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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Nelson, R. Fisher, Cantwell, Betrozoff, Heavey, Phillips and Prentice)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation planning; amending RCW 36.79.080,  
2 36.81.121, 47.05.030, 47.26.084, 47.26.220, 35.58.2795, 35.58.2796, and  
3 47.80.040; adding a new chapter to Title 75 RCW; and creating a new  
4 section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.79.080 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 49 s 8 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 PROJECT CRITERIA--RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM. In preparing their  
9 respective six-year programs relating to rural arterial improvements,  
10 counties shall select specific priority improvement projects for each  
11 functional class of arterial based on the rating of each arterial  
12 section proposed to be improved in relation to other arterial sections  
13 within the same functional class, taking into account the following:

14 (1) Its structural ability to carry loads imposed upon it;

1       (2) Its capacity to ~~((move traffic at reasonable speeds;~~  
2       ~~(3))~~ provide efficient, dependable, and rapid accessibility for  
3 movement of people and goods;

4       (3) Its consistency with the transportation elements of local  
5 comprehensive plans and regional transportation plans;

6       (4) Its consistency with state, regional, and local transit plans,  
7 where applicable;

8       (5) Its consistency with state, regional, and local freight rail  
9 considerations;

10       (6) Its adequacy of alignment and related geometrics;

11       ~~((4))~~ (7) Its accident experience; and

12       ~~((5))~~ (8) Its fatal accident experience.

13       With assistance from regional transportation planning  
14 organizations, where applicable, adjacent counties, and the county road  
15 administration board, long-term plans shall be used to guide  
16 development of the six-year programs. The six-year construction  
17 programs shall remain flexible and subject to annual revision as  
18 provided in RCW 36.81.121.

19       **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.81.121 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 58 are each  
20 amended to read as follows:

21       SIX-YEAR COUNTY ROAD PLANS. (1) Before July 1st of each year, the  
22 legislative authority of each county with the advice and assistance of  
23 the county road engineer, and pursuant to one or more public hearings  
24 thereon, shall prepare and adopt a comprehensive road program for the  
25 ensuing six calendar years. If the county has adopted a comprehensive  
26 plan pursuant to chapter 35.63 or 36.70 RCW, the inherent authority of  
27 a charter county derived from its charter, or chapter 36.70A RCW, the  
28 program shall be consistent with this comprehensive plan.

1       The program shall include proposed road and bridge construction  
2 work, and for those counties operating ferries shall also include a  
3 separate section showing proposed capital expenditures for ferries,  
4 docks, and related facilities. Copies of the program shall be filed  
5 with the county road administration board (~~and with~~), the state  
6 secretary of transportation, and the regional transportation planning  
7 organization, where applicable, not more than thirty days after its  
8 adoption by the legislative authority. The purpose of this section is  
9 to assure that each county shall perpetually have available advanced  
10 plans looking to the future for not less than six years as a guide in  
11 carrying out a coordinated road construction program that is consistent  
12 with the regional transportation plan. The program may at any time be  
13 revised by a majority of the legislative authority but only after a  
14 public hearing thereon.

15       (2) The six-year program of each county having an urban area within  
16 its boundaries shall contain a separate section setting forth the six-  
17 year program for arterial road construction based upon its long-range  
18 construction plan and formulated in accordance with regulations of the  
19 transportation improvement board. The six-year program for arterial  
20 road construction shall be submitted to the transportation improvement  
21 board forthwith after its annual revision and adoption by the  
22 legislative authority of each county. The six-year program for  
23 arterial road construction shall be based upon estimated revenues  
24 available for such construction together with such additional sums as  
25 the legislative authority of each county may request for urban  
26 arterials from the urban arterial trust account or the transportation  
27 improvement account for the six-year period. The arterial road  
28 construction program shall provide for a more rapid rate of completion  
29 of the long-range construction needs of principal arterial roads than

1 for minor and collector arterial roads, pursuant to regulations of the  
2 transportation improvement board.

