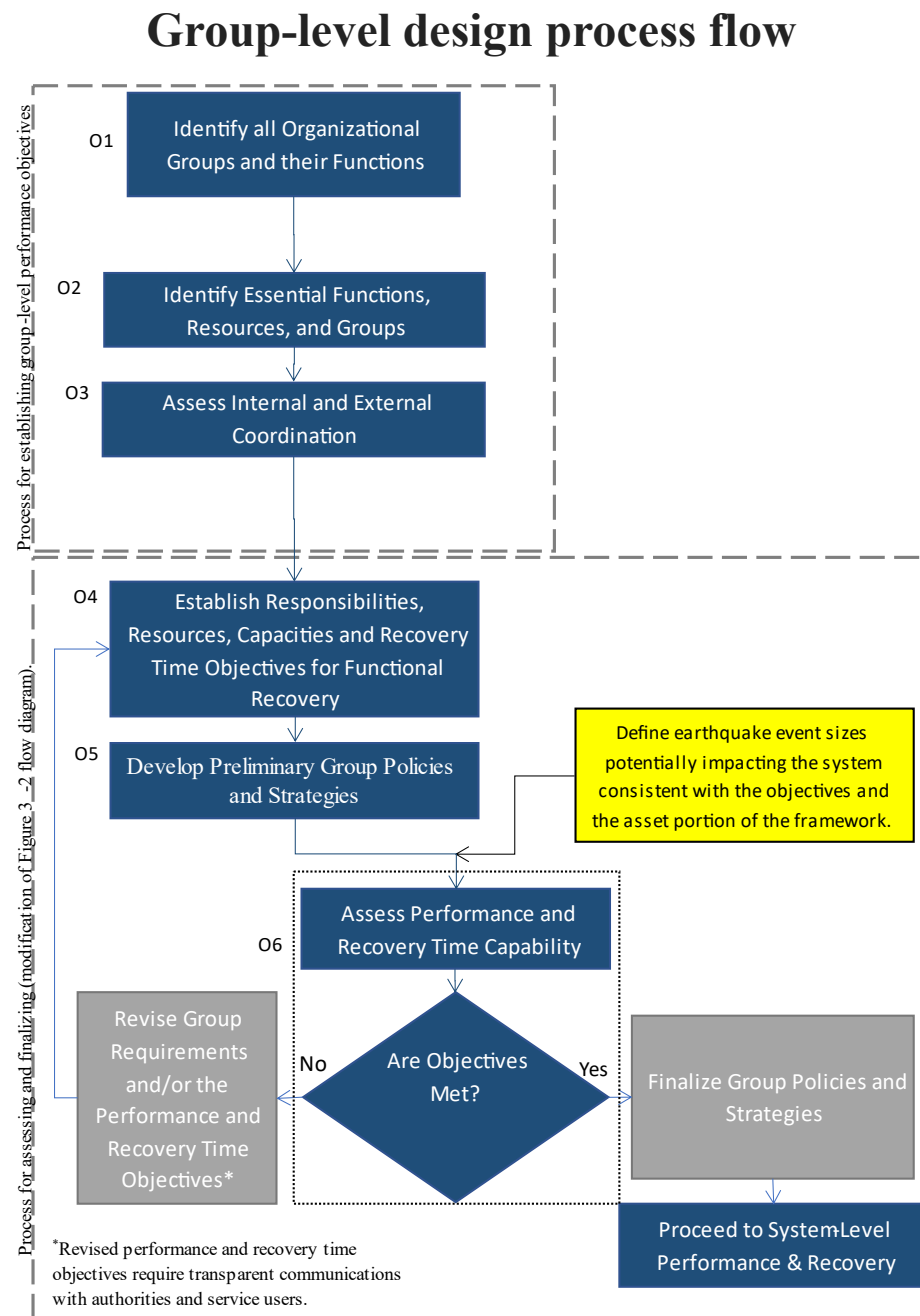
- The **System** is to be designed to meet targeted objectives
- Components** are designed to prepare the system to meet the targeted objectives

