

Olympia Service Center***Environmental and Engineering Service Center***

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Environmental and Engineering Service Center Assistant Secretary is responsible for the following program area:

- Approval of revisions to the *Roadside Classification Log*.

Design Office

The State Design Engineer is responsible for the following program areas:

- Coordination of statewide RCP implementation;
- Review of design documentation for compliance with the RCP;
- Assistance to regions in implementation of RCP provisions; and
- Approval of Roadside Treatment Level 3 prior to implementation.

Field Operations Support Service Center

The Field Operations Support Service Center Assistant Secretary is responsible for the following program area:

- Concurrence with revisions to the *Roadside Classification Log*.

Highway Maintenance Office

The Chief Maintenance Engineer is responsible for the following program areas:

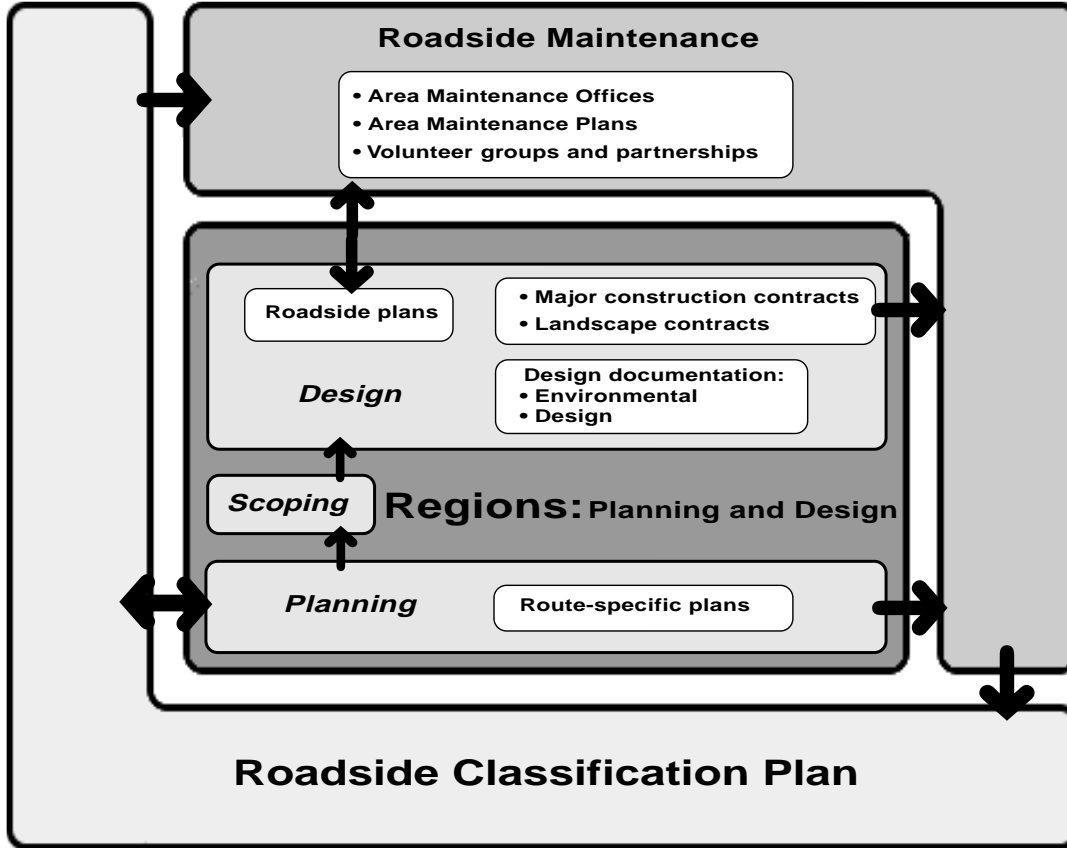
- Coordination of statewide RCP implementation within maintenance activities;
- Review of maintenance activities for compliance with the RCP; and
- Assistance to regions in implementation of RCP provisions.

Regions

The WSDOT Regional Administrators are responsible for the following program areas:

- Regional implementation of the RCP within all roadside management activities.
- Documenting RCP implementation within the region;
- Providing feedback to the State Design Engineer concerning RCP coordination and implementation;
- Submitting Roadside Treatment Level 3 documentation to the State Design Engineer for approval before implementation; and

Roadside Classification Plan Implementation



- Roadside Classification Plan**
 The Roadside Classification Plan (RCP) facilitates statewide coordination of WSDOT roadside management, including planning, design, construction programming, and maintenance activities. The RCP designates roadside character, and provides guidelines for sustainable roadside management.

- Regions: Planning and Design**
 Regions tailor RCP guidelines to fit regional and route-specific conditions. Roadside areas disturbed by recent construction are restored according to RCP guidelines and provisions.

- Roadside Maintenance**
 Roadside maintenance activities implement the RCP through Integrated Vegetation Management.
 - Area maintenance offices implement the RCP through ongoing maintenance.
 - Area maintenance plans coordinate maintenance actions with regional planning and design.
 - Volunteer groups and partnerships implement the RCP in accordance with area maintenance criteria and roadside plans.
 Roadside maintenance provides feedback to the RCP, coordinates ongoing maintenance with RCP provisions, provides management data, and outlines management needs.

Roadside Classification Plan Implementation Concept
Figure 1

- Applications for revisions to the *Roadside Classification Log*.

Regional implementation is as follows:

- Implement the RCP through interdisciplinary involvement, including minimally the following areas of expertise: planning, engineering, environmental, landscape architecture, real estate, and maintenance.

Coordination

RCP implementation and review are accomplished through ongoing coordination between region representatives and the OSC Design Office and Highway Maintenance Office.

Revisions

If keeping roadside character consistent with the *Roadside Classification Log* is not achievable through planning, design (including partnering), construction, and/or maintenance activities, then a revision to the *Log* is required.

Revisions to the *Log* must be approved by the Environmental and Engineering Service Center Assistant Secretary before implementation, with concurrence from the Field Operations Support Service Center Assistant Secretary.

Applications for revisions to the *Log* must state the reasons for the request, and include the following:

- Route number and mileposts.
- Current and requested roadside classification.
- Existing roadside conditions (general).
- Right of way width/roadside width and configuration (both sides and median if applicable).
- Right of way status (limited access or non-limited access; fee ownership, including rights to access, light, view, and air, or easement).
- Potential availability of right of way and/or buffer through purchase or other means.
- Adjacent land use; and
- Zoning and scheduled development of adjacent land.

These factors, along with an evaluation of potential design solutions, will be used to assess the feasibility of preserving or restoring roadside character. In order to complete this assessment, the following may be requested of the applicant:

- Estimated impact the change will have on construction and maintenance costs, including ongoing costs.

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