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Section S5.C.5.b, on Page 12, outlines application for technical standards and when current project are obligated to use the 2019 HRM vs 2026 HRM. WSDOT's larger projects often have significant durations between design approval and when the project goes to advertisement. For example, a large corridor type project that has significant impacts to Right of Way may have 4-5 years between Design Approval and the Ad date to allow for the right of way phase to complete. While the majority of the projects footprint is known and design is fairly advanced at the point where design approval is completed, having to switch to the 2026 HRM requirements could mean additional costs and delays to these types of projects.

Suggest either moving the ad criteria from July 31, 2028 to July 31, 2030 or 2031 or providing a means to gain specific project approval for deviation from these dates.