

**WAC 468-30-010 Policy and procedure for handling assessments against state highway lands.** (1) The secretary of transportation is the "chief administrative officer" of the department of transportation as that phrase is applied in chapter 79.44 RCW. The secretary of transportation is also the "agency head" as that phrase is applied in chapter 82-12 WAC.

(2) Whenever real property or real property rights are acquired all interests in the real property or real property rights shall be discharged as authorized by law. If any assessing entity may in the course of its operation assess for the maintenance, operation, or any function of the assessing entity subsequent to acquisition, the present value of those subsequent assessments shall be determined by the parties and that amount paid in exchange for a deed releasing the real property or real property interests from all subsequent assessments by the assessing entity and an order entered in the records of the assessing entity to that same effect.

(3) Whenever any assessing district as defined and provided in chapter 79.44 RCW seeks to include any real property or real property interests of the department of transportation the department shall proceed as authorized by law. If any assessing district may assess further for the maintenance, operating, or any function of the assessing district, the present value of those subsequent assessments shall be determined by the parties and that amount paid in exchange for a deed releasing the real property or real property interests from all subsequent assessments by the assessing district and an order entered in the records of the assessing district to that same effect.

(4) Whenever the department of transportation holds any real property or real property interests which are subject to future assessments by an assessing entity the present value of those subsequent assessments shall be determined by the parties and that amount paid in exchange for a deed releasing the real property or real property interests from all subsequent assessment by the assessing entity and an order entered in the records of the assessing district to that same effect.

(5) Whenever any assessing district as defined in chapter 73.44 RCW refuses to release future assessments by payment in advance, the assessments may be paid annually.

[Statutory Authority: 1977 ex.s. c 151. WSR 79-01-033 (DOT Order 10 and Comm. Order 1, Resolution No. 13), § 468-30-010, filed 12/20/78. Formerly WAC 252-12-010.]