(1) Department initiated action. The department may, at any time, initiate a review of the access control classification of any segment of any state highway. When a major change occurs in any of the factors noted in WAC 468-52-060(2), the department shall review the access classification for the specific segments of any state highway affected by the change. Prior to the initiation of any change in classification of a highway segment, the department shall notify in writing the appropriate Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and local governmental entities. The department will consult with the RTPO, MPO, and local governmental entities and shall take into consideration, any comments or concerns received during the review process. For city streets that are designated as state highways in compliance with chapter 47.24 RCW, the department will obtain concurrence in the final class assignment from the city or town for those state highways where the city or town is the permitting authority. The department shall notify the RTPO, MPO, and local governmental entities in writing of the final determination of the reclassification action.

(2) Requests for departmental review. A Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Metropolitan Planning Organization, or local governmental entity may request, in writing, at any time that the secretary of transportation initiate a review of the access control classification of a specific segment or segments of a state highway(s). Such written request shall identify the segment(s) of state highway for which the review is requested and shall include a specific recommendation for the reclassification of the highway segment(s) involved. Justification for the requested change shall be provided in the request taking into account the standards and criteria in WAC 468-52-040 and 468-52-060. The department will consult with the RTPO, MPO, and local governmental entities involved and shall take into consideration, any comments or concerns received during the review process. The department shall notify the RTPO, MPO, and local governmental entities in writing of the final determination of the reclassification action.

Other interested persons or organizations who wish to initiate a review of the access control classification of a specific highway segment shall do so through the local governmental entity, MPO, or RTPO.

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