NIST (2024) Steps for Assets Framework



- Step A1: Define System Layout and Operational Characteristics
- Step A2: Define Criticality Category and Earthquake Design Basis for System Components
- Step A3: Check Multiple Use, Continuity, and Redundancy
- Step A4: Establish Component Objectives - Maximum Level of Damage and Repair Time
- Step A5: Identify Dependent Services
- Step A6: Develop Preliminary Design
- Step A7: Assess the Component Performance and Repair Time, Compare with Target Objectives
- Step A8: Identify Recovery Time Factors
- Step A9: Assess System Performance and Recovery Time
- Step A10: Compare System Assessment Results with Target Objectives
- Step A11: Report System Assessment Results

Organizational Actions Framework



See NIST SP 1310 for more description

- The **System** is to be designed to meet targeted objectives
- Group** policies and procedures are to prepare the system to meet the targeted objectives

NIST (2024) Steps for Organizational Actions Framework

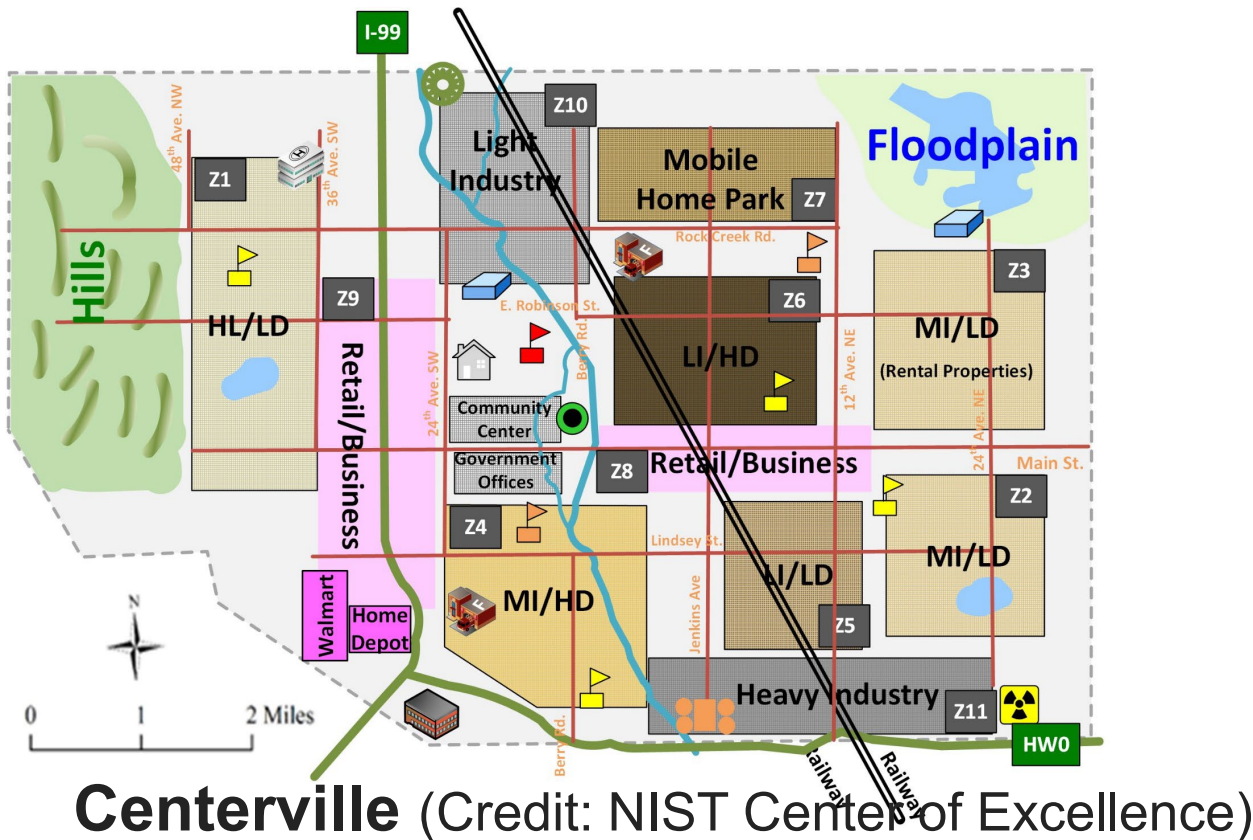


- Step O1: Identify Groups within the Organization and their Functions
- Step O2: Identify Organizational Essential Functions, Resources, and Groups
