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WAC 136-01-010 Purpose and membership. The county road administration board is a nine member board, organized under the provision of RCW 36.78.010 through 36.78.110 for the purpose of establishing and administering:

(1) Standards of good practice for county road administration within the counties of the state;

(2) The rural arterial program established by chapter 36.79 RCW; and

(3) The county arterial preservation program established by RCW 46.68.095(4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.050 and [36.78].060. 92-13-036 (Order 86), § 136-01-010, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-071 (Order 71), § 136-01-010, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 9, § 136-01-010, filed 10/22/68.]

WAC 136-01-020 Appointment of executive director. The county road administration board shall appoint an executive director who shall be the chief administrative officer of the board and shall be responsible for carrying out the policies adopted by the board. The executive director shall be exempt from the provisions of the state civil service law, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.050 and [36.78].060. 92-13-036 (Order 86), § 136-01-020, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92; Order 9, § 136-01-020, filed 10/22/68.]

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WAC 136-02-010 Purpose. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to the directions of chapter 43.21C RCW (SEPA) and chapter 197-10 WAC (CEP) guidelines interpreting and implementing SEPA. The adoption of this chapter is deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of chapter 43.21C RCW and chapter 197-10 WAC.

[Order 30, § 136-02-010, filed 8/3/76.]

WAC 136-02-020 Statement of exempt activities. The board has reviewed its authorized activities and found them all to be exempt under chapter 43.21C RCW and CEP guidelines, WAC 197-10-170 (4), (7), (8), (11), (12), and (17). This statement is adopted in accordance with WAC 197-10-800(4).

[Order 30, § 136-02-020, filed 8/3/76.]

WAC 136-02-030 Implementation of SEPA and CEP guidelines. Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.120(3) and WAC 197-10-800(1) each county is required to adopt its own rules, ordinances, or resolutions governing the implementation of SEPA consistent with CEP guidelines. All "actions" of the individual counties shall be processed in accordance with such adopted rules, ordinances, or resolutions, then in accordance with WAC 197-10-900(2).

[Order 30, § 136-02-030, filed 8/3/76.]

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Chapter 136-03 WAC
PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RECORDS

WAC 136-03-010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules for compliance by the Washington county road administration board (CRAB) with the provisions of RCW 42.17.250 through 42.17.340 dealing with public records. This chapter describes the CRAB board and the places at which, the employees from whom, and the methods whereby persons may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain copies of agency decisions. Other chapters in Title 136 WAC describe the general course and method of the CRAB board’s operations and the nature and requirements of all of its formal and informal procedures. For a description of the CRAB board’s organization, see chapter 136-01 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-020 Public records officer. The CRAB board’s public records officer shall be the confidential secretary to the CRAB board. The public records officer shall be officed at 2404 Chandler Ct. S.W., Suite 240, Olympia, Washington. The public records officer shall be responsible for:

1. Implementation of RCW 42.17.250 through 42.17.340 and these rules and regulations regarding release of public records;
2. Coordinating staff efforts of the CRAB board in this regard; and
3. Ensuring compliance of the CRAB staff with RCW 42.17.250 through 42.17.340 and these regulations.

The public records officer shall establish and maintain the index system required by RCW 42.17.260(4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-030 Public records available. All public records of the CRAB board not exempted by RCW 42.17.310, or other statute which exempts or prohibits disclosure (see RCW 47.17.260(1)), shall be available for public inspection and copying pursuant to these rules.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-040 Requests for public records. Public records of the CRAB board shall be obtainable by persons who comply with the following procedures:

1. A written or oral request for public records shall be addressed to the public records officer. Such request shall include the following:
   a. The name of the person requesting the records (requestor).
   b. The calendar date on which the request was made.
   c. If the requested records are referenced in the current index maintained by the CRAB board, a reference to the requested record as it is described in such current index.
   d. If the requested records are not referenced in the CRAB board’s current index, a statement that identifies the specific records requested.
   e. Where the requested records might be used for such a purpose, a verification that the records requested shall not be used to compile a commercial sales list.
2. The public records officer shall inform the requestor whether and when the requested records will be available for inspection or copying at 2404 Chandler Ct. S.W., Suite 240, Olympia, Washington. If the requestor asks that the records be mailed to him or her, the public records officer shall do so, provided the records can be copied and sent without unreasonably disrupting the operations of the CRAB board, as provided in RCW 42.17.270.
3. When it appears that a request for a record is made by or on behalf of a party to a lawsuit or a controversy to which the CRAB board is also a party (or when such a request is made by or on behalf of an attorney for such a party) the request shall be referred to the assistant attorney general assigned to the CRAB board for appropriate response.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-050 Availability for public inspection and copying of public records—Office hours. Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during the normal business hours of the CRAB board. For the purposes of this chapter, these normal business hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-060 Inspection and copying costs. (1) No fee shall be charged for inspection of public records.
2. The CRAB board shall impose a reasonable charge for providing copies of public records and for the use by any person of agency equipment to copy records; such charges shall not exceed the amount necessary to reimburse the CRAB board for its actual costs incident to such copying. Actual costs shall include:
   a. The labor and overhead costs of staff associated with responding to the request;
   b. Computer and/or copying machine costs and overhead; and
   c. Paper and/or other duplicating medium costs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.]

WAC 136-03-070 Protection of public records. In order to protect the CRAB board’s records from damage or disorganization:

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(1) Copying of public documents shall be done by CRABoard personnel or, in the discretion of the CRABoard, under their supervision.

(2) No document shall be physically removed by a requestor from the area designated by the CRABoard for the public inspection of documents. The CRABoard may require that all inspection be done in the presence of a CRABoard employee.

(3) When a requestor requests to examine an entire file or group of documents, as distinguished from certain individual documents which can be identified and supplied by themselves, the CRABoard shall be allowed a reasonable time to inspect the file to determine whether information protected from disclosure is contained therein, and the CRABoard shall not be deemed in violation of its obligation to reply promptly to requests for public documents by reason of performing such inspection.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340, 92-13-037 (Order 87), § 136-03-070, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92.]

WAC 136-03-080 Denial of request. Each denial of a request for a public record shall be accompanied by a written statement to the requestor clearly specifying the reasons for denial, including a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record, and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld. Such statement shall be sufficiently clear and complete to permit the director or his or her designee to review the denial in accordance with WAC 136-03-090.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340, 92-13-037 (Order 87), § 136-03-080, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92.]

WAC 136-03-090 Review of denial of public records request. (1) Any person who objects to the denial of a request for a public record may petition the public records officer for prompt review of such decision by tendering a written request for review. The written request shall specifically refer to the written statement by the public records officer or other staff member which constituted or accompanied the denial.

(2) If the public records officer decides to affirm the denial, then the written request for review shall immediately be referred to the assistant attorney general assigned to the CRABoard. The assistant attorney general shall promptly consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial. In any case, the request shall be returned with a final decision within two business days following the original denial.

(3) Administrative remedies shall not be considered exhausted until the public records officer has returned the petition with a decision or until the close of the second business day following denial of inspection, whichever occurs first.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340, 92-13-037 (Order 87), § 136-03-090, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92.]

WAC 136-03-100 Records index. (1) The CRABoard shall have available to all persons at its offices in Olympia a current index which provides identifying information as to the following records:

(a) All records issued before July 1, 1990, for which the CRABoard has maintained an index;

(b) Final orders entered after June 30, 1990, that are issued in adjudicative proceedings as defined in RCW 34.05.010(1) and that contain an analysis or decision of substantial importance to the CRABoard in carrying out its duties;

(c) Declaratory orders entered after June 30, 1990, that are issued pursuant to RCW 34.05.240 and that contain an analysis or decision of substantial importance to the CRABoard in carrying out its duties;

(d) Interpretive statements as defined in RCW 34.05.010(8) that were entered after June 30, 1990;

(e) Policy statements as defined in RCW 34.05.010(14) that were entered after June 30, 1990; and

(f) Minutes of CRABoard meetings.

(2) The system of indexing shall be as follows:

(a) The indexing system shall be administered by the CRABoard's public records officer and shall be located at 2404 Chandler Ct., S.W., Suite 240, Olympia, Washington.

(b) Copies of all indexes shall be available for public inspection and copying in the manner provided for the inspection and copying of public records.

(c) The public records officer shall establish and maintain a separate index for each item contained in subsection (1)(a) through (f) of this section as follows:

(i) All final orders and declaratory orders determined by the CRABoard to contain analyses or decisions of substantial importance to the CRABoard shall be listed alphabetically by the titles of the hearing or controversy and shall contain a phrase describing the important issue or issues.

(ii) Interpretative statements and policy statements shall be indexed by the applicable program administered by the CRABoard.

(iii) CRABoard minutes shall be indexed chronologically.

(d) The public records officer shall update all indexes at least once a year and shall revise such indexes when deemed necessary by the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340, 92-13-037 (Order 87), § 136-03-100, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92.]

WAC 136-03-110 Availability. The current indexes promulgated by the CRABoard shall be available to all persons under the same rules and on the same conditions as are applied to public records available for inspection.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 42.17.250 through 42.17.340, 92-13-037 (Order 87), § 136-03-110, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/11/92.]

Chapter 136-04 WAC

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

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WAC 136-04-010 Purpose. The county road administration board hereinafter referred to as the board, is authorized to transmit to the state treasurer certificates of good practice, hereinafter referred to as certificates, on behalf of the counties which during the preceding calendar year have reasonably complied with provisions of law relating to county road administration and with the standards of good practice as formulated and adopted by the board or to issue conditional certificates. This standard of good practice sets forth a procedure to be followed by the board in the issuance and revocation of such certificates.

[Order 31, § 136-04-010, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-010, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-020 Inquiry by the board. The county road administration engineer shall formulate a questionnaire for use by the counties designed to demonstrate to the board their level of compliance with pertinent laws and regulations. The proposed questionnaire shall be reviewed and approved by the board at its first meeting of each calendar year and may be revised and modified from year to year to reflect changes in statutory and regulatory requirements. The approved questionnaire shall be distributed to all counties no later than fifteen days after said meeting.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-020, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 24, § 136-04-020, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-030 Response by the county. Each county engineer shall complete the questionnaire, certify as to its accuracy, have it approved by the county legislative authority or the county executive, and shall return it to the board no later than April 10.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-030, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-11-014 (Order 65), § 136-04-030, filed 5/12/87; Order 24, § 136-04-030, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-040 Review by the board. The county road administration engineer shall receive the completed questionnaires and prepare a report for the board regarding the level of each county’s compliance with pertinent laws and regulations. The board shall review the engineer’s report at its second regular meeting of each calendar year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-040, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 24, § 136-04-040, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-050 Certificate of good practice. The board shall transmit a certificate to the state treasurer prior to May 1st of each year on behalf of those counties found to be in reasonable compliance with provisions of law relating to county road administration and with the standards of good practice as formulated and adopted by the board.

[Order 31, § 136-04-050, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-050, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-055 Revocation of certificate of good practice. Whenever the board finds that a certificate a county fails to meet the requirements of such certification, the board may revoke the previously issued certificate, or substitute a conditional certificate therefor, in the manner provided in WAC 136-04-080 and 136-04-090.

[Order 31, § 136-04-055, filed 12/16/77.]

WAC 136-04-060 Conditional certificate of good practice. Whenever the board finds that a county has failed to be in reasonable compliance with provisions of law or standards of good practice, the board may transmit to the state treasurer on behalf of such county a conditional certificate, in the manner provided in WAC 136-04-080 and 136-04-090. Any such conditional certificate shall be issued subject to terms and conditions as deemed by the board to be appropriate, and will authorize continued distribution to such county of all or a designated portion of its share of motor vehicle fuel taxes. A copy of such conditional certificate shall be sent to the legislative authority of the county on whose behalf it was issued. One of the conditions of such conditional certificate shall be a review by the board at a subsequent meeting of the situation which caused its issuance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-060, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 31, § 136-04-060, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-060, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-070 Review of conditional certificates. At a designated subsequent meeting, the board shall receive a report from the county road administration engineer pursuant to each conditional certificate. The board shall issue a certificate upon finding that the county has complied or is diligently attempting to comply with the terms and conditions of the conditional certificate. If the board finds that the county has not satisfied or is diligently attempting to comply with the terms and conditions required by the conditional certificate, it may, in the manner provided in WAC 136-04-080 and 136-04-090 (a) continue such conditional certificate for further review, (b) modify such conditional certificate, or (c) revoke such conditional certificate.

[Order 31, § 136-04-070, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-070, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-080 Notice of pending revocation or substitution. The board shall not consider revocation of a certificate or substitution of a conditional certificate or adverse modification of a conditional certificate for any county unless written notice of hearing thereon shall have been given to the legislative authority or county executive at least two weeks prior to the board meeting at which such revocation, substitution or modification is to be considered. Such notice shall include an invitation for representation by the county at such hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-080, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 31, § 136-04-080, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-080, filed 10/31/74.]

WAC 136-04-090 Hearing on revocation or substitution. At the time appointed for the hearing, the board shall receive a report from the county road administration

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engineer detailing those laws or regulations with which the county is not in reasonable compliance, or those terms and conditions of the conditional certificate which the county has failed to meet. The board shall provide opportunity for presentation of written and/or oral testimony on behalf of the county and may thereafter (a) continue or modify a conditional certificate (b) substitute a conditional certificate for a certificate or (c) revoke either the certificate or conditional certificate.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-090, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 31, § 136-04-090, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-090, filed 10/31/74.]

**WAC 136-04-100 Revocation of certificate.** Upon revocation of a certificate or a conditional certificate by the board, notice thereof shall be given to the state treasurer and to the legislative authority or county executive of the affected county. If any certificate is revoked without a conditional certificate being substituted therefore, the board shall review the affected county’s(ies’) compliance with pertinent laws and regulations at each subsequent regularly scheduled board meeting until such time as the board finds that the county has reasonably complied or is diligently attempting to comply with such laws and regulations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-072 (Order 72), § 136-04-100, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 31, § 136-04-100, filed 12/16/77; Order 24, § 136-04-100, filed 10/31/74.]

**Chapter 136-10 WAC**

**DUTIES OF COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER—COMMISSIONERS**

**WAC 136-10-010 Purpose.** The laws of the state of Washington have established the powers and duties of the county legislative authority in relation to roads and bridges, and the qualifications and duties of the county road engineer. Their purpose is to designate the county road engineer as the chief administrative officer of the county road department. The formal relationship between the legislative authority and its county road engineer must be adequately defined to assure an efficient and productive road department operation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-073 (Order 73), § 136-10-010, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 6, § 136-10-010, filed 6/12/68.]

**WAC 136-10-020 Duties of county legislative authority.** Certain specific powers and duties are set forth in RCW 36.75.040, 36.75.050, 36.80.010, 36.81.121 and 36.81.130. In addition to specific statutory duties the legislative authority shall have the duty to develop written policies regarding county road department operation for the information and guidance of the engineer.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-073 (Order 73), § 136-10-020, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 6, § 136-10-020, filed 6/12/68.]

