

WSR 22-03-018
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 468-51 WAC, Highway access management access permits—Administrative process; specifically, WAC 468-51-060 Application requirements and procedures and 468-51-020 Definitions.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 47.01.101; and chapter 47.50 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Chapter 468-51 WAC addresses rights of access to a state route by owners or occupants of abutting properties. Such rights are established through the issuance of connection permits by the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) pursuant to this chapter. WAC 468-51-060 prescribes the requirements for connection permit applications. Through this filing, WSDOT is endeavoring to revise WAC 468-51-060 and corresponding definitions in WAC 468-51-020 to clarify the eligibility of both abutting property owners and easement holders as prospective applicants.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). WSDOT coordinates the development of all policies related to highway access with FHWA. Each step of the rule-making process with [will] be closely coordinated with FHWA.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ahmer Mizam, P.O. Box 47329, Olympia, WA 98504-7329, phone 360-870-2383, fax 360-704-6381, email nizama@wsdot.wa.gov; or LeRoy Patterson, P.O. Box 47329, Olympia, WA 98504-7329, phone 360-556-83126 [360-705-7266], email patterl@wsdot.wa.gov.

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