- Step O3: Assess Internal and External Coordination
- Step O4: Establish Responsibilities, Resources, Capabilities, and Recovery Time Objectives
- Step O5: Develop Group-Level Policies and Strategies
- Step O6: Assess Group Performance and Recovery Capability and Compare with Group's Target Objectives
- Step O7: Identify Recovery Time Factors
- Step O8: Assess System Performance and Recovery Time
- Step O9: Compare System Assessment Results with Target Objectives
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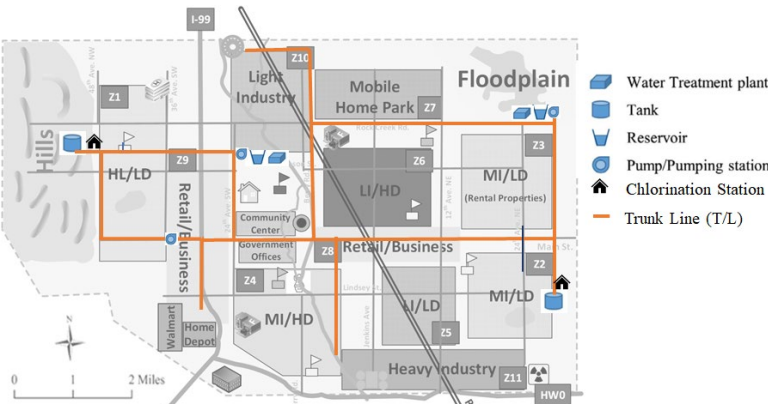
Example applications to Water, Wastewater, and Electric Power Systems - Hypothetical City

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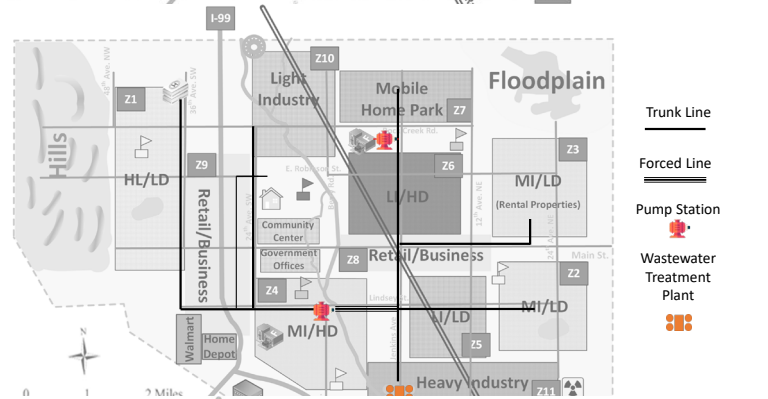
Shows how the framework is relevant to multiple lifeline infrastructure systems



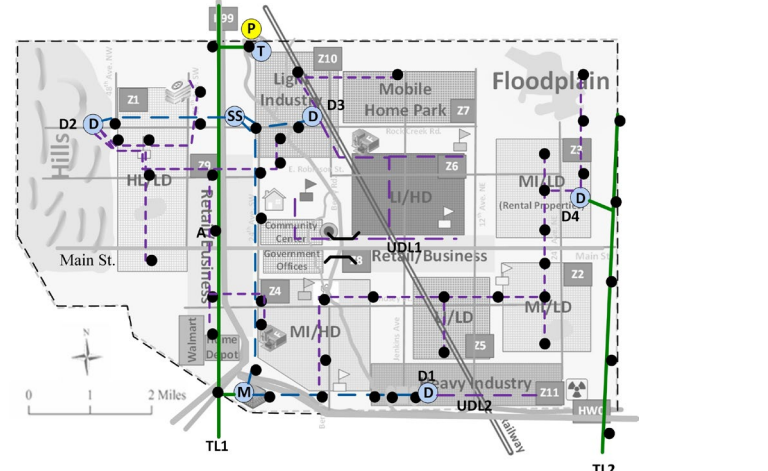
Water



Wastewater



Electric Power





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The background is a blue-tinted aerial photograph of a cable-stayed bridge. A large, thin white circle is centered on the bridge, framing the text. A white grid pattern is overlaid on the entire image.

