Submission of Six-Year Plans 479-13-010

The six-year construction programs for urban areas. The six-year construction programs of urban area cities and counties, respectively, by RCW 35.77.010 and 36.81.121, shall be divided into two sections:

1) The basic six-year construction program for the following six years, based upon estimated revenues other than proposals for urban arterial trust funds for new projects.

2) A separate section of the six-year construction program setting forth proposals, if any, for urban arterial trust funds for new projects to begin in the following biennial period.

The separate section of the six-year construction program setting forth proposed new projects utilizing urban arterial trust funds shall be considered as supplemental to the basic six-year construction program and shall not contain duplicate projects: Provided, That the same project may appear in both the basic and supplemental six-year construction programs if:

1) The local agency intends to construct the project with other funds if urban arterial trust funds are not approved.

2) The total dollar amount of the basic six-year construction program approximates estimated revenues available for construction for the following six-year period.

Upon urban arterial board approval of any new project for financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account, such project shall be amended into the basic six-year construction program.

The separate portion of the six-year construction program, setting forth new project proposals for urban arterial trust account funding, shall be listed in order of their priority in the following manner:

1) Federal urban area cities and counties shall divide arterials by functional class and list in order of their priority as provided for by RCW 47.26.220.

2) Nonfederal urban area cities shall list all proposals in order of their priority.

The local agency shall evaluate its arterials by utilizing the criteria outlined in RCW 47.26.220 which covers the following:

1) The structural ability to carry loads.

2) Capacity to move traffic.

3) Alignment and related geometrics.

4) Accident experience.

5) Fatal accident experience.

The urban arterial board will provide the agency with a listing of arterial deficiencies based on the information contained in the long-range plan as last updated by the agency. This information can be used to fulfill the requirement stipulated in RCW 47.26.220.

The requested urban arterial trust funds to improve the project shall correct the deficiencies found on the project list to the following:

1) The local name of arterial.

2) Arterial number.

3) Local government’s priority number. (Federal urban area cities and counties within functional class)

4) Length in miles.

5) Description of proposed work.

6) Estimate of total cost of project.

7) Status of urban arterial trust funds. (proposed or approved)
(8) Total requested urban arterial trust funds for the project.

(9) Inventory data regarding existing geometric, structural, accident and traffic conditions.

(10) Written acknowledgement, from each adjacent city, county and department of highway district office, that it has had an opportunity to evaluate, prior to the public hearing thereon, the preparing agency's proposed six-year construction program requesting urban arterial trust funds for proposed new projects if such proposed new projects affect the specified unit of government. Such acknowledgement shall be for the purpose of proposing related arterial improvement projects, in order to contribute to the goal of an integrated and coordinated arterial and highway system and shall not indicate approval or disapproval of the preparing agency's six-year construction program. The preparing agency may provide evidence of delivery of a copy of its proposed six-year construction program by certified mail to each adjacent agency if written acknowledgement of evaluation by such adjacent agency cannot be obtained within fifteen days from the date of mailing.

Inventory data for each proposed project shall be prepared under the supervision of a registered engineer in the state of Washington.

A copy of the basic six-year construction program shall be submitted to the urban arterial board along with a copy of the resolution of the city or county adopting such program. The separate section of the six-year construction program, setting forth new project proposals for urban arterial trust account funding, shall be submitted to the urban arterial board on forms provided by the board and shall be accompanied by a copy of the resolution of the city or county adopting the separate section of the six-year construction program: Provided, That if the city or county does not desire to propose new projects for urban arterial trust fund assistance, the only submission to the urban arterial board shall be a written statement to that effect. [Statutory Authority: Chapter 47.26 RCW. 84-11-014 (Order 84-01, Resolution Nos. 818 and 819), § 479-13-010, filed 5/9/84; Order 462, § 479-13-010, filed 9/16/77; Order 318, § 479-13-010, filed 4/22/74; Order 131, § 479-13-010, filed 3/10/70; Order 65, § 479-13-010, filed 9/10/68.]