3 (3) Each six-year program forwarded to the secretary in compliance  
4 with subsection (1) of this section shall contain information as to how  
5 a county will expend its moneys, including funds made available  
6 pursuant to chapter 47.30 RCW, for bicycles, pedestrians, and  
7 equestrian purposes.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.05.030 and 1987 c 179 s 2 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 PRIORITY PROGRAMMING FOR STATE HIGHWAYS. The transportation  
11 commission shall adopt and periodically revise, after consultation with  
12 the legislative transportation committee, a comprehensive six-year  
13 program and financial plan for highway improvements specifying program  
14 objectives for each of the highway categories, "A," "B," "C," and "H,"  
15 defined in this section, and within the framework of estimated funds  
16 for such period. The program and plan shall be based upon the  
17 improvement needs (~~((for state highways as determined by the department~~  
18 ~~from time to time))~~) identified in the state highway system plan, as  
19 required under section 12 of this act.

20 With such reasonable deviations as may be required to effectively  
21 utilize the estimated funds and to adjust to unanticipated delays in  
22 programmed projects, the commission shall allocate the estimated funds  
23 among the following described categories of highway improvements, so as  
24 to carry out the commission's program objectives:

25 (1) Category A shall consist of those improvements necessary to  
26 sustain the structural, safety, and operational integrity of the  
27 existing state highway system (other than improvements to the  
28 interstate system to be funded with federal aid at the regular

1 interstate rate under federal law and regulations, and improvements  
2 designated in subsections (2) through (4) of this section).

3 (2) Category B shall consist of improvements for the continued  
4 development of the interstate system to be funded with federal aid at  
5 the regular interstate rate under federal law and regulations.

6 (3) Category C shall consist of the development of major  
7 transportation improvements (other than improvements to the interstate  
8 system to be funded with federal aid at the regular interstate rate  
9 under federal law and regulations) including designated but  
10 unconstructed highways which are vital to the state-wide transportation  
11 network.

12 (4) Category H shall consist of those improvements necessary to  
13 sustain the structural and operational integrity of existing bridges on  
14 the highway system (other than bridges on the interstate system or  
15 bridge work included in another category because of its association  
16 with a highway project in such category).

17 Projects which are financed one hundred percent by federal funds or  
18 other agency funds shall, if the commission determines that such work  
19 will improve the state highway system, be managed separately from the  
20 above categories.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.26.084 and 1988 c 167 s 2 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 PROJECT CRITERIA--TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT. The  
24 transportation improvement account is hereby created in the motor  
25 vehicle fund. The board shall adopt rules and procedures which shall  
26 govern the allocation of funds in the transportation improvement  
27 account at such time as funds become available.

28 The board shall allocate funds from the account by June 30 of each  
29 year for the ensuing fiscal year and shall endeavor to provide

1 geographical diversity in selecting improvement projects to be funded  
2 from the account.

3 Of the amount made available to the transportation improvement  
4 board from the transportation improvement account for improvement  
5 projects:

6 (1) Eighty-seven percent shall be allocated to counties, to cities  
7 with a population of over five thousand, and to transportation benefit  
8 districts. Improvement projects may include, but are not limited to,  
9 multi-agency and suburban arterial improvement projects.

10 ~~((To be eligible to receive these funds, a project must be (a)~~  
11 ~~consistent with state, regional, and local transportation plans and~~  
12 ~~consideration shall be given to the project's relationship, both actual~~  
13 ~~and potential, with rapid mass transit and at such time as a rail plan~~  
14 ~~is developed by the rail development commission, projects must be~~  
15 ~~consistent therewith, (b) necessitated by existing or reasonably~~  
16 ~~foreseeable congestion levels attributable to economic development or~~  
17 ~~growth, and (c) partially funded by local government or private~~  
18 ~~contributions, or a combination of such contributions.)) Before~~

19 awarding funding for any specific project the transportation  
20 improvement board shall determine if the following criteria have been  
21 considered:

22 (a) The project is necessitated by existing or reasonably  
23 foreseeable congestion levels attributable to economic development or  
24 growth;

25 (b) The project emphasizes the movement of people and goods rather  
26 than vehicles;

27 (c) The project includes, where appropriate, other modes of  
28 transportation such as transit, high occupancy vehicle lanes, and high-  
29 capacity transit;

1 (d) The project conforms to regional transportation plans and the  
2 transportation elements of local comprehensive plans including access  
3 management provisions;

4 (e) The project is consistent with local and regional high-capacity  
5 transportation considerations;

6 (f) The project is consistent with state, regional, and local  
7 freight rail considerations in accordance with RCW 47.80.030; and

8 (g) The project is partially funded by local government or private  
9 contributions, or a combination of such contributions.

