

TRANSMITTAL OF RULES ADOPTED

FROM: County Road Administration Board
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER
LEGISLATIVE BLDG (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)
Olympia 98501

The enclosed Permanent rules Emergency rules, being order No. 16
relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)

New Standard of Good Practice regarding priority programming

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. 3051 ^① filed with the code reviser
on 6/15/71 ^② were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this
(date)
agency at Olympia, Washington on 7/9/71 and are herewith
(place) (date)
filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04
RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be 7/9/71. ^③

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding that the immediate adoption of
these rules is necessary for the preservation of the public
health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the
requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on
the proposed action would be contrary to the public interest,
were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this agency at
_____ on _____ and are herewith filed in
(place) (date)
the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

Dated this 12 day of July 1971.

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County Road Administration Board
(AGENCY)

Ernest Gessler
By

Administrative Engineer
Title

- ① NOTICE NUMBER AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE NO. OF LAST NOTICE)
- ② STAMPED DATE AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE DATE OF LAST NOTICE)
- ③ UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER OR IS PRESCRIBED IN ANOTHER STATUTE, RULES ARE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER FILING: RCW 34.04.040. LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK EXCEPT IN SUCH SPECIAL CASES.

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

REGULATION NO. 16

REGULATION OF THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD
ESTABLISHING A STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE REGARDING
PRIORITY PROGRAMMING.

WHEREAS, Chapter 120, Laws of 1965, First Extraordinary Session, created the County Road Administration Board to formulate and adopt uniform and general practices relating to the administration of county roads for the several counties of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be a standard of good practice that all counties apply priority programming techniques in the ranking of all potential arterial road improvement projects. Now, therefore,

BE IT ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD:

Section 1. The standard of good practice regarding priority programming which is designated WAC 136-14, attached hereto, be and the same is hereby adopted and established for the county road departments in the several counties of the State of Washington.

Section 2. The standard as adopted hereby shall become effective immediately and shall be adhered to by all counties in the state.

Established and adopted by the Board this 9 day of July, 1971, at a hearing held pursuant to notice given as required by law.


Chairman

Chapter 14

STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE REGARDING PRIORITY PROGRAMMING

NEW 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 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 county commissioners in the formulation of road programs. Priority programming procedures for counties much be adaptable to a wide variety of situations.

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 access road system.

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. Items to be included and considered in each priority array shall include, but need not be limited to the following:

- (1) Bridge safety
- (2) Traffic volumes
- (3) Accident records
- (4) Roadway condition
- (5) Geometrics
- (6) 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) Advance Road Programs Manual - National Association of County Engineers.
- (2) Administrative Guide to Priority Programming for County Roads - Automotive Safety Foundation, 1962.
- (3) Priority Array for Urban Arterials - Urban Arterial Board 1968.

A description of the proposed technique shall be submitted by each county engineer to the County Road Administration Board no later than April 1, 1972.

WAC 136-14-040 APPLICATION OF TECHNIQUE. The priority programming technique shall be applied by the county engineer to all potential arterial projects in the county, and to access road projects if directed by the Board of County Commissioners. The resulting priority array shall be completed no later than June 1 of each off-numbered year and shall be consulted by the Board of County Commissioners and county engineer during the preparation of the proposed six year program on which hearing is to be held prior to July 1 of each off-numbered year.

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 odd-numbered year, the resolution of adoption of such program by each Board of County Commissioners 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.

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 1 of each year to reflect work done and/or improvements made during the previous year.