**WAC 136-10-030 Duties of the county road engineer.** The various duties and responsibilities of the engineer are set forth in chapter 36.80 RCW. In addition to these specifically defined duties the engineer shall be guided by written policies regarding county road department operation as promulgated by the county legislative authority.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-073 (Order 73), § 136-10-030, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 6, § 136-10-030, filed 6/12/68.]

**WAC 136-10-040 Organization of county road department.** It shall be the county road engineer’s duty to organize the road department in accordance with policy of the county legislative authority into such departments, divisions, districts or units as may be necessary to meet statutory requirements and to perform such additional services as may be directed by policy of the legislative authority.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-073 (Order 73), § 136-10-040, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 6, § 136-10-040, filed 6/12/68.]

**WAC 136-10-050 Written policy.** In order to implement the requirements of this chapter, the county legislative authority shall develop and by resolution adopt written policy covering any matters relating to road department operation as they may see fit. Certain specific matters enumerated herein must be covered by such policy to wit:

1. Policy regarding organization. A chart or pictorial representation showing in detail the interrelationship of all positions in the road department from the county legislative authority through all employees. The chart shall clearly show the complete line of command throughout the entire organization. Copies of such chart shall be prominently posted in the office of the county road engineer and road department shops in such a manner that it will be readily available to all road department employees and the general public.

2. Policy regarding personnel practices. A complete written statement of all policy relating to the personnel of the road department including but not limited to recruitment, appointment, promotion, dismissal, hours of work, overtime, annual leave, sick leave, military leave, holidays, classification, union relationship where applicable, and general work rules. Copies of such statement shall be prominently posted in the office of the county road engineer and road department shops in such a manner that it will be readily available to all road department employees and prospective employees.

3. Policy regarding handling of complaints. A written statement setting forth a method by which complaints from the general public related to any road department activity will be handled. The purpose is to assure that each county will have an orderly procedure to assure that citizen complaints receive prompt attention.

4. Policy regarding approval of work for other public agencies and county departments. A written statement to supplement chapter 136-32 WAC including but not limited to the following:

   a. Statement of intent indicating whether or not the legislative authority will accept requests for work for other public agencies or other county departments.

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MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

WAC 136-11-010  Purpose.  The laws of the state of Washington specify in RCW 36.80.030 that the county road engineer shall have supervision, under the direction of the county legislative authority, of maintaining all county roads of the county.  The purpose of this standard of good practice is to recognize that the majority of road maintenance activities can be planned, scheduled and accomplished in a predetermined manner which will result in improved economics of operation, public safety and welfare, and preservation of investment of county roads:  Provided, however, That this standard of good practice shall not be mandatory and shall not be considered in the issuance of certificates of good practice.

WAC 136-11-020  Goal.  This standard of good practice is intended to encourage each county road engineer to apply basic management principles to road maintenance activities and to set forth specific goals and objectives relative to the results to be achieved.

WAC 136-11-030  Objectives.  For the guidance and information of the engineer developing a maintenance management program the following objectives merit serious consideration:

(1) To provide, annually, opportunities for key personnel to receive initial training or refresher training in the principles of maintenance management.

(2) To develop countywide maintenance standards or levels of service for each major maintenance activity.

(3) To develop standards of performance for individuals and work crews setting forth both the quality and quantity of results anticipated.

(4) To prepare an annual maintenance program for adoption coincident with the annual budget and construction program which is to identify resource requirements in terms of manpower, equipment and materials, and the costs of each.

(5) To schedule, on an annual basis, major maintenance activities based on available budgeted maintenance funds so as to achieve an optimum balance of resources in the available time.

(6) To develop, and annually update, a long range equipment replacement program encompassing all major road department equipment so as to meet the equipment demands of the maintenance program.

(7) To establish an information reporting system capable of compiling data needed to allow comparison of actual performance with established performance standards and budgetary constraints.

(8) To discuss, at least biennially, with appropriate supervisory personnel the data regarding utilization of manpower, equipment and materials so as to assure the lowest attainable unit cost for each maintenance activity.

(9) To provide adequate information to all maintenance personnel regarding goals and objectives of the county’s maintenance management program.

(10) To explore and evaluate new techniques, products, equipment and ideas which show promise of significantly improving performance or decreasing cost in any segment of the maintenance management effort.

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STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE—VACANCY IN POSITION OF COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER

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WAC 136-12-010 Purpose. The laws of the state of Washington make detailed provisions in chapter 36.80 RCW, for the employment of a county road engineer in each county. This chapter specifies that he shall be employed full time: Provided, That in eighth and ninth class counties he may be employed on a part-time basis and may be the county engineer of another county; that he shall be a registered and licensed professional civil engineer under the laws of this state; that he shall have supervision, under the direction of the county legislative authority, of all activities related to the county roads of the county, including maintenance; that he shall certify to the legislative authority all bills with respect to county roads; that he shall keep complete public records of all road department activities; that he shall prepare plans and specifications for all construction work on the county road system. Since it is unavoidable that vacancies will occur from time to time in the position of county road engineer, the following policy has been formulated to cover an interim period.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.080. 90-07-074 (Order 74), § 136-12-010, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 13, § 136-12-010, filed 12/26/69; Regulation 1, § 136-12-010, filed 12/13/67.]

WAC 136-12-020 Procedure during vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the office of county road engineer due to resignation, retirement, death or for any other reason, the legislative authority shall take immediate steps to find a replacement, either by promotion from within the organization if a competent and eligible person is available, or by advertisement for, and interview of, qualified applicants. The legislative authority or county executive shall immediately notify the county road administration board of the vacancy, and of the procedure to be followed during the period of vacancy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.080. 90-07-074 (Order 74), § 136-12-020, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Regulation 1, § 136-12-020, filed 12/13/67.]

WAC 136-12-030 Acting county engineer. If for any reason, it is impossible to employ a new county road engineer immediately, the county legislative authority shall designate, by resolution, the assistant county road engineer, or other road department employee, as the acting county road engineer for an interim period, not to exceed six months, except as provided in WAC 136-12-060. A copy of such resolution shall be forwarded to the county road administration board.

If the assistant county road engineer or other road department employee is a Washington state licensed professional civil engineer and is appointed as the acting county road engineer during the interim period, said acting county road engineer shall perform all the duties of the county road engineer as specified in chapter 36.80 RCW.

If the acting county road engineer or other road employee is not a licensed professional civil engineer, the legislative authority shall designate a licensed professional civil engineer to perform all engineering services during the interim period as required by chapter 18.43 RCW, and the acting county road engineer shall perform only those functions of the office not requiring a professional civil engineer's license.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.080. 90-07-074 (Order 74), § 136-12-030, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Order 25, § 136-12-030, filed 1/27/75; Order 1, § 136-12-030, filed 7/17/68; Regulation 1, § 136-12-030, filed 12/13/67.]

WAC 136-12-060 Failure to comply with ruling. When the county legislative authority has made final arrangements for the employment of a new county road engineer meeting the requirements of chapter 36.80 RCW the county road administration board shall be notified accordingly. If no such notification is received within six months of the beginning of the vacancy, the matter of the vacancy will be considered at the next regular meeting of the county road administration board. The county road administration board may require that all day labor construction projects be shut down and/or that all distribution of gas tax funds to the county shall cease: Provided however, That it may grant reasonable extensions of the interim period in the event the affected county can give adequate proof that a diligent effort has been made to secure the services of a qualified engineer. If the vacancy continues to exist at the end of an extended interim period, the suspension of funds and cessation of day labor projects shall become mandatory. The acting county road engineer shall continue to perform the duties of the county road engineer until such time as the vacancy is filled.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.080. 90-07-074 (Order 74), § 136-12-060, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90; Regulation 1, § 136-12-060, filed 12/13/67.]

WAC 136-12-070 County engineer in eighth and ninth class counties. When the legislative authority of an eighth or ninth class county chooses to employ a county road engineer on a part-time basis the terms of such employment shall be set forth in a contract adopted by resolution of the legislative authority. Such contract shall specify, but need not be limited to: Statement of legal responsibility, salary or wage arrangements, meetings with the legislative authority, travel expenses and relationship with regular employees. A copy of such resolution and contract shall be forwarded to the office of the county road administration board.

When the legislative authority chooses to contract with another county for services such contract shall be approved by resolution of both legislative authorities. Such contract shall specify, but need not be limited to: Statement of legal responsibility, salary or wage arrangements, meetings with the legislative authority, travel expenses and relationship with regular employees. A copy of the contract and both resolutions shall be forwarded to the office of the county road administration board. Any such contract shall be in accordance with the procedures of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 39.34 RCW.
WAC 136-12-080 Assistant county engineer in eighth and ninth class counties. When a legislative authority of an eighth or ninth class county chooses to employ a licensed professional civil engineer on a part-time basis or contract with another county for the services of its licensed professional civil engineer, it shall designate by resolution a full time employee as assistant county engineer. In such cases, the designated assistant county engineer shall perform the day to day supervision of the road department under the county engineer in accordance with policies established by the legislative authority.

Chapter 136-14 WAC
STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE—PRIORITY PROGRAMMING

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136-14-010 Purpose.
136-14-020 Application.
136-14-030 Technique.
136-14-040 Application of technique.
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WAC 136-14-010 Purpose. The requirement to develop and adopt both long range and short range programs as a prerequisite to road construction 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 legislative authority in the formulation of road programs. Priority programming procedures for counties must 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 local 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 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. Advance road programs manual - National Association of County Engineers.
3. Priority array for urban arterials - Transportation improvement board.

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.

WAC 136-14-030, filed 1/27/75; WAC 136-14-040, filed 1/27/75; WAC 136-14-050, filed 1/27/75; WAC 136-14-060, 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 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 legislative authority and county engineer during the preparation of the proposed six year program.

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 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.

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 May 1 of each year to reflect work done and/or improve-
Chapter 136-15 WAC
PROCEDURES FOR PREPARATION OF SIX-YEAR ROAD PROGRAMS

WAC
136-15-010 Purpose. The laws of the state of Washington (RCW 36.81.121) require the preparation and annual updating of a six-year comprehensive road program. The program shall be adopted by the county legislative authority before July 1 of each year and shall include all anticipated road and bridge construction projects, capital ferry expenditures, paths and trails projects and any other specified capital outlays for the following six-year period. The purpose of this chapter is to implement these statutory requirements with assurance that the program is based on a realistic assessment of available funding during the program period.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-010, filed 7/25/88.]

136-15-020 Contents of six-year program. Each adopted six-year program shall designate the six-year time period included, the name of the county, the OFM-assigned county number, the date(s) of the public hearing held to provide public input to the program, the date of the adoption by the legislative authority and the adopting resolution number. The adopted six-year program for submittal to CRAB shall consist of two parts: (1) A road fund revenue and expenditure analysis for the six-year time period and (2) a program listing of specific projects.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-020, filed 7/25/88.]

136-15-030 Road fund revenue and expenditure analysis. The road fund revenue and expenditure analysis shall include the county’s best estimates of future road fund revenues and expenditures over each year of the six-year program period. The anticipated revenues should include a line item for motor vehicle fuel tax, the road levy after diversion, federal transportation program grants (by program), TIB funds, RATA funds, RID funds, public works trust fund loans, state forest funds, federal forest funds, and other miscellaneous revenues. The anticipated road fund expenditures should include line items for administration, maintenance, facilities, transfers and loan repayments, reimbursable work and miscellaneous expenditures; showing by subtraction the amount available for construction during each year of the program period.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-030, filed 7/25/88.]

136-15-040 Program listings of specific projects. This listing shall include projects having an estimated cost approximately equal to the anticipated revenues for projects during the program period, clearly identifying those projects (1) for which funding is reasonably assured; (2) for which funds are not specifically assured but are within expected levels of existing programs for the applicable year; and (3), if desired, those which are unfunded within currently anticipated resources. Because of the possibility of unforeseen future circumstances at the time of approval of the six-year program, the above construction funding classification for any project shall not be considered final, but only an indication of the relative certainty of the various proposed projects.

It is recommended that provision be made in the program for one or more generic projects each year for improvements such as miscellaneous safety projects, new culvert and small bridge construction and other minor improvements.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-040, filed 7/25/88.]

136-15-050 Adoption and submittal of six-year program. A six-year program shall be adopted by resolution of the county legislative authority after appropriate public hearing before July 1 of each year. The resolution of adoption shall include reference to availability of a priority array as required by WAC 136-14-050, and of an engineer's bridge condition report as required by WAC 136-20-060. Within 30 days of adoption, the county legislative authority shall submit the six-year program to the county road administration board.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-050, filed 7/25/88.]

136-15-060 Conflicts with WSDOT and TIB authority. Nothing in this rule shall eliminate or modify any requirements or procedures or authorities of either the Washington state department of transportation or the transportation improvement board as codified in the Revised Code of Washington or as adopted in the Washington Administrative Code.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-16-017 (Order 68), § 136-15-060, filed 7/25/88.]

Chapter 136-16 WAC
PROCEDURES FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAMMING FOR COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

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136-16-010 Submission of recommended annual road program.
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Annual Road Programming

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WAC 136-16-010 Submission of recommended annual road program. The county engineer shall submit a recommended annual program to the county legislative authority on the first meeting in July or at such other time as may be specified pursuant to RCW 36.40.071. The program shall include recommendations for all construction projects and all equipment purchases for the ensuing year. The legislative authority shall consider the recommended program and make any revisions deemed necessary.

WAC 136-16-018 Adoption of annual program. The legislative authority shall adopt a final annual program at any time prior to the adoption of the budget.

WAC 136-16-020 Contents of annual program. The adopted annual program shall include, but not be limited to (1) a line item for estimated preliminary engineering costs, (2) a line item for estimated right of way acquisition costs; and (3) a listing of all proposed construction work for the year giving a very brief description of the work, the name, number and functional classification of the road, an estimate of the total cost of each project, including construction engineering but excluding preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition, and a notation as to whether construction work on each project is to be done by contract or day labor or both. When a project involves both contract and day labor work the estimate shall be divided to show the estimated cost of each type of work. The sum of all construction costs shall be approximately equal to the amount included in the road fund construction budget for construction work. All construction projects shall be shown, regardless of funding source, including any projects previously authorized and under way on which expenditures are anticipated during the program year. Projects previously authorized on which construction work is contemplated shall also be listed showing the estimated costs of work during the program year.

WAC 136-16-022 Day labor limit. The statutory day labor limit shall be computed in the following manner:

1. When the sum of all construction costs is in excess of four million dollars the day labor limit is eight hundred thousand dollars or fifteen percent of said sum, whichever is greater.

2. When the sum of all construction costs is in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars and less than four million dollars the day labor limit is five hundred twenty five thousand dollars or twenty percent of said sum, whichever is greater.

3. When the sum of all construction costs is in excess of five hundred thousand dollars and less than one million five hundred thousand dollars the day labor limit is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or thirty five percent of said sum, whichever is greater.

4. When the sum of all construction costs is less than five hundred thousand dollars the day labor limit shall be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, unless the legislative authority, by resolution, elects the alternate procedure. When such alternate procedure is chosen, an individual project limit of thirty-five thousand dollars shall apply, and each project shall be administered in accordance with chapter 136-18 WAC.

