

Foreword

The *Utilities Manual* has been prepared to outline the general practices, policies, and procedures in the design, administration, and coordination of utilities and railroad facilities within Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) properties or impacted by the department's highway projects. The intent is to provide consistent, current, and accurate guidance for users. Any requirements noted in this guidance are taken from the WSDOT *Utilities Accommodation Policy* and other documents as identified in the manual.

The previous revision of the *Utilities Manual*, which was issued in September, 1998, is hereby superseded.

Updating the *Utilities Manual* is an ongoing process and revisions will be made yearly. Users should submit suggestions for additions or revisions to the Headquarters Utilities Specialist, listed in Headquarters Contacts at the Utilities, Railroads, and Agreements Home Page:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/utilities/hq.htm

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