Thank You

Strategies for Resilient Infrastructure

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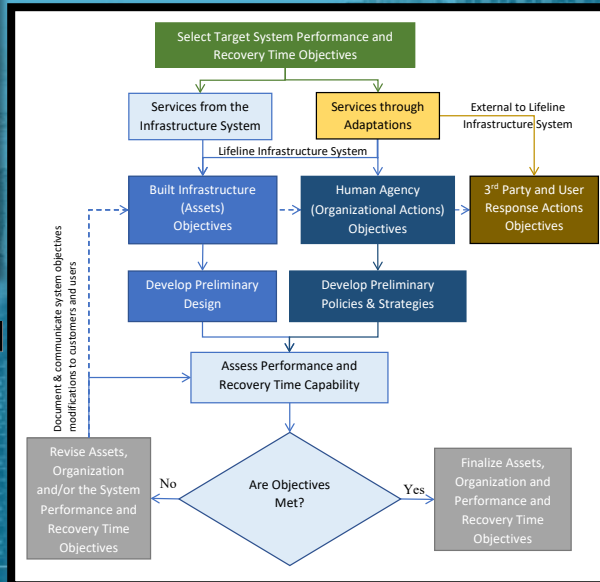
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The processes apply to all lifeline infrastructure systems

The format is set up to allow more detailed information to be created for each infrastructure system

The process is useful for establishing consistent performance-based procedures for every component within each system

Also:

To accomplish consistency there needs to be a common method for establishing service recovery time objectives for all infrastructure systems

Supply and Demand



Analytical Modeling

- hazard scenario
- system information
- dependencies
- parameters for measuring services

What can the system provide?

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What does the community need?

Community Engagement

- types of users
- types of uses
- availability of adaptations
- organizational actions
- consequences due to lack of services

ACTION PLAN

- enact policies
- mitigate assets
- establish organizational actions
- communicate
- ...iterate!



Future needs: MORE RESEARCH

- Hazard definition
- Component and system fragility
- Translating asset-level design to system-level performance
- Improved models for assets and organizational actions
- Interdependencies
- Post-disaster data collection
- Cost and time estimates for repairs
- Recovery time factors



Future needs:

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- There are currently no policies requiring lifeline infrastructure systems to be prepared to recover services in a timely manner following any major natural hazard event.
- Lifeline infrastructure systems are owned and operated by many different types of agencies and organizations.
- Lifeline infrastructure system owners and operators need to first commit to the concepts for functional recovery and then implement them over time.

Implementation



FIGURE 2: SUMMARY RESTORATION TIMELINES

Sector	Organization	Emergency Response		Short-term Restoration		Long-term Recovery		
		0 hours	72 hours	2 weeks	2 months	6 months	1 year	3 years
Electric Power	PG&E			+				
	SFPUC					+		
Fuel	Kinder Morgan ^{1,2}					+		
Communications	AT&T Wireless		+					
	Comcast				+			
	Verizon Wireless		+					
	SF Dept of Technology			+				
Highways & Local Roads	Caltrans ²							+
	Golden Gate Bridge					+		
	Public Works							
Potable Water	SFPUC							
Transit	MUNI							
	BART ²							
Natural Gas	PG&E							
Wastewater	SFPUC							
Solid Waste	Recology							
Port	Port of San Francisco							
Airport	SFO							
Firefighting Water (EFWS) ³	SFPUC	+						

FIGURE 5: SUMMARY INTERDEPENDENCIES TABLE

A. Lifeline Sectors											
Sector	Electric Power	Natural Gas	Water	Wastewater	Communications	Highways and Local Roads	Fuel	Transit	Solid Waste	Airport	Port
Electric Power											
Natural Gas											
Water											
Wastewater											
Communications											
Highways and Local Roads											
Fuel											
Transit											
Solid Waste											
Airport											
Port											
Firefighting Water (EFWS)											

None

No reliance on sector

Low

Minimal reliance on sector

Moderate

Large reliance on sector with significant backup available, or moderate reliance on sector with no back up available

Significant

Large reliance on sector with limited backup available

Reading the matrix across each row shows which sectors a particular sector relies on. For example, electric power has a significant reliance on natural gas but a low reliance on the Port.

Reading the matrix down each column shows which sectors rely on the designated sector. For example, a systems, except for EFWS have a significant dependence on electric power.



Thank You



Questions for the Panel