



**RULE-MAKING ORDER**  
(RCW 34.05.360)

**CR-103** (10/1/89)

Agency: County Road Administration Board Admin. Order 75

- Permanent Rule  
 Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: 1/26/90

(2) Purpose: Changes all references to 'county commissioners' to 'county legislative authority'; amends 'access road' to 'local access road'; corrects UAB reference to Transportation Improvement Board; removes original submittal date for submittal of priority programming technique; adds road inventory reference to WAC 136-60.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

- Repealed: none  
Amended: 136-14-010, -020, -030, -040, -050, -060  
Suspended: none

(4) Authority for adoption:

Statute: RCW 36.78.070  
Other Authority:

**(5.1) PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 90-01-030 on 12/12/89 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

None

**(5.2) EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.  
 (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes  No If yes, explain:

(6) Effective date of rule:

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* (if less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately  
 Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 16, filed 7/22/71)

WAC 136-14-010 PURPOSE. The requirement to develop and adopt both long range and short range programs as a prerequisite to road construction ~~((has-long-been))~~ is established by law. Numerous studies have shown that road construction needs far exceed available revenue. Priority programming is the development and application of techniques designed to rank any array of potential projects in order of importance to serve as a guide in assisting a county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority in the formulation of road programs. Priority programming procedures for counties ~~((much))~~ must be adaptable to a wide variety of situations.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 16, filed 7/22/71)

WAC 136-14-020 APPLICATION. Priority programming techniques shall be applied in the ranking of all potential projects on the arterial road system of each county. They may be applied to all arterial projects combined in a single group, or may be applied to individual functional classes of arterials and further subdivided into rural and urban systems if desired. Priority programming will not be required, but is recommended, for the local access road system.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 3388, filed 4/7/72)

WAC 136-14-030 TECHNIQUE. Each county engineer will be required to develop a priority programming technique tailored to meet the overall roadway system development policy determined by his ~~((board))~~ legislative authority. Items to be included and considered in the technique for roads shall include, but need not be limited to the following:

- (1) Traffic volumes;
- (2) Roadway condition;
- (3) Geometrics;
- (4) Matters of significant local importance.

The manner in which these various items are treated may vary from county to county. A number of acceptable priority programming techniques have been developed and may be used in whole or in part as a county technique.

Examples are:

- ~~((1))~~ 1. Advance road programs manual - National Association of County Engineers.
- ~~((2))~~ 2. Administrative guide to priority programming for county roads - Automotive Safety Foundation, 1962.
- ~~((3))~~ 3. Priority array for urban arterials - ~~((Urban-Arterial Board-1968))~~ Transportation Improvement Board.
- ~~((4))~~ 4. A study of the road system of Benton County - WSU, 1969.

Bridge priorities shall be established in accordance with WAC 136-20-060. Accident records may be considered where their use will make a legitimate contribution. A description of the priority programming technique to be used shall be submitted by each county engineer to the county road administration board ~~((no-later-than-April-1, 1972))~~.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 25, filed 1/27/75)

WAC 136-14-040 APPLICATION OF TECHNIQUE. The technique for roads shall be applied by the county engineer to all potential arterial projects in the county, and to local access road projects if directed by the ((board-of-county-commissioners)) legislative authority. The resulting priority array shall be updated not later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year and shall be consulted together with bridge priorities by the ((board-of-county-commissioners)) legislative authority and county engineer during the preparation of the proposed six year program ((on-which-hearing-is-to-be-held-prior-to-July-1-each-year)).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 25, filed 1/27/75)

WAC 136-14-050 CERTIFICATION. In order to assure that priority arrays were available and were consulted during the preparation of the proposed six year program each year, the resolution of adoption of such program by each ((board-of-county-commissioners)) legislative authority shall include assurances to this effect. A copy of the adopting resolution shall be forwarded to the county road administration board together with the six year program.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 16, filed 7/22/71)

WAC 136-14-060 INVENTORY RECORDS. Each priority programming technique will be based, at least in part, on existing road conditions. It is required, therefore, that in each county an adequate road inventory system be maintained. The inventory system shall be updated no later than ((March)) May 1 of each year to reflect work done and/or improvements made during the previous year, in accordance with requirements of chapter 136-60 WAC.