WAC 136-16-025 Miscellaneous and alternate projects. The adopted program may include an item for miscellaneous unspecified projects in a dollar amount not to exceed ten per cent of the total. The adopted program may also include a separate section for alternate projects which shall be listed in the same manner as required for regular program projects. No construction work shall be done on any alternate project until it has been authorized by resolution. Said resolution shall clearly identify the project as an alternate project, and shall specify which project or projects are being deferred or deleted in order that adequate funding be available for the alternate.

WAC 136-16-030 Requirements of listing equipment. The annual program shall also include a list of all major equipment purchases contemplated for the year, together with the estimated costs thereof. The total estimated cost of all equipment listed shall be approximately equal to the amount budgeted for equipment purchase in the annual equipment rental budget. The equipment list may include an item for miscellaneous minor equipment in any amount up to 10% of the estimated total cost. The list may also include a list of alternate or additional items of equipment totalling up to 15% of the basic list cost to allow for unforeseen conditions.

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WAC 136-16-040 Forwarding of program. A copy of the adopted annual program and appropriate resolution shall be forwarded to the county road administration board within 30 days of its adoption but not later than December 31 of each year.

[Order 21, § 136-16-040, filed 4/19/73; Regulation 2, § 136-16-040, filed 12/13/67.]

WAC 136-16-042 Modification of program. The adopted final program may not be changed, revised or increased except by unanimous vote of the members of the legislative authority who are present when the vote is taken. Such modifications shall be by resolution of the legislative authority listing each changed, revised or added project. A copy of each such resolution shall be forwarded to the county road administration board within thirty-days of its adoption.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-076 (Order 76), § 136-16-042, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 80-09-084 (Order 38), § 136-16-042, filed 7/22/80; Order 29, § 136-16-042, filed 8/3/76; Order 21, § 136-16-042, filed 4/19/73.]

WAC 136-16-050 Annual construction report. At any time prior to April 1 of the year following the program year, the county engineer shall submit an annual construction report to the county road administration board. The construction report shall show actual expenditures for all construction work including construction engineering done during the previous budget year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-07-076 (Order 76), § 136-16-050, filed 3/21/90, effective 4/21/90. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 80-09-084 (Order 38), § 136-16-050, filed 7/22/80; Order 29, § 136-16-050, filed 8/3/76; Order 21, § 136-16-050, filed 12/13/67.]

Chapter 136-18 WAC
ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY CONSTRUCTED PROJECTS

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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODED IN THIS CHAPTER

WAC 136-18-010 Purpose. The laws of the state of Washington [(RCW 36.77.065)] provide that construction on county roads may be done by contract[,] and/or day labor[. The purpose of this standard of good practice is to assure that all day labor construction work is accomplished within statutory limitations.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 80-16-019 (Order 39), § 136-18-010, filed 10/29/80; Order 27, § 136-18-010, filed 1/27/76.]

Reviser's note: RCW 34.05.395 requires the use of underlining and deletion marks to indicate amendments to existing rules, and deems ineffectual changes not filed by the agency in this manner. The bracketed material in the above section does not appear to conform to the statutory requirement.

WAC 136-18-020 Definitions. For purposes of implementing the requirements of RCW relative to day labor construction work, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Construction - the building of a new road facility or improvement of an existing facility to a higher geometric or structural standard.

(2) Day labor construction - construction work performed by personnel carried on the county payroll using county owned, leased or rented equipment.

(3) Authorization date - the date that construction is authorized.

(4) Start of construction - the date that construction work commences.

(5) End of construction - the date that construction work is completed[.]

(6) Completion date - the date on which a county road project is closed in the accounting records[.] 

(7) Estimated construction costs - the county engineer's estimate of the cost of contemplated construction work, not including preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition costs[.]

(8) Estimated project costs - the county engineer's estimate of the cost of engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction[.]

(9) True and complete construction costs - the accounting record of all construction costs attributed to a county road project from the authorization date to the completion date[.]

(10) True and complete project costs - the accounting record of all engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction costs attributed to a county road project from the authorization date to the completion date[.]

(11) Day labor county road project - day labor construction authorized by action of the county legislative authority in those counties where the total construction budget is less than five hundred thousand dollars and the legislative authority has by resolution elected to perform day labor construction in an amount not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars on any one project. The following types of construction will normally have sufficient independent utility to constitute separate projects within the meaning of RCW 36.77.065[.]

(12) Special day labor county road project - day labor construction which will result in a facility with independent utility, authorized by action of the county legislative authority in those counties where the total construction budget is less than five hundred thousand dollars and the legislative authority has by resolution elected to perform day labor construction in an amount not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars on any one project. The following types of construction will normally have sufficient independent utility to constitute separate projects within the meaning of RCW 36.77.065[.]

Type II[.] Roadway construction - a project which includes units of work or classes of work such as clearing, grading, drainage, base, gravel surfacing, traffic and pedestrian services (except street lighting and electrical traffic control

[Title 136 WAC—page 12]
WAC 136-18-030  [Authorization of projects.] Every proposed day labor county road project and special day labor county road project shall be a part of the county's annual construction program as defined in RCW 36.81.130 and WAC 136-16-020. Additions to the program, and/or substitutions in the program, may be made by unanimous action of the county legislative authority at any time as provided in RCW 36.81.130. No construction work shall be done on any project until it has been authorized by resolution of said authority. The resolution shall include (a) [a] brief description of the project, (b) a vicinity map showing the location of the project and its limits, provided that in lieu of individual vicinity maps, a single vicinity map showing the location of all projects may be included with the resolution adopting the annual program, (c) identification of the project in terms of the officially adopted annual program, (d) the county road engineer's estimate of construction costs prepared pursuant to the completion of such preliminary engineering and construction plans as shall be necessary and sufficient.

WAC 136-18-060  Project records. All project cost records shall be kept in the manner prescribed by the BARS manual. Records of quantities shall be kept in a manner consistent with original project estimates. The project records shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following: (a) Dated authorizing resolution, (b) vicinity map showing project location and limits, (c) county road engineer's estimate, (d) affidavit of preconstruction publication required by RCW 36.77.070, (e) documentation of start and end of construction dates, (f) affidavit of post-construction publication showing true and complete project cost.

WAC 136-18-064  Preconstruction publication requirements. The preconstruction publication required by RCW 36.77.070 may be made at any time subsequent to the adoption of the annual road construction program by the county legislative authority, but no later than the commencement of day labor on the project or projects. The publication shall include a brief description of each project and the county engineer's estimate of each project cost showing right of way acquisition, preliminary engineering, contract work (if any) and work by day labor.

WAC 136-18-070  Records to CRAB. Each county engineer shall submit to CRAB a copy of each resolution authorizing a special day labor county road project whose estimated construction cost exceeds 75 percent of the day labor limit. Upon completion of each of these projects, or no later than March 1 of the succeeding year, the county engineer shall furnish to CRAB a copy of the record of true and complete construction costs. On any project where true and complete construction costs have exceeded the statutory day labor limit, the engineer shall also provide to CRAB an explanation of the circumstances resulting in such over-expenditure.

WAC 136-18-080  Review by CRAB. The CRAB engineer shall have authority to investigate cases of apparent violations and shall prepare a listing of all special day labor projects for which actual expenditures have exceeded the statutory day labor limit during the previous calendar year for review by the county road administration board at its quarterly meeting in April.

WAC 136-18-090  Action by CRAB. Determination by the county road administration board that a violation of RCW 36.77.060 has occurred shall be cause for issuance of a conditional certificate of good practice by the board on behalf of the county in which the violation occurred. The first condition of such a conditional certificate of good practice shall be that the county be required, at the next regular or special meeting of the county road administration board, to show cause why a certificate of good practice should not be denied to that county. Immediate notification of the board's findings shall be given to the highway commission for further possible action pursuant to RCW 47.08.100.

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[Title 136 WAC—page 13]
WAC 136-20-010 Purpose. Bridges of many kinds are an integral part of every county road system. The safety and adequacy of these bridges is of vital importance to the traveling public. A program of regular periodic inspection and reporting is necessary to fully inform each county legislative authority regarding the condition and adequacy of all bridges.

WAC 136-20-020 Inventory. Each county road engineer shall have available in his office a complete inventory of all bridges on the county road system. The inventory shall list the location of each bridge by the state road log number and appropriate milepoint, and shall include such other information as the engineer deems necessary. In addition, all data required for the state of Washington inventory of bridges and structures (SWIBS) data base system as maintained by the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) shall be submitted to the WSDOT local programs bridge engineer on appropriate forms furnished or otherwise approved by the WSDOT.

WAC 136-20-030 Inspection. Each county road engineer shall be responsible for all routine and special inspections of all bridges on the county road system in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) as promulgated and periodically revised by the WSDOT local programs office. The county road engineer shall note the date of all inspections and any changes since the previous inspection on the SWIBS form and submit all such forms to the WSDOT local programs bridge engineer within ninety days of each inspection.

WAC 136-20-040 Certification. Prior to April 1 of each calendar year, WSDOT assistant secretary for local programs will provide CRAB the following:

1. A listing on a county-by-county basis of all county bridges which have not had a regular SWIBS inspection report submitted within the previous thirty months; and

2. A listing on a county-by-county basis of all county bridges which have not had a required special inspection report submitted within six months after the required inspection date; and

3. A listing of all counties which are not in compliance with the requirements of the National Bridge Inspection Standards and the status of efforts toward achieving such compliance.

Any county which is not in compliance with the NBIS or has a bridge or bridges on any of the above listings shall be assumed to be not in compliance with bridge inspection procedures.

WAC 136-20-050 Failure to comply. Failure of a county to be shown in compliance with required bridge inspection procedures may be cause for the county road administration board to withhold a certificate of good practice on behalf of that county.

WAC 136-20-060 Engineer's report. Each county road engineer shall furnish the county legislative authority with a written resume of the findings of the bridge inspection effort. This resume shall be made available to said authority and shall be consulted during the preparation of the proposed six year program revision. The resume shall include the engineer’s recommendations as to replacement, repair or load restriction for each deficient bridge. The resolution of adoption of the six year program shall include assurances to the effect that the engineer’s report with respect to deficient bridges was available to said authority during the preparation of the program.

Chapter 136-24 WAC
STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE—UNIFORM BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

WAC 136-24-010 Budget and accounting system.

WAC 136-24-010 Budget and accounting system. In accordance with RCW 43.09.200, the state auditor has formulated and prescribed a uniform system of accounting and reporting for all counties. The state auditor has prescribed forms and types of records to be maintained by the county engineers as required by RCW 36.80.060 with the advice and assistance of the county road administration board.

[Title 136 WAC—page 14]
The budgeting, accounting, reporting system for counties and cities and other local governments (BARS) shall be used for all county road department budgeting, accounting and reporting beginning with the 1973 budget and its associated accounting and reporting requirements.

[Order 20, § 136-24-010, filed 11/1/72; Regulation 3, § 136-24-010, filed 12/13/67.]

Chapter 136-28 WAC
STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE—COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING OF COUNTY ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS

WAC
136-28-010 Purpose.
136-28-020 Procedure.
136-28-030 Coding detail.

WAC 136-28-010 Purpose. The National Highway Safety Act of 1966 requires that all states, in cooperation with their various local governments, collect, compile and make reports to the National Highway Safety Bureau of Accident Statistics in each state. In order to implement this requirement the county road administration board has acted to coordinate the activities of the county engineers and the state patrol. Each county engineer is now requested to cooperate in this effort by following the procedure outlined below.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-17-076 (Order 79), § 136-28-030, filed 8/16/90, effective 9/16/90; Order 5, § 136-28-030, filed 4/23/68.]

WAC 136-28-020 Procedure. The state patrol collects accident reports from all law enforcement agencies and receives accident reports from individual drivers. Periodically, the state patrol will send or deliver to the county engineer's office in each county reports concerning accidents occurring on county roads in that county.

The county engineer will analyze each report and indicate within the appropriate spaces on the report the county number, the county road number, the milepoint and, if applicable, the road number of the intersecting county road at which the accident occurred. The county engineer shall also indicate in the appropriate space as to whether the location is rural or urban.

The coded reports will be returned to the records section of the state patrol within two weeks of receipt.

Should the county engineer determine any accident report location is not on a road contained within the latest county road log, he shall return the accident report, uncoded, with a transmittal letter indicating the appropriate jurisdiction such as private road, state highway, city street, other state agency, federal agency, etc.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-17-076 (Order 79), § 136-28-020, filed 8/16/90, effective 9/16/90; Order 5, § 136-28-020, filed 4/23/68.]

WAC 136-28-030 Coding detail. (1) The county number shall be that particular number assigned to each county by the state office of financial management for county identification purposes.

(2) The county road number shall be that particular five-digit number, including both leading and trailing zeros if applicable, assigned to each county road according to the county's latest county road log. No local names or numbers or FAS numbers shall be used in coding.

(3) The milepoint shall be determined as accurately as practicable from a comparison of information on the accident report with the latest county road log.

(4) Accidents at an intersection with a state highway will be coded by the state department of transportation.

(5) To ensure uniformity, accidents at the intersection of any two county roads shall be coded to a road in the following priority order:

(a) The road with the higher functional class;
(b) The road that is the through route;
(c) The road with the lowest road number.

(6) Accidents on roads and/or intersections with dual city-county or county-county responsibilities shall be coded in general accordance with the procedures outlined herein based on a mutual understanding between the several jurisdictions involved.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-17-076 (Order 79), § 136-28-030, filed 8/16/90, effective 9/16/90; Order 5, § 136-28-030, filed 4/23/68.]

Chapter 136-32 WAC
STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE—WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES BY THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

WAC
136-32-010 Purpose.
136-32-030 Procedure—Interdepartmental.
136-32-040 Records.

WAC 136-32-010 Purpose. A county road department may perform work for other public agencies and for other county departments only as authorized by statute. The term public agency, shall include all municipal corporations and all subdivisions of government for which a county road department may legally perform services. Complete written documentation of all road fund expenditures on behalf of other public agencies and county departments, whether reimbursable or not, is necessary in order to meet statutory and audit requirements.

[Order 15, § 136-32-010, filed 7/30/70; Order 7, § 136-32-010, filed 6/12/68.]

WAC 136-32-020 Procedure—Public agencies. An appropriate written agreement approved by the legislative body of both the county and the requesting agency shall precede any work by the county road department for the agency. The terms of such agreement shall satisfy the requirements of RCW 35.77.020 ct. seq., 36.75.200 ct. seq., chapter 39.34 RCW and/or any other appropriate legislative requirement. Such agreement may be for a specific item of work and/or any work during a specific period of time, or it may be a general agreement for a long time period to be supplemented by individual requests for specific items of work.
6/12/68.

WAC 136-32-030 Procedure—Interdepartmental. All work to be performed by the county road department for other departments of the county shall be done in accordance with the policy of the county legislative authority regarding approval of work for other public agencies and county departments as required under WAC 136-10-050(4).

[WAC 136-32-400 Records. The county engineer shall maintain appropriate records of all agreements for work requested by other public agencies and of all approved interdepartmental requests. He shall keep complete fiscal records of all such work in the same manner as prescribed for normal road department activity.