WAC 479-13-060 Accelerated development urban arterial projects. Preliminary proposals and related construction projects initially authorized by the urban arterial board after the close of the 1977-1979 biennium for financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account shall be selected for authorization on the basis of the administering agency's projected ability to place the proposed project under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of initial authorization. The scope of the preliminary or construction prospectus shall specifically address the type of improvement that will correct the deficiencies for which the project was selected. The prospectus shall also address the cumulative effect of other deficiencies considering design standards and project life. The board shall evaluate the project scope and may reduce the project scope if, in the board's opinion, the scope exceeds that necessary to improve the specific deficiencies, applicable design standards, and address unique local considerations. The following factors relative to each project, in addition to other factors required by law, shall be evaluated:

(1) Each project having an estimated total project cost of less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be evaluated on the basis of the following factors and any problems noted shall be resolved prior to project authorization:

(a) Availability and source of matching funds;

(b) Engineering capacity. Adequate in-house engineering capacity shall be available to permit each project authorized to be engineered without retarding development of other public works projects or the administering agency shall indicate that consulting engineering services will be obtained without delay;

(c) Right of way. Right of way acquisition required for each project authorized shall be minor in nature, or the administering agency shall provide a definitive plan for acquisition in order that all right of way or right of prior entry may be obtained prior to placing the project under contract for construction;

(d) Interrelationships with other agencies, railroads or utilities. Any interrelationships that, on the basis of previous experience may be expected to cause project delays, shall be evaluated and a definitive plan, including concurrence from the involved agency, railroad or utility, shall be available;

(e) Community reaction. Any community opposition, whether known or expected to materialize, shall be evaluated for its projected effect upon project development;

(f) Other factors. Other factors known to the agency that will affect the agency's ability to place the project under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of project authorization.

(2) No urban arterial project which exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in total estimated project cost shall be considered for authorization by the board unless specifically requested by the administering local agency. The administering agency shall address itself to the same factors that are specified in subsection (1) of this section and which demonstrate that the project can be placed under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of project authorization. The urban arterial board shall, in each case in which there is doubt concerning the ability of the local agency to place the project under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of authorization, require preparation and submission of a detailed CPM or PERT time schedule reflecting scheduled development of the project.

The urban arterial board shall review the written reply concerning each proposed project and the verbal representations of an official of the administering agency, and shall not authorize any project if one or more of the factors listed above are not resolved so that the project cannot, in the urban arterial board's judgment, be placed under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of authorization. Any
project proposed to be developed in stages shall be capable of having at least seventy-five percent of the project, when evaluated in dollar terms, under contract for construction within the eighteen month period.

Each city or county administering an accelerated development project shall provide project development data on a monthly basis to the urban arterial board in such form as is requested to permit a continuing review of project progress.

Any preliminary proposal or construction project that is authorized for development as an accelerated development project shall be subject to immediate cancellation at any time, if actual development in the judgment of the urban arterial board, fails behind the rate of development required to permit the project to be placed under contract for construction within eighteen months of the date of authorization.

(3) The project agreement for each preliminary proposal project authorized by the urban arterial board shall include a recognition and agreement on the part of the administering local agency or agencies that urban arterial trust funds provided by chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and section 13, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 ex. sess., chapter 5, Laws of 1979, as now or hereafter amended, have reached a status of total obligation and that:

(a) The full, normal ninety percent matching funds from the urban arterial trust account may not be available for all projects; and

(b) The administering local agency or agencies is/are required to plan and design each project in such a manner as to permit its development in phases with the first phase being a usable improvement as approved by the urban arterial board; and

(i) Able to be developed with available urban arterial trust account and local matching funds; or

(ii) That the administering local agency or agencies agree(s) to pay additional project costs with other funds and that such funds will be available for the construction of the project being developed with the available financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account.

(4) Prospectuses for construction projects that relate to preliminary proposals initially authorized by the urban arterial board for financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account shall be required to be accompanied by the following information demonstrating the readiness of the construction project to be placed under contract for construction.

