WAC 136-14-020 Application. Priority programming techniques shall be applied in the ranking of all potential projects on the road system of each county. They may be applied to all road and bridge projects combined in a single group, or may be applied to individual functional classes of roads and further subdivided into rural and urban systems if desired, or by funding source(s). Priority programming will not be required, but is recommended, for the local access road system. However, bridges on the local access road system must be included in priority programming.

WAC 136-14-030 Process. Each county engineer will be required to develop a priority programming process tailored to meet the overall roadway system development policy determined by their county legislative authority. Items to be included and considered, which may vary from county to county, in the technique for roads shall include, but need not be limited to the following:

1. Traffic volumes;
2. Roadway condition;
3. Geometrics;
4. Safety and accident history; and
5. Matters of significant local importance.

The manner in which these various items are treated may vary from county to county. Bridge priorities shall be established in accordance with WAC 136-20-060. A description of the priority programming technique to be used shall be submitted by each county engineer to the county road administration board, upon request.

The county road administration board, upon request, will provide assistance to counties in the development, evaluation or modification of their priority programming process in order to meet the requirements of this rule.

WAC 136-14-040 Application of process. The priority programming process for roads shall be applied by the county engineer to all potential arterial, collector and bridge projects in the county, and to local access road projects if directed by the legislative authority. The resulting priority array(s) shall be updated not later than the first Monday in October and shall be consulted together with bridge priorities by the county legislative authority and county engineer during the preparation of the proposed six-year transportation program as described in chapter 136-15 WAC.