[Order 7, § 136-32-040, filed 6/12/68.]

Chapter 136-40 WAC STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE—ACCOMMODATION OF UTILITIES ON COUNTY ROADS

WAC

136-40-010 Purpose.
136-40-020 Contents.
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136-40-040 Existing policies.
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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER


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Chapter 136-40

WAC 136-40-010 Purpose. In order to effectively administer its authority to:

1. Grant utility franchises and permits on county roads as provided in chapter 36.55 RCW;
2. Exercise overall responsibility for county roads and bridges as provided in chapter 36.75 RCW; and
3. Exercise its police power; each county legislative authority shall adopt a generally applicable written policy ("utility policy") to provide administrative, procedural, and technical guidance for the installation, replacement, adjustment, relocation, and maintenance of all above and below ground utilities and other transmission or transport facilities located within all county road rights of way.

WAC 136-40-020 Contents. Each utility policy shall, at a minimum:

1. Address all public and private utilities and other transmission or transport facilities which are installed, replaced, adjusted, relocated and/or maintained within the county road right of way pursuant to franchises, permits, and/or exemptions from the permit process including but not limited to electric power, telephone, television, telegraph, communication, water, gas, all petroleum products, steam, chemicals, sewage, drainage, and irrigation;
2. Include general standards and requirements for the location, design, and construction of each utility;
3. Incorporate a written permit process for all utility work not exempted by the provisions of the utility policy, and specify exemptions from such permit process, if any;
4. Include specific requirements for underground utilities which shall include location and alignment, depth of burial and cover, encasement, marking, appurtenances and related installation procedures;
5. Include specific requirements for above ground utilities which shall include location and alignment and vertical clearances;
6. Include specific requirements for all utilities which shall include aesthetic/technical considerations, installations on roadway bridges and structures, site restoration and cleanup, traffic control and public safety, and both normal and emergency repairs.

The county road administration board shall, upon request, provide any county a copy of a model utility policy. The model utility policy will meet the minimum requirements of this chapter and may be amended as necessary to meet the specific needs of a county.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070. 90-22-081 (Order 80), § 136-40-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90; Order 18, § 136-40-010, filed 7/22/71.]
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WAC 136-40-030 Adoption and submittal. Each county legislative authority shall formally adopt, no later than December 31, 1992, a utility policy regarding accommodation of utilities on county road rights of way that includes all the requirements enumerated in WAC 136-40-020. A copy of such utility policy shall be forwarded to the county road administration board by January 31, 1993.

WAC 136-40-040 Existing policies. Counties with existing utility policies shall not be required to meet the requirements of WAC 136-40-030 unless the existing utility policy (1) has not been formally adopted by the county legislative authority, and/or (2) is not in substantial conformance with the content requirements of WAC 136-40-020.

WAC 136-40-050 Updates, amendments, and modifications. Should any existing, adopted utility policy be updated, amended, or otherwise modified, said action shall be formally accomplished by the county legislative authority. A copy of the officially adopted, updated, or modified utility policy shall be forwarded to the county road administration board within thirty days of such adoption.

WAC 136-40-060 Conflicts with state and federal requirements. Nothing in this section shall eliminate or modify any requirements, procedures, or authorities of the Washington state department of transportation, the Washington utilities and transportation commission, the Federal Highway Administration or any other state or federal agency.

Chapter 136-60 WAC

MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROAD LOGS

WAC
136-60-010 Purpose.
136-60-020 Definitions.
136-60-030 Submittal of annual updates.
136-60-040 Validation of annual updates.
136-60-050 Validation requirements for control fields.
136-60-060 Utilization of common computer data base.

WAC 136-60-010 Purpose. Section 1(2) chapter 120, Laws of 1985, provides that the county road administration board (CRABoard) shall maintain the county road log for the purpose of computing estimated county road replacement costs and estimated annual maintenance costs for county fuel tax allocations. It further provides that each county shall submit changes, corrections, and deletions (i.e., "updates") to the CRABoard which in turn are subject to validation prior to inclusion in the road log maintained by the CRABoard. This WAC chapter describes the manner in which the CRABoard will administer this responsibility.

WAC 136-60-020 Definitions. For purposes of implementing procedures for updating, validating and maintaining the county road log, the following definitions shall apply:

1. County road log - the listing, by county, of all roads under county jurisdiction including their description, length, milepost identification, functional class, surface type, traffic volume, and other administrative and physical inventory items that may be included.
2. Computer data base (CDB) - the computer data base software by which the county road log data is updated and maintained by all counties and the CRABoard.
3. Updates - periodic changes to the county road log involving any or all of the included data elements
4. Control fields - those fields within the county road log for which all updates need to be verified by the CRABoard prior to inclusion in the master county road log. Control fields are only those utilized for the computation of gas tax allocations in accordance with RCW 46.68.120.
5. Master county road log - the combination of all county road logs as kept by the CRABoard containing all updates (including validation of control fields) as of July 1 of each year.

WAC 136-60-030 Submittal of annual updates. Each county shall be responsible for maintaining current information regarding its road log and, no later than May 1 of each year, submit an updated road log as of January 1 for its complete road system. This annual update must be on the computer-readable medium written in the computer database program format as prescribed by the CRABoard. All updates involving changes in control fields must include supporting documentation as required in WAC 136-60-050.

WAC 136-60-040 Validation of annual updates. All control field updates will be subject to review, approval and acceptance (i.e., "validation") by the CRABoard. This process will involve reviewing the submitted documentation and conducting spot-checks as may be necessary. All such updates which are reviewed, approved and accepted by July 1 of each year will be entered into the master county road log. Noncontrol field updates will be entered into the master county road log file without review. The master county road log as of July 1 of each year will be utilized by the CRABoard for general informational purposes and, on each odd-numbered year, for computation of motor vehicle fuel tax allocations to the counties.

WAC 136-60-050 Validation requirements for control fields. Each update of a road log segment that involves a change in a control field (including additions or deletions of road segments) will be validated by the
CRBoard. Documentation necessary to support the following control field changes is as follows:

Functional class - notice of FHWA approval from WSDOT.

Pavement type - statement signed by county engineer with list of pavement type changes. A suitable scale map showing the limits of the change(s) must also be included.

Responsible agency - see requirements under "Addition of mileage" and "Deletion of mileage".

Addition of mileage - statement signed by county engineer describing the circumstances of the addition. For example, additions can occur through commissioner approval of new plat, construction/reconstruction on new alignment, or a change in jurisdiction. Appropriate map(s) showing the changes must also be included.

Deletion of mileage - statement signed by county engineer describing the circumstances of the deletion. For example, deletions can occur through vacations or a change in jurisdiction. Appropriate map(s) showing the changes must also be included.

Traffic volume - statement signed by county engineer with list of segments affected by change in traffic volume. A statement is required only if it involves road segments with urban classification and with an ACP or PCC surface type and it involves a volume change crossing the 5000 ADT value.

All maps furnished in support of control field changes will be forwarded by the CRBoard to WSDOT for future map base updates.

WAC 136-60-060 Utilization of common computer data base. Each county shall utilize a common computer data base for the maintenance and updating of its county road log. This data base shall be prescribed by the CRBoard and each county shall be responsible for the purchase and installation of the requisite software on its own IBM or IBM-compatible microcomputer.

WAC 136-100-010 Purpose. Section 19(5), chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. (the act), provides that the county road administration board (CRBoard) shall administer the rural arterial program (RAP) established by chapter 36.79 RCW. This chapter describes the manner in which the CRBoard will implement the several provisions of the act.

WAC 136-100-020 Adoption of rules. The CRBoard shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of the act for purposes of administering the RAP regarding the following:

1. Apportionment of rural arterial trust account (RATA) funds to regions.
2. RAP projects in the six year program.
3. Regional prioritization of RAP projects.
4. Preparation of RAP budget and program.
5. Eligibility for RATA funds.
6. Allocation of RATA funds to approved RAP projects.

WAC 136-100-030 Major collectors and minor collectors. The act specifies that rural arterials classified as major collectors and rural arterials classified as minor collectors shall be eligible for RATA funding. In developing project priorities and in approving RAP projects the CRBoard shall prioritize all prospectus applications to determine the priority rating of each proposed project in each region with relation to all other proposed projects in each region without regard to their classification as major and minor collectors.

WAC 136-100-040 Delegation of authority. In order to assure effective and timely administration of the RAP, the CRBoard may delegate authority in specific matters to its director. Delegation may be relative to signing of contracts, approval of RAP project vouchers, approval of change of scope of a project and other matters as may be determined by the CRBoard.

WAC 136-110-010 Purpose. Sections 4 and 5, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. provides that rural
arterial trust account (RATA) funds available for expenditure by the CRABoard shall be apportioned to the five regions for expenditure upon county arterials in rural areas in the following manner:

1. One-third in the ratio which the land area of the rural areas of each region bears to the total land area of all rural areas of the state;

2. Two-thirds in the ratio which the mileage of county major and minor collectors in rural areas of each region bears to the total mileage of county major and minor collectors in all rural areas of the state.

This chapter describes how this statutory language will be implemented by the CRABoard.

WAC 136-110-020 Computation of land area ratio. The ratio which the total county rural land area of each region bears to the total rural land area of all counties of the state shall be computed from information provided by the office of financial management as of July 1, 1993, and each two years thereafter.

WAC 136-110-030 Computation of road mileage ratio. The ratio which the mileage of county major and minor collectors in rural areas of each region bears to the total mileage of county major and minor collectors in all rural areas of the state shall be computed from information shown in the county road log maintained by the secretary of transportation as of July 1, 1985 and each two years thereafter.

WAC 136-110-040 Apportionment percentages established. At the first CRAB meeting of each biennium the CRAB shall establish apportionment percentages for the five RAP regions based on the computations described in WAC 136-110-010 and 136-110-030. The apportionments so established shall remain in effect for the remainder of the biennium.

WAC 136-110-050 Apportionment to regions. The apportionment percentages established in accordance with WAC 136-110-040 shall be used once each quarter by the board to apportion funds credited to the rural arterial trust account (RATA) to the five regions. The funds so apportioned shall be allocated as described in chapter 136-160 WAC by the CRAB to counties for construction of approved rural arterial projects.

Chapter 136-120 WAC

RAP PROJECTS IN THE SIX-YEAR PROGRAM

WAC

136-120-010 Purpose.
136-120-020 Six-year program adoption.
136-120-030 RAP projects in six-year program.

WAC 136-120-010 Purpose. Sections 8 and 10, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 ex. sess., require that counties list prospective RAP projects in their respective six-year programs and that the CRAB review such programs. This WAC chapter describes the manner in which the CRAB will implement these provisions in its administration of the RAP program.

WAC 136-120-020 Six-year program adoption. The county’s six-year program shall be prepared and adopted in accordance with RCW 36.81.121, and one copy forwarded to the CRAB office no later than August 1st of each year.

WAC 136-120-030 RAP projects in six-year program. The county’s six-year program in each even-numbered year shall include all projects for which the county may request RATA funds during the succeeding biennium. Project cost estimates for RAP projects shall be considered preliminary, and subject to revision until a project application is submitted.

Chapter 136-130 WAC

REGIONAL PRIORITIZATION OF RAP PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED IN 1984

WAC

136-130-010 Purpose.
136-130-020 Priorities by region.
136-130-030 Project prioritization in Puget Sound region (PSR).
136-130-040 Project prioritization in northwest region (NWR).
136-130-050 Project prioritization in northeast region (NER).
136-130-060 Project prioritization in southeast region (SER).
136-130-070 Project prioritization in southwest region (SWR).
136-130-080 Limitation on rating points.

WAC 136-130-010 Purpose. Sections 8 and 10, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. provide that the CRAB shall determine the priority of specific improvement projects based upon the rating of each proposed improvement in relation to all other proposed improvements within each region, taking into account, but not limited to, the following five factors:

1. Its structural ability to carry loads upon it;
2. Its capacity to move traffic at reasonable speeds;
3. Its adequacy of alignment and related geometrics;
4. Its accident experience; and
5. Its fatal accident experience.
This chapter describes how this statutory language will be implemented by the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-130-010, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-130-020 Priorities by region. The CRABoard has determined that the interests of the counties in the several regions will be best served by encouraging development of a distinct project priority rating system for each region. These rating systems, described in WAC 136-130-030, 136-130-040, 136-130-050, 136-130-060, and 136-130-070, shall be used in the prioritization of proposed projects requesting RATA funds submitted by counties in the respective regions. Detailed procedures for implementing the regional rating systems are published by the CRABoard in a pamphlet entitled: Procedures for Priority Rating of Proposed RAP Project (RAP Rating Procedures).

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-130-020, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-130-030 Project prioritization in Puget Sound region (PSR). Each county in the PSR may submit projects requesting RATA funds not to exceed $500,000 per project. Each project shall be rated in accordance with the PSR RAP rating procedures. PSR RAP rating points shall be assigned on the basis of 20 points for traffic volume, 20 points for accident history, 15 points for structural condition, 25 points for geometric condition, and 15 points for special use and need. Prioritization of PSR projects shall be on the basis of total PSR RAP rating points shown on the project worksheet and the prospectus form of the project application.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 92-13-038 (Order 88), § 136-130-030, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/1/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 49. 90-22-083 (Order 82), § 136-130-030, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 86-06-005 (Order 61), § 136-130-030, filed 2/20/86; 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-130-030, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-130-040 Project prioritization in north-west region (NWR). Each county in the NWR may submit projects requesting RATA funds not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars per project and fifty percent of the regional allocation total. No bridge replacement projects will be funded. Each project shall be rated in accordance with the NWR RAP rating procedures. NWR RAP rating points shall be assigned on the basis of forty points for structural condition, forty points for geometrics, ten points for traffic volume and ten points for traffic accidents and five points for any project on a major collector (07). Prioritization of NWR projects shall be on the basis of total NWR RAP rating points shown on the project worksheet and the prospectus form of the project application.


WAC 136-130-050 Project prioritization in northeast region (NER). Each county in the NER may submit projects requesting RATA funds not to exceed 25% of the NER biennial apportionment. Each project shall be rated in accordance with the NER RAP rating procedures. The NER biennial apportionment shall be divided into the following categories at the percentages shown, provided sufficient projects are submitted for prioritization in each category:

Category 1 - 10% for bridge projects where RATA funds are used as a match for federal bridge replacement funds; Category 2 - 45% for reconstruction of rural collectors; and

Category 3 - 45% for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation (3R) type projects of rural collectors.

In the event that no projects or an insufficient number of projects are submitted in any of the above categories to utilize the RATA funds set aside for the category, all remaining funds in that category or categories shall be divided among the remaining categories as the CRABoard deems appropriate. The intent is to divide all available funds into categories having a sufficient number of submitted projects to fully utilize the funds available at each allocation during the biennium.

Bridge projects may be submitted requesting RATA funds under one of the following conditions:

1. Bridges must be approved for federal bridge replacement funding and RATA funds shall be used only as a match for such federal funding. Bridges will be ranked for RATA funding using the WSDOT priority list and may be added to the NER Category 1 priority array at any time during the biennium upon approval of the Bridge for Federal Bridge replacement funding.