(a) A certification from the legislative body or other designated responsible official, of the administering agency or agencies, that an environmental impact analysis has been conducted and an environmental impact statement or negative declaration of environmental impact, as appropriate, has been circulated pursuant to chapter 43.21C RCW, and that the results have been utilized in arriving at the decisions reflected in the prospectus for the construction project.

(b) A certification from the legislative body that the project is completely designed and ready to be advertised for bids for construction except as provided below:

(i) If the project is not completely designed and ready to be advertised, the legislative body may submit a time schedule detailing all significant items of work remaining to be accomplished, and an explanation of the feasibility of accomplishing such items of work in sufficient time to permit the construction project to be placed under contract for construction within eighteen months from the date of urban arterial board authorization of financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account for the related preliminary proposal.

(ii) If any right of way remains to be acquired, a statement of the extent of the time period to be allowed for right of way negotiations and a firm date, not more than fifteen months from the date of urban arterial board authorization of the preliminary proposal, by which condemnation authorization will be considered and approved by the legislative body. If more than fifteen months have elapsed since date of authorization of the related preliminary proposal by the urban arterial board, a condemnation ordinance must have been approved and passed by the legislative body of jurisdiction prior to submission of the prospectus for the construction project.

(c) The date when the project will be advertised for bids for construction.

(d) Each construction project prospectus shall identify changes between the scope of work of the proposed construction project and the construction work contemplated in the current six-year construction program and the preliminary project prospectus and provide an explanation and justification for such changes.

(e) The amount of urban arterial trust funds authorized in total for the preliminary proposal and the construction project shall normally be the amount requested for the total project in the current six-year construction program.

(f) Requests for authorization of urban arterial trust funds for construction projects in:

(i) Federal urban areas shall be considered in the sequence in which the construction projects within each functional class of arterial within each region are, as defined by urban arterial board rules, ready to be placed under contract for construction. In the event that two or more projects in the same functional class of arterial within the same region are proposed for construction project funding at the same urban arterial board meeting, the request for urban arterial trust funds for the construction projects shall be considered in the priority sequence within functional class of arterial within region in which the related preliminary proposals were approved.

(ii) Rural incorporated cities shall be considered in the sequence in which the construction projects within each region are, as defined by urban arterial board rules, ready to be placed under contract for construction. In the event that two or more projects in the same region are proposed for construction project funding at the same urban arterial board meeting, the request for urban arterial trust funds for the construction projects shall be considered in the priority sequence within region
in which the related preliminary proposals were approved.

A specific, maximum amount of urban arterial trust funds for each construction project shall be authorized by the urban arterial board and shall be added to any remaining authorization of urban arterial trust funds for the preliminary proposal to establish the total authorized amount of urban arterial trust funds for each total project.

(g) The ten percent, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, increase in urban arterial trust funds authorized to be approved by the chairman by WAC 479-20-036 may be approved, for those projects for which financial assistance from the urban arterial trust account is provided in two phases, only after the construction proposal has been approved by the urban arterial board. [Statutory Authority: Chapter 47.26 RCW. 84-11-014 (Order 84-01, Resolution Nos. 818 and 819), § 479-13-060, filed 5/9/84; 79-08-139 (Order 79-01, Resolution Nos. 596, 597 and 598), § 479-13-060, filed 8/1/79.]

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UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Chapter 480-08 WAC
PROCEDURE

WAC 480-08-050 Pleadings. (1) Pleadings enumerated. Pleadings before the commission shall be formal complaints, petitions, answers, replies, and motions.

(2) Verification. All pleadings, except motions and complaints brought upon the commission's own motion, shall be verified in the manner prescribed for verification of pleadings in the superior court of Washington.

(3) Time for motion. Any motion directed toward a complaint or petition must be filed before the answer is due, otherwise such objection must be raised in the answer. If a motion is directed toward an answer, it must be filed before the reply is due, otherwise such objection must be raised in the reply. If a motion is directed toward a reply, it must be filed within ten days after service of the reply.

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