WAC 136-130-020 Priorities by project type. The county road administration board has determined that the interests of the counties in the several regions will be best served by encouraging development of distinct project priority rating systems for each region.

There shall be five project types eligible for RATA funding, with each having separate rating systems for project ranking and selection. The five project types include:

(1) Reconstruction - Emphasis on alignment and grade changes on 50 percent or more of the project length, and may include additional travel lanes and right of way costs.

(2) 3R - Resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation - Primary focus on extending the service life of existing facility involving less than 50 percent vertical or horizontal changes, and on safety improvements. Right of way costs are eligible for RATA reimbursement as a part of this project type.

(3) 2R - Resurfacing and restoration - Primary focus on restoration of the pavement structure on the existing vertical and horizontal alignment and spot safety improvements. Minor widening costs are allowed as a part of this project type. Right of way costs are not eligible for RATA reimbursement in this project type.

(4) Intersection - 3R or reconstruction work limited to the vicinity of an existing intersection, and may include additional travel lanes and right of way costs.

(5) Bridge and drainage structures - Replacement or major rehabilitation of an existing bridge or other drainage structure, and may include additional travel lanes and right of way costs. The bridge or drainage structure(s) cost must be a minimum of 50 percent of the overall project cost.

(a) All National Bridge Inventory (NBI) listed structures are eligible for replacement or rehabilitation. Rehabilitation is the major work required to restore the structural integrity of a bridge as well as work necessary to correct major safety defects.

(b) All non-NBI structures are eligible for replacement of the existing structure.

In consultation with the individual regions, the executive director shall approve the various forms and procedures necessary to allocate available RATA funding, consistent with RCW 36.79.080.

These project types shall be available for each region, and no regional sublimits shall apply for project types.

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