2. A stand-alone bridge project may be submitted as an ordinary RAP project provided that its priority rating has been computed by the bridge rating method in the NER RAP rating procedures. Such projects shall not be considered for funding from the bridge reserve described above.

3. A RAP project may include a bridge when the cost of the bridge does not exceed 20% of the total project cost.

NER RAP rating points for reconstruction projects, 3R projects or non-federal bridge replacement projects shall be assigned on the basis of 100 points for a condition rating and 50 points for a service rating. The priority rating equals the sum of two and one half times the product of the service rating to the 1.25 power and the common logarithm of the number obtained by dividing 100 by the condition rating. A total of 10 points representing local significance may be added to one project included in each county’s biennial submittal. Prioritization of NER projects shall be on the basis of total NER RAP rating points shown on the appropriate project worksheet and the prospectus form of the project application.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 92-13-038 (Order 88), § 136-130-050, filed 6/10/92, effective 7/1/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 49. 90-22-083 (Order 82), § 136-130-050, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 88-12-080 (Order 69), § 136-130-050, filed 6/1/88; 86-21-076 (Order 63-P), § 136-130-050, filed 10/15/86; 86-06-005 (Order 61), § 136-130-050, filed 2/20/86; 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-130-050, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-130-060 Project prioritization in southeast region (SER). Each county in the SER may submit projects requesting RATA funds not to exceed twice the per
county percent limit of the SER biennial apportionment which is listed as follows:

- Aosin County: 10%
- Benton County: 14%
- Columbia County: 11%
- Franklin County: 13%
- Garfield County: 10%
- Kittitas County: 13%
- Klickitat County: 14%
- Walla Walla County: 14%
- Yakima County: 20%

Each project shall be rated in accordance with the SER RAP rating procedures. 10% of the SER biennial apportionment shall be reserved for bridge projects. Federally funded bridges for which counties are seeking matching funds shall receive first consideration for these funds, ranked against each other according to the WSDOT priority array. Bridges receiving federal funding may be added to this list at any time during the biennium. Stand-alone bridges may compete for funds in this reserve that remain after all bridges seeking match for federal funds have been funded. These bridges will be rated against each other according to their total points assigned from the RAP Rating Worksheets for the southeast region. Whatever part of the bridge reserve that is not allocated to bridge projects shall be available for allocation to other RAP projects. SER RAP rating points shall be assigned on the basis of 45 points for structural condition, 30 points for geometrics, 20 points for traffic volume, 5 points for traffic accidents. A total of 10 points representing local significance may be added to one project in each county's biennial submittal. Prioritization of SER projects shall be on the basis of total SER RAP rating points shown on the project worksheet and the prospectus form of the project application.

[WAC 136-130-070 Project prioritization in southwest region (SWR). Each county in the SWR may submit projects requesting RATA funds not to exceed 30% of the SWR biennial apportionment. No bridge replacement projects will be funded. Each project shall be rated in accordance with the SWR RAP rating procedures. SWR RAP rating points shall be assigned on the basis of 50 road condition points, consisting of 25 points for structural condition and 25 points for surface condition, 30 points for geometrics, 10 points for traffic volume and 10 points for traffic accidents, except that Portland cement surfaces and asphalt surfaces with cement concrete bases shall have 50 points for road surface condition and no points for structural condition and except that gravel roads shall have 35 points maximum for surface condition, and 15 points maximum for roadbed width in geometrics and no other geometric points. Prioritization of SWR projects shall be on the basis of total SWR RAP rating points shown on the project worksheets and the prospectus form of the application.]

[WAC 136-130-080 Limitation on rating points. In each of the project prioritization methods described in WAC 136-130-030, 136-130-040, 136-130-050, and 136-130-070 rating points are assigned to a variety of structural and geometric conditions. For purposes of the RAP project prospectus submitted to the CRABoard, geometric condition points shall be assigned only for those conditions which will be corrected by construction of the project.

[WAC 136-150 WAC ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS

WAC

136-150-010 Purpose.
136-150-020 Implementing the eligibility requirement.
136-150-021 Ascertaining the road levy.
136-150-022 Ascertaining the expenditures for traffic law enforcement.
136-150-023 Identifying eligible counties.
136-150-024 Constraint on contract execution.
136-150-030 Certification required.
136-150-040 Post audit penalty.

WAC 136-150-010 Purpose. Language in section 14, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 [1st] ex. sess. provides that only those counties that[] during the preceding twelve months[] have spent all revenues collected for road purposes only for such purposes, including traffic law enforcement, as are allowed to the state by Article II, section 40 of the state Constitution are eligible to receive funds from the rural arterial trust account (RATA); provided, however, that counties of the 7th class shall be exempt from this requirement. This [WAC] chapter describes how this statutory language will be implemented by the CRABoard beginning with the 1988 county budget year

[WAC 136-150-020 Implementing the eligibility requirement. [The CRABoard will approve RAP projects, and allocate RATA funds to projects, only in eligible counties.] The CRABoard will ascertain the amount of the total road levy fixed in each county and the amount diverted, if any, for any services to be provided in the unincorporated area of the county in accordance with WRC 36.33.220. The CRABoard will compare the amount actually spent each year]
for traffic law enforcement with the amount diverted to determine whether or not the county is eligible to receive RATA funds.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-21-046 (Order 66), § 136-150-020, filed 10/15/87; 86-06-005 (Order 61), § 136-150-020, filed 2/20/86; 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-150-020, filed 7/30/84.]

Reviser's note:  RCW 34.05.395 requires the use of underlining and deletion marks to indicate amendments to existing rules, and deems ineffectual changes not filed by the agency in this manner. The bracketed material in the above section does not appear to conform to the statutory requirement.

WAC 136-150-021 Ascertaining the road levy. The CRABoard will request that every county legislative authority submit a certification showing the amount of the road levy fixed and the amount, if any, budgeted in accordance with RCW 36.33.220 for traffic law enforcement and/or any other purpose from diverted road levy no later than February 1st of each year.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-21-046 (Order 66), § 136-150-021, filed 10/15/87.]

WAC 136-150-022 Ascertaining the expenditures for traffic law enforcement. In those counties where diverted road levy has been budgeted for traffic law enforcement, and which have a RAP project awaiting approval by the CRABoard, the county sheriff will be required to submit a certification showing the actual expenditure for traffic law enforcement in the previous budget year, provided that counties of the 7th class shall be exempt from this requirement.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-21-046 (Order 66), § 136-150-022, filed 10/15/87.]

WAC 136-150-023 Identifying eligible counties. Counties eligible to receive RATA funds shall be those in which there has been no diversion of the county road levy, those in which the actual expenditures for traffic law enforcement have been equal to, or greater than, the amount of diverted road levy budgeted for traffic law enforcement, (3) and those of the 7th class.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-21-046 (Order 66), § 136-150-023, filed 10/15/87.]

WAC 136-150-024 Constraint on contract execution. No CRAB/County contract shall be executed on behalf of the CRABoard unless the appropriate certifications have been submitted and unless the county has been identified as eligible to receive RATA funds.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 87-21-046 (Order 66), § 136-150-024, filed 10/15/87; 86-06-005 (Order 61), § 136-150-024, filed 2/20/86.]

WAC 136-150-030 Certification required. The contract between CRAB and a county relative to a RAP project shall contain a certification, signed by the county executive or chairman of the board of county commissioners, that the county is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-150-030, filed 7/30/84.]

136-150-040 Post audit penalty. Every RAP project shall be subject to final examination and audit by the state auditor. In the event such an examination reveals an improper certification on the part of a county relative to compliance with provisions of this chapter, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next CRAB meeting and may be cause for the CRABoard to withdraw or deny the certificate of good practice of that county; and/or to require that all, or part of, RATA funds received by the county be returned to the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 86-06-005 (Order 61), § 136-150-040, filed 7/30/84.]

Chapter 136-161 WAC PROJECT SUBMITTAL, SELECTION AND INITIAL ALLOCATION OF RATA FUNDS TO PROJECTS

WAC 136-161-010 Purpose. RCW 36.79.050, 36.79.090, 36.79.140, and 36.79.150 provide for the submit­tal of, selection of, and RATA allocations to, eligible projects within each of the regions by the CRABoard. This chapter describes the manner in which counties may request RATA funds for specific rural arterial projects and the manner in which the CRABoard will select projects and allocate RATA funds to such projects.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-111, § 136-161-010, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

WAC 136-161-020 RAP program cycle—General. The RAP biennial program cycle consists of the following basic steps:

(1) Each county prepares and submits a preliminary prospectus to CRAB;

(2) CRAB staff conducts a field review of each preliminary prospectus and provides to each submitting county an evaluation and scoring of all priority elements which are based on a visual examination, using that region's priority rating process;

(3) Each county prepares and submits a final prospectus to CRAB;

(4) For each final prospectus submitted, CRAB staff computes the total priority rating score and assembles all projects into rank-ordered arrays by region; and

(5) The CRABoard reviews the rank-ordered arrays in each region and, based upon the RATA funds projected to be available for the next project program period (see WAC 136-161-070), selects and approves specific projects for RATA funding.

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WAC 136-161-030 RAP program cycle—Preliminary prospectus. By March 1 of each even-numbered year, each eligible county shall, for each project for which it seeks RATA funds estimated to be available in the next project program period, submit a preliminary prospectus to CRAB. The format and content of the preliminary prospectus shall be prescribed by CRAB. Each preliminary prospectus shall be signed by the County Engineer. The number of preliminary prospectuses submitted and the total amount of RATA funds requested by each eligible county shall be sufficient to assure that, based upon such prospectuses, each county will be able to compete up to its county limit within its region.

WAC 136-161-040 RAP program cycle—CRAB field review. After all preliminary prospectuses are received, CRAB will schedule and conduct an on-site field review of each project. During the field review, conducted jointly with the county engineer or his/her designee (unless waived by the county engineer), the assigned CRAB staff person will review the overall project scope with the county representative and, using that region’s priority rating process, determine the rating score of all priority elements which are based on a visual examination. To ensure both uniformity and professional judgement in the visual ratings, the assigned CRAB staff person shall be a licensed professional civil engineer in the state of Washington, and the same person shall review and rate all projects within a region. All field reviews will be completed, and the visual rating scores returned to each submitting county, by July 1 of each even-numbered year.

WAC 136-161-050 RAP program cycle—Final prospectus. By September 1 of each even-numbered year, each eligible county shall submit a final prospectus for each project for which it seeks RATA funds. Each final prospectus shall be submitted on forms provided by CRAB and shall include a vicinity map, a typical cross section (existing and proposed), and, if a design deviation is required, an evaluation and determination by the county engineer. If a project is for the improvement of a road which continues into an adjacent county and the project terminus is within 1000 feet of the county line, the prospectus shall include a statement signed by the county engineer of the adjacent county certifying that the adjacent county will cooperate with the applicant county to the extent necessary to achieve a mutually acceptable design. All final prospectuses shall indicate that the construction of the project shall begin not later than six years from the date of project approval by the CRAB board. All final prospectuses shall come from the pool of preliminary prospectuses submitted and field reviewed as specified in WAC 136-161-030 and 136-161-040.

WAC 136-161-060 RAP program cycle—Total project rating and priority array. CRAB staff will review all final prospectuses and ensure that:

(1) All necessary information is included;
(2) The project is from the pool of preliminary prospectuses;
(3) The project is eligible for RATA funding;
(4) The project is on the current, adopted six-year program;
(5) The project schedule indicates that the construction of the project will begin not later than six years from the date of project approval by the CRAB board; and
(6) The total project priority rating is mathematically correct and the visual rating scores determined during the CRAB field review are included.

After CRAB staff review, all accepted final prospectuses within each region will be placed in a declining total project rating array in accordance with procedures specified in chapter 136-130 WAC. After review by the CRAB board at its next regular meeting, the priority array for each region will be provided to each county in the region. These arrays will be preliminary only and will be provided to the counties to assist them in their internal budgeting and programming. No notations as to whether a particular project will or will not be funded will be included.

WAC 136-161-070 RAP program cycle—Selection and approval of projects for RATA funding. (1) At its last regular meeting before the beginning of each biennium, the CRAB board will select projects and allocate anticipated RATA funds to projects in each region. The preliminary priority arrays as developed in WAC 136-161-060 will be updated to exclude any county which is ineligible under chapter 136-150 WAC, and projects will be selected from these arrays. Selections will be made in each region in declining priority rank order, provided that (a) no county shall be allocated RATA funds in excess of its regional county limit as specified in WAC 136-161-080, and (b) any projects which were partially funded in the prior biennium shall, unless otherwise requested by the county, be fully funded before new projects are selected. Ties in total rating points will be broken by the CRAB board in favor of the county having the lesser total amount of previously allocated RATA funds.

(2) The statewide net amount of RATA funds available for allocation to projects in the project program period will be based on the most recent state fuel tax revenue forecast prepared quarterly by the department of transportation, less estimated administrative costs, and less any amounts set aside for emergent projects as described in WAC 136-161-100. The total amount of RATA funds available for allocation to projects in a region (i.e., "forecasted regional apportionment amount") will be based on the regional apportionment percentages of the statewide net amount as determined in chapter 136-110 WAC.

(3) For the biennium beginning July 1, 1995 the project program period will be the next four state fiscal years (1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, beginning July 1, 1995 and ending June 30, 1999). For the biennium beginning July 1, 1997,
the project program period will begin July 1, 1999 and end June 30, 2001. For each biennium thereafter, the project program period will be two years in length, beginning and ending two years later than the preceding project program period.

(4) The RATA amounts allocated to projects in the first year of the biennium are limited to 90% of the net amount estimated to be available to each region for the project program period, with the remaining 10% allocated at such time as deemed appropriate by the CRABoard.

