

CTR-affected Designation for Cities: Revised Recommendation

TDM Technical Committee

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AGENDA

- No vote today.
- Presentation:
 - Project overview.
 - Present revised project recommendation.
- Next steps
- Questions/discussion

RECAP: PROJECT OVERVIEW

- CTR law applies when a city meets criteria identified in the CTR law ([RCW 70.15.4000](#)).
- WAC identifies CTR-affected cities ([WAC 468-63-020 \(2\) \(b\)](#)).
- Every four years the TDM Technical Committee must evaluate the WAC's list of CTR-affected cities ([RCW 70A.15.4060 \(2\) \(g\)](#)).
- Affected cities must be in Urban Growth Area (UGA), have “one hundred person hours of delay for a highway segment,” and have an affected worksite ([RCW 70A.15.4020 \(1\)](#)).

RESULTS of CONGESTION ANALYSIS

Forty potential new CTR-affected cities.

- These cities meet UGA and delay criteria; we don't know about worksite. WAC requires cities to identify major employers.
- There have been increases in highway delay in some cities, but we cannot correlate the delay to affected worksite.
- Potential new CTR-affected cities are in rural/suburban areas.

COMPLIANCE

To comply with WAC:

“WSDOT shall **notify** the cities.”

([WAC 468-63-020 \(2\) \(d\)](#))

COMPLIANCE: CONSIDERATIONS

- “One hundred person hours of delay for a highway segment” is outdated and obsolete; no longer an industry standard measure of congestion.
- The TDM Technical Committee voted on April 3, 2025 to maintain the existing funding formula for 2025-29.
- **Reduction of risk: notification of potential new CTR-affected cities aligns with WAC requirements.**
- WSDOT may proceed with notification; no technical committee vote required.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION

- **Notify** potential CTR-affected cities about the CTR program.
- Study alternatives to “one hundred person hours of delay for a highway segment” as a congestion measure for the CTR program, via the forthcoming Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.
- Develop administrative, policy and funding recommendations for absorbing new cities into the Statewide CTR program.

COMPLIANCE: COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

- Resources to support cities new CTR-affected cities?
- Funding impact to jurisdictions already receiving CTR program appropriations?
- WSDOT administrative costs (e.g., onboarding, planning and technical assistance, grants)?

-- Outcome depends on many variables. We will need the committee's support and guidance. --

NOTIFICATION: NEXT STEPS

We anticipate a six-month process:

- Notification development (fall 2025).
- Finalize list of potential CTR-affected cities (fall 2025).
 - Release list of potential CTR-affected cities at the time of notification.
- Notification of potential CTR-affected cities (fall/winter 2025).
 - To participate in the CTR program jurisdictions would need to confirm a CTR-affected worksite.
- Return to committee with results of notification (spring 2026).
- Continue working with the committee on the requirements of the CTR law and WAC (ongoing).

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- Any questions on the revised recommendation?