

# PDC

## PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**DATE:** January 9, 2008  
**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Bruce A. Warner, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Report Number 08-07  
Alternatives to Tax Increment for Financing Capital Projects.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED**

None – information only.

#### **SUMMARY**

Ken Rust, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Portland and Dan Bates, Director of Government Relations for the City of Portland will be in attendance to discuss with the Board the typical tools the City has at its disposal to fund capital projects, such as General Obligation Bonds, Local Improvement Districts, and other methods.

### **BACKGROUND**

On November 28, 2007 the PDC Board received a briefing on the upcoming budget development process for Fiscal Year 2008-09. At that time the Board expressed an interest in having a discussion on how the City finances capital projects that have relied more and more on tax increment resources. These include traditional public works projects such as transportation infrastructure and parks development, as well as more traditional urban renewal investments, such as housing and economic development and real estate.

Two variables contribute to the timeliness of this discussion:

1. January and February are the primary months for the development of the FY 2008-09 PDC Budget.
2. In March 2008, the Board will be considering amendments to the Westside urban renewal areas and the Lents urban renewal area. These actions will affect the short and long term availability of financial resources for PDC.