(5) Acceptance of the RATA allocation for a project by the full execution of a CRAB/county contract as described in chapter 136-170 WAC constitutes agreement to complete the project in compliance with the scope, design, and project limits in the final prospectus. All material changes to the scope, design, or project limits must be approved by the CRABoard prior to the commencement of construction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-111, § 136-161-070, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

WAC 136-161-080 Limitations on allocations of RATA funds to counties. For any project program period, no county shall receive a RATA fund allocation greater than the following maximum project RATA contribution, or percentage of the forecasted regional apportionment amount:

(1) PSR: Maximum project RATA contribution is $500,000; no limit on percentage of the forecasted regional apportionment amount;

(2) NWR: Maximum project RATA contribution is $500,000; 25% limit on percentage of the forecasted regional apportionment amount;

(3) NER: No maximum project RATA contribution; 12.5%;

(4) SWR: No maximum project RATA contribution; 15%;

(5) SER: No maximum project RATA contribution; percentage varies by county as follows:

- Asotin County: 10%
- Benton County: 14%
- Columbia County: 11%
- Franklin County: 13%
- Garfield County: 10%
- Kittitas County: 13%
- Klickitat County: 14%
- Walla Walla County: 14%
- Yakima County: 20%

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-111, § 136-161-080, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

WAC 136-161-090 Limitations on use of RATA funds. RATA funds requested and allocated to a project are limited to 80% in the PSR and NWR, and 90% in the SWR, NER and SER, of the total eligible project development costs, which include preliminary engineering and construction costs in all regions, and right of way costs in the PSR, NWR, NER and SER. Even though additional and eligible project development costs may be incurred by a county for a specific project, the maximum amount of RATA funds for that project is limited to the amount allocated and shown in the CRAB/county contract (see chapter 136-170 WAC), unless the allocation is increased pursuant to chapter 136-165 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-111, § 136-161-090, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

WAC 136-161-100 Use of RATA funds for emergent projects. If unallocated regional RATA funds are available, the CRABoard may, as provided in RCW 36.79.140, approve emergent RAP projects and allocate RATA funds for such projects beyond any county limit as defined in WAC 136-161-080. Such approval shall require a clear and conclusive showing by the submitting county that the proposed project is of an emergent nature and that its need was unable to be anticipated at the time the current six year program of the county was developed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-111, § 136-161-100, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

Chapter 136-165 WAC

INCREASED ALLOCATIONS OF RATA FUNDS TO PROJECTS

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WAC 136-165-010 Purpose and effective date. RCW 36.79.150 provides for increasing the amount of RATA funds allocated to a project. This chapter describes the manner in which counties may request an increase in the amount of RATA funds allocated to a project and the manner in which the CRABoard will respond to such requests. This chapter will apply only to projects for which RATA funds have been allocated after July 1, 1995.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-109, § 136-165-010, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]

WAC 136-165-020 Requirements for consideration of RATA fund increases. (1) When a county submits its final prospectus as described in WAC 136-161-050, CRAB presumes that the amount of RATA funds requested, plus any non-RATA funds that may be designated for the project, are sufficient to fully, and in a timely manner, complete the project as described.

(2) In extraordinary circumstances, a county may request an increase in the amount of RATA funds allocated to a project. A county may request an increase in a project's RATA allocation only twice in the course of a project's development: At the completion of preliminary engineering, and prior to commencing construction. All cost increases during the course of construction shall be the responsibility of the county. Requests for increases in excess of 50% of the original RATA allocation will not be considered or granted; the county must secure other funds, withdraw or request the termination of the project, or request a change in scope and/or project limits.
(3) A request by a county for an increase in RATA funds allocated to a project shall demonstrate that:
   (a) The county at the time of preparing its final project prospectus considered the factors listed in subsection (4) below;
   (b) The request for an increased allocation is based on extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances of the type listed in subsection (5) below;
   (c) It is not feasible to reduce the scope and/or project limits so the project can be substantially constructed within the initial RATA allocation; and
   (d) The request is not to pay for an expansion of the originally approved project.

(4) At the time of preparation and submittal of the final project prospectus, a county is expected to consider all information which may affect the cost of the project. In cases where the information is incomplete or poorly defined, the county is to exercise good professional judgement and/or seek outside professional assistance and advice in order to prepare a reasonable RATA fund request. The information which a county is expected to consider includes, but is not limited to, the following:
   (a) The availability at the needed time of matching funds and other supplementary funds;
   (b) All technical data reasonably available such as topographic maps, reconnaissance reports, surface and subsurface geotechnical data, hydraulic and hydrological data, sources of materials, applicable design standards, and any earlier preliminary engineering;
   (c) Required permits, including pre-project scoping consultations with the permitting agencies and an estimate of the costs of complying with permit requirements;
   (d) Required right of way or other easements, and the time and cost of acquisition;
   (e) Availability of qualified contractors to perform the work;
   (f) Ownership, type, amount, and time requirements of any required utility relocation;
   (g) Historical and projected labor, equipment and material costs; and
   (h) The project development timetable leading to completed construction and the interrelation of this project to all other work activities under the control of the county engineer.

(5) The CRAB board will increase RATA funds allocated to a project only if it finds that the request for an increased allocation is based on extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances, including but not limited to the following:
   (a) The county relied on existing technical data which were later found to be in error, and which will necessitate a significant design change prior to proceeding with construction;
   (b) Project permit requirements were substantially changed, or new permits were required;
   (c) Supplementary funds, such as impact fees, developer contributions, grants, etc., which were forecasted to be available for the project, were withdrawn or otherwise became unavailable;
   (d) Design or other standards applicable to the project were changed; and/or
   (e) The start of construction will be significantly delayed or additional construction requirements will be added as a direct result of legal action; provided however, that the failure of a county to exercise its statutory powers, such as condemnation, will not be grounds for increasing RATA funds.

WAC 136-165-030 CRAB board evaluation, consideration and action. (1) In deciding whether to grant a request for a RATA allocation increase submitted under the provisions of WAC 136-165-020, the CRAB board will consider the following factors:
   (a) Whether the county, at the time of preparing its final project prospectus, considered the factors listed in WAC 136-165-020(4);
   (b) Whether the county’s request for an increased allocation is based on extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances of the type listed in WAC 136-165-020(5);
   (c) Whether it is feasible to reduce the scope and/or project limits so the project can be substantially constructed within the initial RATA allocation;
   (d) Whether the request is to pay for an expansion of the project; and
   (e) Whether the increased allocation will have an adverse effect on other approved or requested RATA funded projects.

   (2) Where the requested increase is less than or equal to 25% of the original RATA allocation, and $100,000, the request may be acted upon by the executive director; all approvals or denials will be appropriately documented and described to the CRAB board at its next quarterly meeting. Where the requested increase is more than 25% of the original RATA allocation, or $100,000, the request will be acted upon by the CRAB board.

   (3) If the CRAB board finds that an increase in RATA funds for a previously approved project is justified, some or all of the requested increase may be allocated.

WAC 136-165-040 Effect of receiving RATA increase. A county’s increased RATA funds for a project program period shall correspondingly reduce the amount of any RATA funds for which it is eligible to compete in the next project program period; provided that the CRAB board may grant a county’s request to decrease such a reduction by the total amount of increased but unexpended RATA funds.

All reductions and reduction adjustments as described shall be effective in the project program period following the period in which the increase in the RATA funds is approved.

WAC 136-165-050 Amendment of CRAB/county contract. All changes in approved RATA allocations and other CRAB board actions taken under the provisions of this chapter shall be reflected by amending the CRAB/county contract. Failure of a county to execute an amended CRAB/county contract within 45 days of receipt shall nullify all allocation increases and other CRAB board actions.
Increased RATA Funds to Projects

Chapter 136-167 WAC

WITHDRAWALS, EARLY TERMINATION, AND LAPSING OF APPROVED PROJECTS

WAC

136-167-010 Purpose.
136-167-020 Withdrawal of approved project before RATA reimbursement.
136-167-030 Termination of approved project after RATA reimbursement.
136-167-040 Lapsing of RATA allocation for approved projects.

WAC 136-167-010 Purpose. RCW 36.79.060 provides for the CRABoard to adopt rules relating to the allocation of funds in the rural arterial trust account. This chapter describes the manner in which the CRABoard will administer project withdrawals, early termination, and lapsing of approved projects.

WAC 136-167-020 Withdrawal of approved project before RATA reimbursement. At any time after the submittal of a final prospectus and prior to the time the first RATA reimbursement has been sent to the county, a county may withdraw a RATA funded project. Withdrawal may occur either before or after the CRABoard has allocated RATA funds to the project. The statement of withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners or the county executive, as appropriate. The withdrawal shall be effective upon receipt by the CRABoard. If RATA funds have been allocated to the project and a CRAB/County contract has been executed, the contract will be voided and, at the next regular CRABoard meeting, the RATA funds will be allocated to other projects within the region.

WAC 136-167-030 Termination of approved project after RATA reimbursement. (1) If a county terminates an uncompleted RATA funded project for which RATA reimbursement has been made and does not want to be required to repay the CRABoard for all RATA funds received, a letter of request signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners or the county executive as appropriate must be sent to the CRABoard. The request must include (a) an explanation of the reasons that the project will not proceed to completion, (b) a statement of the amount of RATA funds which the county does not want to repay, and (c) an explanation of why the county believes full repayment should not be made. If the CRABoard grants the request, the county shall repay all RATA funds not exempted from repayment by the CRABoard, the CRAB/county contract will be amended, and the remaining RATA funds will be allocated to other projects within the region. If the CRABoard denies the request, full repayment shall be made as provided in subsection (1).

WAC 136-167-040 Lapsing of RATA allocation for approved projects. To encourage timely development and construction of approved projects, all projects for which RATA funds have been allocated must meet certain project development milestones. Failure to meet the milestones will result in CRABoard action to withdraw RATA funds from the project. This provision will only apply to those projects for which RATA funds have been allocated after July 1, 1995.

For the purposes of this section, a project will be subject to lapsing and withdrawal of its RATA allocation if (a) the project has not begun the preliminary engineering phase within four years of project approval by the CRABoard, or (b) the project has not begun construction within six years of the date of project approval by the CRABoard. A project shall be considered in preliminary engineering if authorization to expend funds for preliminary engineering has been granted by the county legislative authority as provided for in RCW 36.75.050. A project shall be considered in construction if (a) the construction contract for the work has been advertised for bids as provided for in RCW 36.77.020, (b) a contract has been awarded under the provisions of the small works roster contract award process, or (c) if done by day labor, the work has commenced.

If an approved project does not meet a required project development milestone, the CRABoard will, at its next regular meeting, withdraw RATA funds from the project. At any time up to 10 days before such meeting, the county may, in writing, request an extension of the lapse date. The CRABoard may grant such an extension if it finds that the delay in project development was for reasons that were both unanticipated and beyond the control of the county.

Chapter 136-170 WAC

EXECUTION OF A CRAB/COUNTY CONTRACT

WAC

136-170-010 Purpose.
136-170-020 Notification of counties.
136-170-030 Terms of CRAB/county contract.

(1995 Ed.)
WAC 136-170-010 Purpose. RCW 36.79.050 and 36.79.060 provide for CRAB/county administration of the rural arterial program (RAP). This chapter describes the individual project contract between the CRAB/county and a county [ ] to be used to administer each approved RAP project.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-112, § 136-170-010, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94. Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-170-010, filed 7/30/84.]

Reviser's note: RCW 34.05.395 requires the use of underlining and deletion marks to indicate amendments to existing rules, and deems ineffectual changes not filed by the agency in this manner. The bracketed material in the above section does not appear to conform to the statutory requirement.

WAC 136-170-020 Notification of counties. The CRAB/county shall, within ten days of its RAP project approval meeting, notify each county having an approved project of such approval and of the amount of RATA funds allocated to each approved project. The CRAB/county shall offer a contract for each such approved project setting forth the terms and conditions under which RATA funds will be provided.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-170-020, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-170-030 Terms of CRAB/county contract.

(1) For projects for which RATA funds are allocated before July 1, 1995, the CRAB/county contract shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

(a) The contract shall be valid and binding (and the county shall be entitled to receive RATA funds) only if such contract is signed and returned to the CRAB/county within forty-five days of its mailing by the CRAB/county.

(b) The county certifies that it is in compliance with the provisions of chapter 136-150 WAC.

(c) The project will be constructed in accordance with the scope, design and project limits as described in the final prospectus and in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the county engineer.

(d) The county will notify the CRAB/county when a construction contract has been awarded and/or when construction has commenced, and when the project has been completed.

(e) The CRAB/county will reimburse counties on the basis of monthly progress payment vouchers received and approved on individual projects in the order in which they are received in the CRAB office, subject to the availability of RATA funds apportioned to the region; provided however, that if insufficient RATA funds are available or the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient RATA funds, payment of vouchers may be delayed or denied.

(f) The county will reimburse the RATA in the event a project postaudit reveals improper expenditures of RATA funds.

(2) For projects for which RATA funds are allocated on or after July 1, 1995, the CRAB/county contract shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

(a) The contract shall be valid and binding, and the county shall be entitled to receive RATA funding in accordance with the vouchering/payment process as described in chapter 136-180 WAC, only if the contract is properly signed and returned to the CRAB/county within 45 calendar days of its mailing by the CRAB/county.

(b) The county certifies that it is in compliance with the provisions of chapter 136-150 WAC.

(c) The project will be constructed in accordance with the scope, design and project limits as described in the final prospectus and in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the county engineer.

(d) The county will notify the CRAB/county when a construction contract has been awarded and/or when construction has commenced, and when the project has been completed.

(e) The CRAB/county will reimburse counties on the basis of monthly progress payment vouchers received and approved on individual projects in the order in which they are received in the CRAB office, subject to the availability of RATA funds apportioned to the region; provided however, that if insufficient RATA funds are available or the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient RATA funds, payment of vouchers may be delayed or denied.

(f) The county will reimburse the RATA in the event a project postaudit reveals improper expenditures of RATA funds.

(g) The county may be required to reimburse the RATA in the event of early termination in accordance with the provisions of chapter 136-167 WAC.

(h) The county agrees to amend the contract in cases where: (a) additional RATA funds have been requested and approved under chapter 136-165 WAC; (b) other relief from the original scope, design or project limits has been approved by the CRAB/county under chapter 136-165 WAC; or (c) a project has been terminated without full RATA reimbursement under WAC 136-167-030(2).

(i) The county agrees to provide periodic project development progress reports as requested by the CRAB/county.

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WAC 136-170-040 Combining of CRAB/county contracts. In those cases where a county desires to combine two or more adjacent RATA funded projects into a single construction contract, the county, prior to advertising for the construction contract, or prior to commencing construction, should any of the projects be prosecuted by day labor, may request the CRAB/county to combine the projects into a single project, regardless of the applicable maximum project RATA contribution. Upon receipt of a letter of request to combine, a revised CRAB/county contract will be prepared and sent to the county for its execution and return in the same manner as for the original contracts. Projects shall be considered adjacent if they have a common terminus.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.79.060. 94-16-112, § 136-170-040, filed 8/2/94, effective 9/2/94.]
WAC 136-180-010 Purpose.

WAC 136-180-020 Voucher form. The CRABoard shall prepare and distribute to all counties with approved RAP projects, voucher forms for use in requesting progress payments and final payment for each approved RAP project.

WAC 136-180-030 Voucher approval. The county constructing each RAP project may submit vouchers monthly as the work progresses and shall submit a final voucher after completion of each RAP project for the payment of the RATA share of the project cost. The chairman of the CRABoard or his designated agent(s) shall approve such vouchers for payment to the county submitting the voucher.

WAC 136-180-040 Payment of vouchers. Upon approval of each RAP project voucher by the chairman of the CRABoard or his designated agent(s), it shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for preparation of the RATA warrant. The RATA warrant will be returned to CRAB and transmitted directly to each county submitting a voucher.

Chapter 136-190 WAC

PROVISIONS FOR AUDIT OF RAP PROJECTS

WAC 136-190-010 Purpose.

WAC 136-190-020 Audit requirements.

WAC 136-190-030 Scope of audits.

WAC 136-190-040 Noncompliance and questioned costs.

WAC 136-190-050 Post audit penalty.

describes the provisions for audit of those RAP projects approved by the CRABoard.

