Clackamas Community College will begin developing a recommendation and completing due diligence to place a $90 million bond measure on the Nov. 4 ballot.

According to the CCC Board of Education’s direction to President Joanne Truesdell on Wednesday, the proposal would essentially continue the college’s current annual average tax rate of 19 cents per $1,000 of assessed value. Board of Education chairwoman Judith Ervin said the board is working to position the college for the next 50 years after CCC marks its 50th year of service in 2016.

“Our vision is to increase affordable education options and job training for high-demand careers by modernizing our facilities,” Ervin said.

CCC surveyed and interviewed more than 2,000 area residents in 2013 for the Imagine Clackamas community engagement process. Among the many lessons learned through the process was that people in the college district would like to see modernized facilities and equipment to meet the needs of the changing economy and workforce.

Based on that feedback, CCC undertook two studies of its facilities: a strategic assessment to determine educational and training needs of college programs and an appraisal of work needed to maintain current facilities for the public. All of this information was studied and considered by college faculty and staff to identify gaps in current facilities, learning spaces and equipment.

In January, independent research firm Nelson Report conducted research on behalf of CCC to assess support for a bond measure that would meet the needs of the college and the community while continuing the current average tax rate. The results of the January telephone survey of 382 people found that 64 percent of respondents favored the proposed $90 million bond measure.

The college will spend the next few months utilizing all the research, community and staff input, and facility assessments to define the projects that will best meet the identified needs. The president is expected to return to the board with a recommendation about the bond in July.