

**WSR 24-22-084
PERMANENT RULES
COUNTY ROAD**

ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Amending WAC 136-60-040 and 136-60-050 to make changes to the standards of good practice. Creating WAC 136-60-070 to make changes to the standards of good practice. Amending WAC 136-161-040 to make changes to the rural arterial program.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 136-60-070; and amending WAC 136-60-040, 136-50-050, and 136-161-040.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 36.78.070.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-19-016 on September 6, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 3, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 1, Amended 3, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: October 24, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 03-05-009, filed 2/7/03, effective 3/10/03)

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 county road administration board. 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 1st 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 1st of each year will be utilized by the county road administration board for general informational purposes and:

- (1) On each odd-numbered year, for computation of motor vehicle fuel tax allocations to the counties;
- (2) Annually, for the computation of county arterial preservation program allocations to the counties; (~~and~~)
- (3) On each odd-numbered year, for computation of rural arterial program allocations to the rural arterial program regions; and

(4) For submittal of freight and goods route information to be included in required federal and state freight planning reports and studies.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-05-015, filed 2/4/22, effective 3/7/22)

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 county road administration board. Documentation necessary to support control field changes is as follows:

Function class - Notice of FHWA approval from WSDOT.

Pavement type - Statement signed by county engineer with list of pavement type changes.

Responsible agency - The responsible agency is the legislative authority of the appropriate governmental agency with the authority to make the decision required for the action, or the state or federal government person authorized to approve changes.

Addition of mileage - Official document signed by responsible agency authorizing and describing the circumstances of the addition. For example, additions can occur through county legislative approval of new plat, construction/reconstruction on new alignment, or a change in jurisdiction.

Deletion of mileage - Official document signed by responsible agency authorizing and describing the circumstances of the deletion. For example, deletions can occur through legislative approval of vacations or a change in jurisdiction.

Traffic volume - Statement signed by county engineer with list of segments affected by change in traffic volume above or below 5,000 average daily traffic (ADT). If the ADT is over 5,000, the county shall also submit the traffic counts used to determine the ADT.

Freight and goods - Statement signed by county engineer with list of segments above 4,000,000 tons of freight annually and the traffic counts used to determine the annual tons of freight exceed 4,000,000 tons.

All changes to a control field will be (~~located on appropriate map(s)~~) updated in the approved GIS data set layer with sufficient detail to identify the location of each change. ((All map(s) furnished in support of control field changes will be forwarded by the county road administration board to WSDOT for future reference and use.)) This GIS layer will then be forwarded annually to WSDOT for the new federal requirements for Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) and Model Inventory Roadway Elements: Fundamental data elements (MIRE FDE).

NEW SECTION

WAC 136-60-070 Traffic study update frequency. Any traffic counts used to validate that a segment has an ADT over 5,000 or has more than 4,000,000 tons of freight annually shall be updated by December 31, 2025. After December 31, 2025, traffic counts for ADT over 5,000 validation shall be updated a minimum of every two years and a

minimum of every four years for annual freight tonnage more than 4,000,000 tons.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-22-083, filed 11/1/21, effective 12/2/21)

WAC 136-161-040 RAP program cycle—Field review by county road administration board. After all preliminary prospectuses are received, the county road administration board 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 county road administration board 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 judgment in the visual ratings, the assigned county road administration board staff person shall be assigned by the deputy director, and be a licensed professional civil engineer in the state of Washington or have significant experience in the design of road and bridge projects, and the same person shall review and rate all projects within a region. All field reviews will be completed, each project's type will be set, and the visual rating scores returned to each submitting county, by July 1st of each even-numbered year prior to a funding period.