WAC 136-190-020 Audit requirements. RAP project audits may be conducted by the state auditor's office and will normally be conducted in conjunction with the audits of the different counties of the state as required by RCW 43.09.260 and 36.80.080. Special audits of specific RAP projects may be accomplished at the request of the CRABoard. If a special audit is conducted outside the confines of those audits required by the above statutes, then the costs of the special audit shall be the responsibility of the CRABoard.

WAC 136-190-030 Scope of audits. The audit of any RAP project shall include but not be limited to the review of the county's compliance with (1) the provisions of the act and (2) the rules in Title 136 WAC regarding implementation and administration of the act, with detailed review of uses of county road taxes, application of RATA funds, and the various reporting requirements. The audit shall also include a review of the financial accounting and reporting of those funds associated with and received for the RAP project.

WAC 136-190-040 Noncompliance and questioned costs. If the audit of a RAP project reveals any area of noncompliance and/or questioned costs, then such exceptions shall be subject to comment by the examiner within the audit report.

WAC 136-190-050 Post audit penalty. In the event an exception has been noted within the audit report it shall be the duty of the CRABoard to discuss and evaluate the noted discrepancy. Discrepancies may be cause for the CRABoard to order the payback of improperly expended RATA funds as provided in the CRAB/county contract (WAC 136-170-030) and/or withdrawal or denial of the certificate of good practice of the county in question as provided in WAC 136-150-040.

Chapter 136-200 WAC

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

WAC 136-200-010 Purpose.

WAC 136-200-020 Functional classification.

WAC 136-200-030 Functional classification changes.

WAC 136-200-040 Functional classification verification.
Title 136 WAC: County Road Administration Board

WAC 136-200-010 Purpose. Section 2, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 ex. sess., provides that rural arterial trust account (RATA) funds shall be expended for the construction and improvement of county major and minor collectors in rural areas. This WAC chapter describes that manner in which the major and minor collector designations are made. The source document is entitled: Guidelines: For Amending Urban Boundaries, Functional Classification, and/or Federal Aid Systems, December 1982, by WSDOT, and includes all subsequent amendments.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-200-010, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-200-020 Functional classification. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has developed a system of functional classification for highways, roads and streets which divides these facilities into groups having similar characteristics of providing mobility and/or land access. All rural roads are presently categorized into four functional classifications: Principal arterials, minor arterials, major and minor collectors, and local roads.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-200-020, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-200-030 Functional classification changes. Requests to change a route's functional classification are developed by the county having jurisdiction over the route. For those routes extending into another jurisdiction, i.e., a route extending into another city or county, concurrence from the other affected agency is required unless the functional classification can logically be changed at the boundary between agencies. Functional classification changes may be requested in accordance with procedures outlined in the source document described in WAC 136-200-010 through appropriate WSDOT channels.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-200-030, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-200-040 Functional classification verification. Each RAP project application submitted in accordance with WAC 136-160-020 shall show the functional classification of the road or roads included in the project. Prior to project approval the CRABoard shall verify that the road on which the RAP project is requested is classified as a major or minor collector.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 86-21-076 (Order 63-P), § 136-200-040, filed 10/15/86; 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-200-040, filed 7/30/84.]

Chapter 136-210 WAC

DESIGN STANDARDS FOR RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM PROJECTS

WAC 136-210-010 Purpose.
136-210-020 Applicable design standards.
136-210-030 Deviations from design standards.
136-210-050 Project approval with deviation.

WAC 136-210-010 Purpose. Section 6, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess., provides that the CRABoard shall adopt reasonable uniform design standards for county major and minor collectors that meet the requirements for trucks transporting commodities. This chapter describes how this statutory requirement will be implemented by the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-210-010, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-210-020 Applicable design standards. Geometric design of all RAP projects shall be in accordance with the local agency guidelines (LAG) manual published by the WSDOT, Division 13, Rural Area Design Standards.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-210-020, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-210-030 Deviations from design standards. Deviation from the specified design standards may be requested by the county engineer in responsible charge of the project when circumstances exist which would make application of adopted standards exceedingly difficult. Whenever a deviation request is to be made on a project, it shall be so noted on the project application submitted in accordance with WAC 136-160-020. Request for deviation shall be made to the state aid engineer in accordance with the LAG manual.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-210-030, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-210-040 Report of state aid engineer. Whenever the CRABoard meets to approve RAP projects the state aid engineer shall report on his action in response to deviation requests, if any, made on individual projects. Failure of the state aid engineer to report in response to a deviation request shall be considered as approval.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-210-040, filed 7/30/84.]

WAC 136-210-050 Project approval with deviation. After having received the report of the state aid engineer in response to deviation requests, the CRABoard shall proceed with RAP project approval in accordance with WAC 136-160-050. Proposed projects for which the deviation request has been denied shall not be approved.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 36.78 RCW. 84-16-065 (Order 56), § 136-210-050, filed 7/30/84.]

Chapter 136-220 WAC

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS

WAC 136-220-010 Purpose.
136-220-020 Establishment of matching requirements.
136-220-030 Use of RATA funds to match other funds.

WAC 136-220-010 Purpose. Section 12, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess., provides that the CRABoard shall establish matching requirements for counties receiving funds
WAC 136-220-020 Establishment of matching requirements. Counties will be required to match RATA funds with a minimum of 20% matching funds in the PSR and NWR and 10% matching funds in the SWR, NER and SER.

WAC 136-220-030 Use of RATA funds to match other funds. A county with an approved RAP project may use RATA funds to match any applicable funds available for such project, provided that the county will be required to match any RATA funds allocated to the project with a minimum of 20% matching funds in the PSR and NWR, NER and SER. Projects involving federal highway program funds will be administered through the state aid division of WSDOT except that reimbursement of RATA funds will be through the CRABoard.

Chapter 136-250 WAC

EXPENDITURE REPORTING

WAC

136-250-010 Purpose.
136-250-050 Report to the legislative transportation committee.

WAC 136-250-010 Purpose. Section 5, chapter 53, Laws of 1983 ex. sess., requires the CRABoard to monitor expenditures by counties of county road levy revenues and to report all expenditures of these revenues for other than road construction and maintenance purposes annually to the legislative transportation committee (LTC). This chapter describes how the CRABoard intends to implement these provisions.

WAC 136-250-020 Report of road levy revenues. Annually, subsequent to the adoption of the county budgets in accordance with RCW 36.40.080, the county legislative authority is required to fix the amount of the levies necessary to raise the amount of estimated expenditures in accordance with RCW 36.40.090. The legislative authority may budget and expend any portion of the county road property tax revenues for any service to be provided in the unincorporated area of the county in accordance with RCW 36.33.220. Annually, no later than February 1, each county shall submit to the CRABoard a report showing the amount of the county road levy, the estimated revenues generated by such levy, the amount of such levy budgeted for road purposes, and the amount or amounts budgeted for any service to be provided in the unincorporated area of the county, in accordance with RCW 36.33.220.

WAC 136-250-030 Report of expenditures. Annually each county submits a report of road fund revenues and expenditures for the preceding year to the secretary of transportation. A duplicate copy of this report shall be transmitted to the CRABoard no later than April 1 of each year.

WAC 136-250-040 Report of road levy expenditures. Annually, no later than April 1, each county shall submit to the CRABoard a report showing the amounts of the county road levy revenues actually expended during the preceding year, in accordance with RCW 36.33.220, for other than the construction, maintenance, and administration of the county road system.

WAC 136-250-050 Report to the legislative transportation committee. Annually, no later than May 1, the CRABoard shall submit to the legislative transportation committee a composite report on behalf of all counties showing the amounts specified in WAC 136-250-020 and 136-250-040.

Chapter 136-300 WAC

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

WAC

136-300-010 Purpose and authority.
136-300-020 Adoption of rules.
136-300-030 Delegation of authority.
136-300-040 Staff services and facilities.

WAC 136-300-010 Purpose and authority. Section 103(4), chapter 42, Laws of 1990 (the act), provides that the county road administration board (CRABoard) shall administer the county arterial preservation program (CAPP) and the county arterial preservation account (CAPA) established by this act. This chapter describes the manner in which the CRABoard will implement the several provisions of the act.

(1995 Ed.)
WAC 136-300-020 Adoption of rules. The CRABoard shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of the act for purposes of administering the CAPP regarding the following:

(1) Distribution of county arterial preservation account (CAPA) funds.
(2) Pavement management systems.
(3) Preparation of annual county arterial preservation programs.
(4) Allowable activities for CAPA funding.
(5) Accounting and audit provisions.
(6) Annual CAPP report.

WAC 136-300-030 Delegation of authority. In order to assure effective and timely administration of the CAPP, the CRABoard may, by resolution, delegate specific administrative authorities to its executive director.

WAC 136-300-040 Staff services and facilities. The CRABoard shall arrange for all necessary staff services and facilities necessary for the efficient administration of the county arterial preservation program. The costs of such services and facilities as well as all other lawful expenses of the CRABoard that are attributable to CAPP shall be paid from the county arterial preservation account in the motor vehicle fund.

Chapter 136-310 WAC
DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTY ARTERIAL PRESERVATION ACCOUNT FUNDS

WAC 136-310-010 Certification of county arterial mileage.
136-310-020 Establishment of allocation percentages.
136-310-030 Notice to counties.
136-310-040 Distribution to counties.
136-310-050 Eligibility.

WAC 136-310-010 Certification of county arterial mileage. (1) Classification. The act specifies that expenditure of CAPA funds is restricted to paved arterials in the unincorporated area of each county. Arterials are defined as being those county roads:

(a) In urban areas, classified as arterials (Federal Functional Classes 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16) or classified as collectors (Federal Functional Class 17);

(b) In rural areas, classified as arterials (Federal Functional Classes 02 and 06) or classified as major collectors (Federal Functional Class 07) or minor collectors (Federal Functional Class 08).

Paved roads are defined as those roads which, at the time of CAPA allocation determination, are hard-surfaced through the application of a bituminous surface treatment (BST), asphaltic concrete pavement (ACP), or portland cement concrete (PCC). Brick or block surfaces shall also be considered as paved.

(2) Source of information. The master county road log as maintained by the CRABoard in accordance with chapter 136-60 WAC shall be the source of official paved road mileages to be used for CAPA distribution.

WAC 136-310-020 Establishment of allocation percentages. At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each year, the CRABoard shall establish the next calendar year’s allocation percentages for the individual counties based on information contained in the most recently certified master county road log. Each county’s allocation percentage shall be computed by the CRABoard as its percentage of paved arterial lane miles of the total paved county arterial lane miles in the state.

WAC 136-310-030 Notice to counties. Upon their establishment, the CRABoard shall notify the county legislative authority and the county road engineer of each county of the respective county’s CAPA allocation percentage and the latest estimate of the amount of CAPA funds to be allocated during the next calendar year.

WAC 136-310-040 Distribution to counties. Distribution of allocated CAPA funds shall be done monthly by the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall use the allocation percentages provided by the CRABoard as computed under the provisions of WAC 136-310-020.

WAC 136-310-050 Eligibility. Beginning May 1, 1990, all arterial preservation work and related activities done shall be eligible for CAPA funding provided that:

(1) The county road engineer submits the description of the pavement management system as required in chapter 136-320 WAC; and

(2) The county road engineer submits the annual CAPA program as required in chapter 136-325 WAC; and

(3) The work is in conformance with the allowable activities as specified in chapter 136-330 WAC.

Chapter 136-320 WAC
PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

WAC 136-320-010 Definition.
136-320-020 Application.
136-320-030 Pavement management system requirements.
WAC 136-320-010 Definition. A pavement management system is a systematic analytical tool used to preserve and maintain paved road systems by periodic surveys of pavement condition and analysis of pavement life cycles to assess overall system performance and costs, and to determine the alternative strategies and costs necessary to prevent significant road deterioration. A key element of a PMS is its ability to provide pavement preservation alternatives based upon a predictive pavement deterioration model.

WAC 136-320-020 Application. A pavement management system shall be used by all counties to guide the pavement preservation and rehabilitation activities on all county paved arterial roads. Beginning January 1, 1996, each county shall utilize a computer-based pavement management system (PMS) meeting the requirements of WAC 136-320-030 on all county paved arterial roads in order to retain eligibility for CAPP funds. Application of the PMS to the local access system will not be required to retain eligibility for CAPP funds.

WAC 136-320-030 Pavement management system requirements. Each county's PMS shall meet the following minimum standards:

1. All county jurisdiction paved arterials, as defined by the most recently approved county road log as described in chapter 136-60 WAC, shall be surveyed for visual pavement distress at least biennially. Distress rating information must be keyed to the county road log by both road number and mileposts.

2. All visual distresses (or defects) for both flexible and rigid pavements, both in severity and extent, shall be as defined within the "Pavement Surface Condition Rating Manual" (March 1992, produced by the Washington state transportation center in cooperation with the Northwest Pavement Management Systems Users Group and the Washington state department of transportation). Only those distresses noted as "core program defect" are required to be surveyed. Measurement may be at the project, segment, or sample unit level. Measurement for each distress will be by:
   (a) Selection of the most predominant severity and extent combination; or
   (b) Determination of the extent percent of each level of severity.

Measurement may be by a manual or automated visual condition rating process. The distress information will be converted to a pavement condition rating in accordance with a standard deduct matrix or continuous deduct value curves as provided by the CRABoard. Alternate deduct matrices may be used by a county for internal management analyses. Alternate distress determination and evaluation methodologies may be used if approved by the CRABoard in accordance with WAC 136-320-040.

3. The PMS shall provide for the recording and storage of pavement resurfacing, rehabilitation, and reconstruction history data, including surfacing and base layer types and thicknesses, and year of application. Counties will not be required to determine such information for any work done prior to the county's implementation date.

4. The PMS shall include a future pavement condition prediction model that uses the periodic pavement condition distress data to forecast future pavement condition and to determine an estimate of service life.

5. The PMS shall provide for annual downloading to the CRABoard of one of the following for all paved arterials surveyed for pavement condition in the previous twelve months:
   (a) The individual pavement distresses;
   (b) The resultant pavement condition rating based on the CRABoard-provided standard deduct matrix; or
   (c) The resultant pavement condition rating for an approved alternative PMS as described in WAC 136-320-040.

Such downloading shall be called the pavement condition data file. It shall be keyed to the county road log, and shall be transmitted in the electronic medium and format specified by the CRABoard, along with the annual road log update required by chapter 136-60 WAC.

WAC 136-320-040 Alternative pavement management system requirements. Alternative PMS distress determination and evaluation methodologies, processes, or systems may be used if they yield pavement condition ratings comparable to the process described in WAC 136-320-030(2). Counties intending to use an alternative process must satisfactorily demonstrate to the CRABoard that the alternative process is based on sound pavement engineering principles and is comparable in quality and scale through research results, documented conversion equations, statistical sampling, or other methods.

WAC 136-320-050 State-wide pavement condition data file. The county road administration board shall maintain a pavement condition data file, organized by county, containing the pavement condition ratings as provided annually by each county.

