

Development Services Manual

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This Development Services manual is a major component of the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) overall strategy to promote a consistent statewide development review process and application of mitigation policies.

This manual reflects departmental policies and outlines a uniform system of procedures and methods for:

- Reviewing proposed developments;
- Assessing development impacts to the state highway system;
- Determining appropriate improvements and/or shared contributions to mitigate the impacts;
- Writing interlocal agreements and other agreements with local agencies and public and private parties;
- Considering access to the state highway system.

This manual specifically outlines WSDOT's authority and provides interpretive guidance on existing statutes as they relate to development impacts to state highways. The guidance provided in this manual allows room for regional variations within a statewide framework of consistency. WSDOT seeks collaboration with local agencies to achieve mutually acceptable solutions to transportation needs.

This manual has been prepared as a guide to WSDOT Development Services personnel. This manual may also be used to provide guidance for local jurisdictions' development services staffs, developers and their consultants in their assessment of development impacts and mitigation to the state highway system. The manual includes numerous appendices of sample and model documents for the development review practitioner.

The primary goal of WSDOT's Development Services process is to help ensure that the state highway system remains safe and has the capacity to move people and goods efficiently. Two important objectives are: to provide a predictable development review process for local governments and the development community; and to clarify WSDOT expectations. Publishing this manual is an important step in meeting these objectives.

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