(1995 Ed.)
WAC 136-320-060 Annual review. On an annual basis, beginning in calendar year 1993, the executive director of the county road administration board shall review the implementation of and, beginning in calendar year 1995, the compliance with the requirements of WAC 136-320-030 or 136-320-040 and report the results to the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 46.68.095(4). 93-14-003, § 136-320-060, filed 6/23/93, effective 7/24/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-320-060, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-320-070 CRAB assistance. To enable each county to meet its eligibility requirements, CRAB shall provide a PMS software application and training as part of its agency-supported county road information system. CRAB shall also provide to counties, upon request, administrative and technical assistance related to defining, developing, operating, managing, and utilizing pavement management technology.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 46.68.095(4). 93-14-003, § 136-320-070, filed 6/23/93, effective 7/24/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-320-070, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-320-080 Use of pavement management system data for distribution of county arterial preservation account funds. The results and/or data from the individual or collective county PMS’s will not be used to distribute county arterial preservation funds nor to establish priorities for specific projects or otherwise alter the statutory fund distribution. Said results and/or data will be used to evaluate regional or state-wide arterial pavement preservation and rehabilitation needs and to demonstrate compliance with the enabling legislation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 46.68.095(4). 93-14-003, § 136-320-080, filed 6/23/93, effective 7/24/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-320-080, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

Chapter 136-325 WAC

ANNUAL COUNTY ARTERIAL PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

WAC
136-325-010 Coordination with annual road program.
136-325-020 Contents.
136-325-030 Submittal to CRAB.

WAC 136-325-010 Coordination with annual road program. Each county road engineer shall, in conjunction with the county’s annual road construction program as required by RCW 36.81.130 and chapter 136-16 WAC, prepare an annual county arterial preservation program (CAPP). Appropriate forms will be provided by CRAB.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-325-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-325-020 Contents. The county’s annual CAPP shall consist of a list of all proposed county arterial preservation projects and activities for the ensuing year. In order to evaluate the relative ability of CAPA funds to meet the county’s total arterial pavement preservation needs, the annual CAPP shall identify those projects for which CAPA funding is available.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-325-020, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-325-030 Submittal to CRAB. The county road engineer shall submit the proposed CAPP to CRAB along with the county’s annual road program and budget in accordance with chapter 136-16 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-325-030, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

Chapter 136-330 WAC

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

WAC
136-330-010 Pavement management system development.
136-330-020 Allowable activities.
136-330-030 Minimum road widths.
136-330-040 Participation with other funds.

WAC 136-330-010 Pavement management system development. To promote and assist the implementation of comprehensive, computer-based pavement management systems meeting the requirements of chapter 136-320 WAC, CAPA funds may be used for the following activities:

(1) Acquisition of computer hardware and software that may be necessary to operate a computer-based pavement management system.

(2) Pavement management system training not otherwise provided by CRAB. This can include software usage, pavement condition surveying, and other specialized training directly related to the operation and maintenance of a computer-based pavement management system.

(3) Payment for related services such as data entry, pavement condition surveys, and rental of specialized PMS-related equipment such as road raters.

Acquisition of equipment other than computer hardware as described in subsection (1) of this section is not eligible.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-330-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-330-020 Allowable activities. Except as described in WAC 136-330-010 and 136-330-040, or unless otherwise approved by the CRABoard, CAPA funding shall be limited to the direct and attributable indirect costs associated with paved surface preservation and rehabilitation activities on existing roadways only. Activities which are allowable for CAPA funding include the following:

(1) Nonstructural resurfacing projects. These include thin asphalt concrete overlays (one-inch or less); bituminous seal coats (single and double); slurry seals, sand seals, and fog seals; associated tack coats, paving fabrics, and preleveling; and associated surface grinding and planing.

(2) Structural resurfacing projects. These include thick asphalt concrete overlays (greater than one-inch); portland cement concrete overlays; associated tack coats, paving fabrics, and preleveling; associated surface grinding and planing; and hot/cold bituminous road mixes.
(3) Associated activities. These include crack sealing (bituminous and portland cement pavements); full-depth, structural patching done in preparation for structural or nonstructural overlays or seals; portland cement pavement joint reconstruction, undersealing, panel jacking and panel replacement; and other related activities as they are directly attributable to nonstructural and structural resurfacing projects.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-330-020, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-330-030 Minimum road widths. For all CAPA-funded projects which involve structural resurfacing, the existing road must meet the following minimum width standards:

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All roadways less than the above standards for which a county proposes to perform structural resurfacing must be widened with other than CAPA funds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-330-030, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-330-040 Participation with other funds. CAPA funds may also be used to fund resurfacing work associated with the reconstruction and/or widening of existing paved arterials. This participation is limited as follows:

1. The present roadway is a paved county arterial as defined by WAC 136-310-010;
2. The county's approved pavement management system has identified the existing pavement as requiring resurfacing within two years of the expected reconstruction/widening project completion date;
3. The reconstruction/widening project will bring the roadway to at least the lane and shoulder width standards and non-CAPA funding requirements of WAC 136-330-030;
4. The CAPA participation will be limited to the resurfacing portion of the project as described in WAC 136-330-020.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-330-040, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

### Chapter 136-340 WAC

#### ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT PROVISIONS

- WAC 136-340-010 Accounting requirements.
- WAC 136-340-030 Scope of audits.
- WAC 136-340-040 Noncompliance and questioned costs.
- WAC 136-340-050 Post-audit penalty.

WAC 136-340-010 Accounting requirements. (1) Deposits. Upon receipt of CAPA funds from the state treasurer, each county shall deposit them in a separate BARS revenue account within the county road fund or in a fund separate from the county road fund. The county engineer shall evaluate the capabilities of the county road fund accounting system and select the method of deposit and related accounting.

(2) Expenditures. Expenditures of these funds shall be solely for CAPA-eligible work and must be separately identified within each county's road fund expenditure reporting system.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-340-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-340-020 Audit provisions. CAPP audits may be conducted by the state auditor's office and will normally be conducted in conjunction with the audits required by RCW 43.09.260 and 36.80.080. Special audits of specific CAPP activities or projects may be accomplished at the request of the CRABoard. The costs of such special audits shall be the responsibility of the CRABoard.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-340-020, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-340-030 Scope of audits. The audit of any CAP project or activity shall include but not be limited to the review of the county's compliance with (1) the provisions of the act and (2) the rules in Title 136 WAC regarding implementation and administration of the act, with detailed review of the application of CAPA funds and the various reporting requirements. The audit shall also include a review of the financial accounting and reporting of all CAPA funds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-340-030, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-340-040 Noncompliance and questioned costs. If the audit of a CAP activity or project reveals any area of noncompliance and/or questioned costs, then such exceptions shall be subject to comment by the examiner within the audit report.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-340-040, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-340-050 Post-audit penalty. In the event an exception has been noted within the audit report it shall be the duty of the CRABoard to evaluate the noted discrepancy. Discrepancies may be cause for the CRABoard to order the payback of improperly expended CAPA funds and/
or withdrawal or denial of the certificate of good practice of the county in question as provided in chapter 136-04 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-340-050, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

Chapter 136-350 WAC
ANNUAL REPORTING OF PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

WAC
136-350-010 Annual report form.
136-350-020 Submittal of annual report.

WAC 136-350-010 Annual report form. The CRABoard shall prepare and distribute to all counties standard reporting forms for use by the county engineer to annually summarize the pavement preservation activities, both CAPA and non-CAPA funded, in their county. For all CAPA-funded work, the report will require a specific listing of roads improved including a definition of work scope and the amount of CAPA funds expended.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-350-010, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

WAC 136-350-020 Submittal of annual report. At any time prior to April 1 of the year following, the county engineer shall, in conjunction with the annual construction report as required by WAC 136-16-050, submit an annual summary of pavement preservation activities on the entire paved road system. This report shall be on the approved forms or in an equivalent format.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.78.070 and 1990 c 42. 90-22-082 (Order 81), § 136-350-020, filed 11/6/90, effective 12/7/90.]

Chapter 136-400 WAC
ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY FERRY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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136-400-010 Purpose.
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136-400-100 Terms of CRABoard contract.
136-400-110 Voucher approval and payment.
136-400-120 Audit requirements.
136-400-130 Delegation of authority.

WAC 136-400-010 Purpose. Section 1(4), chapter 310, Laws of 1991 (the act), provides that the county road administration board (CRABoard) may evaluate requests for ferry capital improvement funds by Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties, and, if approved by the board, submit said requests to the legislature for funding. This chapter describes the manner in which the CRABoard will implement the provisions of the act.


WAC 136-400-020 Eligibility. Counties eligible to apply for ferry capital improvement funds are Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom.


WAC 136-400-030 Definition of ferry capital improvement projects. Ferry capital improvement projects shall include the following:

(1) Purchase of new vessels;
(2) Major vessel refurbishment (e.g., engines, structural steel, controls) that substantially extends the life of the vessel;
(3) Facility refurbishment/replacement (e.g., complete replacement, major rebuilding or redecking of a dock) that substantially extends the life of the facility;
(4) Installation of items that substantially improve ferry facilities or operations;
(5) Construction of infrastructure that provides new or additional access or increases the capacity of terminal facilities; and/or
(6) Emergency repairs to correct damage to vessels or facilities caused by accidents or natural phenomena.


WAC 136-400-040 Six-year and fourteen-year plan submittal. Each county’s six-year programs and fourteen-year long range ferry capital improvement plans shall be prepared and adopted in accordance with RCW 36.81.121 and 36.54.015, respectively, and one copy shall be forwarded to the CRA office no later than December 31st of each year. The county’s six-year program and fourteen-year ferry capital improvement plan submitted in each odd-numbered year shall include all projects for which the county may request ferry capital improvement funds during the biennium beginning on July 1st of that year. Project cost estimates shall be considered preliminary until a project application is submitted.


WAC 136-400-050 Project application. Each application by a county for ferry capital improvement funds shall be made no later than January 1st of even-numbered years for the biennium beginning on July 1st of the next odd-numbered year. The information submitted to the CRABoard shall include the application form and sufficient engineering drawings to accurately describe the project.

Project applications shall be submitted on application forms supplied by the CRABoard and shall include the following information:

(1) Project description and scope;
(2) Engineering analysis and cost estimate;
(3) Evidence of application for outside funding through the public works trust fund or any other available revenue source;
WAC 136-400-060 Technical review committee. A technical review committee shall be created to review project applications for ferry capital improvement funds composed of the following members or their designees: Executive director of the CRABoard, assistant secretary WSDOT local programs, a WSDOT marine division engineer, and public works department representatives from each of the four participating counties. The county representatives shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the technical review committee. The technical review committee shall recommend approval of projects that have been submitted in a timely manner and that:

1. Meet the applicable statutes and the standards of this chapter; and
2. Adhere to commonly held engineering practices and cost effectiveness.

The technical review committee shall recommend an appropriate local match on a project-by-project basis based upon the availability of local matching funds. Written reports on each project recommended for approval shall be submitted to the board no later than thirty days prior to its regularly scheduled spring meeting. Technical review committee meetings shall be convened on an "as needed" basis by the executive director of the CRABoard, who shall serve as chairperson.

WAC 136-400-070 CRABoard action. The CRABoard shall review project applications, along with the recommendations of the technical review committee, at its regular spring meeting in even-numbered years. At that time it shall approve those projects which it finds:

1. Meet the applicable statutes and the standards of this chapter; and
2. Adhere to commonly held engineering practices and cost effectiveness, specifying the amount of approved funding which it recommends for such projects.

The board shall determine a local matching percentage on a case-by-case basis, considering the availability of local matching funds and the recommendation of the technical review committee. Emergent projects may be considered by the CRABoard at any time upon recommendation by the executive director. The board shall require evidence that each applicant has first sought funding through the public works trust fund, and other available revenue sources.

WAC 136-400-080 Funding by the legislature. County ferry capital improvement project requests approved by the CRABoard shall be submitted to the legislature for funding out of amounts available under RCW 46.68.100(3) as part of the CRABoard's biennial or supplemental budget request.

The CRABoard shall, within ten days of the signing of the transportation budget, notify each county having an approved project of such approval and of the amount of ferry capital improvement funding allocated to each approved project. The CRABoard shall offer such county a contract for each approved project setting forth the terms and conditions under which funds will be provided.

WAC 136-400-090 Limitation on use of ferry capital improvement funds. Ferry capital improvement funds may be used for project design, construction, and right-of-way costs incurred after legislative approval. Emergency project costs may be eligible for retroactive payment upon approval by the CRABoard.

WAC 136-400-100 Terms of CRAB/county contract. The CRAB/county contract shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

1. Such contract shall be valid and binding (and the county shall be entitled to receive ferry capital improvement funds) only if such contract is signed and returned to the CRABoard within forty-five days of its mailing by the CRABoard.
2. The project will be constructed in accordance with (a) the information furnished to the CRABoard, and (b) the plans and specifications prepared under the supervision of the county engineer.
3. The county will notify the CRABoard when a contract has been awarded and when construction has started, and when the project has been completed.
4. The CRABoard will reimburse counties on the basis of monthly progress vouchers received and approved on individual projects, subject to the availability of ferry capital improvement funds appropriated by the legislature.
5. The county will reimburse the CRABoard in the event that a project post audit reveals improper expenditure of ferry capital improvement funds. Said funds will be returned to the county-wide fuel tax account for distribution in accordance with RCW 46.68.120.

WAC 136-400-110 Voucher approval and payment. The CRABoard shall prepare and distribute to all counties with approved ferry capital improvement projects, voucher forms for use in requesting progress and final payments for approved ferry capital improvement project.

The county constructing each ferry capital improvement project may submit vouchers monthly as the work progresses and shall submit a final voucher after completion of each project for payment of the approved and funded share of the project cost.

The CRABoard shall approve such vouchers for payment to the county submitting the voucher. Upon approval of each ferry capital improvement voucher by the
CRABOard it shall be transmitted to the department of transportation for payment to the county submitting the voucher. Ferry capital improvement fund warrants shall be transmitted directly to each county submitting a voucher. In the event that project funds remain unspent after the final project payment has been made, the unspent balance will be returned to the county-wide fuel tax account for distribution in accordance with RCW 46.68.120.


WAC 136-400-120 Audit requirements. Audits of county ferry capital improvement projects may be conducted by the state auditor's office and will normally be conducted in conjunction with the county audits required by RCW 43.09.260 and 36.80.080. Special audits of specific ferry capital improvement projects not required by these statutes may be accomplished at the request, and at the expense, of the CRABOard.

An audit of any county ferry capital improvement project shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the county's compliance with: The provisions of the act; and these rules. The audit shall also include a review of the financial accounting and reporting of those funds associated with and received for the ferry capital improvement project.

In the event that an exception is noted in the audit report the CRABOard shall evaluate the noted discrepancy. Discrepancies may be cause for the CRABOard to order the payback of improperly expended ferry capital improvement funds as provided in the CRAB/county contract (WAC 136-400-110). Any such funds returned by a county to the CRABOard shall be returned to the county-wide fuel tax account for distribution in accordance with RCW 46.68.120.


WAC 136-400-130 Delegation of authority. In order to ensure effective and timely administration of the county ferry capital improvement program, the CRABOard or its executive director may delegate, in writing, its authority under this chapter.


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