10 The board shall, for those projects meeting the eligibility  
11 criteria, determine what percentage of each project is funded by local  
12 and/or private contribution. Priority consideration shall be given to  
13 those projects with the greatest percentage of local and/or private  
14 contribution.

15 Within one year after board approval of an application for funding,  
16 a county, city, or transportation benefit district shall provide  
17 written certification to the board of the pledged local and/or private  
18 funding. Funds allocated to an applicant that does not certify its  
19 funding within one year after approval may be reallocated by the board.

20 (2) Thirteen percent shall be allocated by the board to cities with  
21 a population of five thousand or less for street improvement projects  
22 in a manner determined by the board.

23 The board shall not allocate funds, nor make payments of the funds  
24 under RCW 47.26.265, for projects in any county or city identified by  
25 the governor under RCW 36.70A.340.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.26.220 and 1989 c 160 s 1 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 PROJECT CRITERIA--URBAN ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT. Counties and  
29 cities, in preparing their respective six year programs relating to

1 urban arterial improvements to be funded by the urban arterial trust  
2 account, shall select specific priority improvement projects for each  
3 functional class of arterial based on the rating of each arterial  
4 section proposed to be improved in relation to other arterial sections  
5 within the same functional class, taking into account the following:

6 (1) Its structural ability to carry loads imposed upon it;

7 (2) Its capacity to ~~((move traffic and persons at reasonable speeds~~  
8 ~~without undue congestion))~~ provide efficient, dependable, and rapid  
9 accessibility for movement of people and goods;

10 (3) Its adequacy of alignment and related geometrics;

11 (4) Its accident experience; ~~((and))~~

12 (5) Its fatal accident experience;

13 (6) Its consistency with the transportation elements of local  
14 comprehensive plans and regional transportation plans including access  
15 management provisions;

16 (7) Its consistency with regional and local high-capacity  
17 transportation considerations;

18 (8) Its consistency with state, regional, and local freight rail  
19 considerations. The six-year construction programs shall remain  
20 flexible and subject to annual revision as provided in RCW 36.81.121  
21 and 35.77.010.

22 **Sec. 6.** RCW 35.58.2795 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 60 are each  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 SIX-YEAR TRANSIT PLANS. By April 1st of each year, the legislative  
25 authority of each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, shall  
26 prepare a six-year transit development and financial program for that  
27 calendar year and the ensuing five years. The program shall be  
28 consistent with the comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities,  
29 and towns, pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW, the

1 inherent authority of a first class city or charter county derived from  
2 its charter, or chapter 36.70A RCW. The program shall contain  
3 information as to how the municipality intends to meet state and local  
4 long-range priorities for public transportation, capital improvements,  
5 significant operating changes planned for the system, and how the  
6 municipality intends to fund program needs. Each municipality shall  
7 file the six-year program with the state department of transportation,  
8 the transportation improvement board, and cities, counties, and  
9 regional transportation planning ~~((councils))~~ organizations within  
10 which the municipality is located.

11 In developing its program, the municipality shall consider those  
12 policy recommendations affecting public transportation contained in the  
13 state transportation policy plan approved by the state transportation  
14 commission and, where appropriate, adopted by the legislature. The  
15 municipality shall conduct one or more public hearings while developing  
16 its program and for each annual update.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 1989 c 396 s 2 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) The department of transportation shall develop an annual report  
20 summarizing the status of ~~((public transportation))~~ transit systems in  
21 the state. By September 1st of each year, copies of the report shall  
22 be submitted to the legislative transportation committee and to each  
23 municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and to individual members of  
24 the municipality's legislative authority. ~~((The department shall  
25 prepare and submit a preliminary report by December 1, 1989.~~

26 ~~To assist the department with preparation of the report, each  
27 municipality shall file a system report by April 1st of each year with  
28 the state department of transportation identifying its public  
29 transportation services for the previous calendar year and its~~

1 objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of those  
2 services. The system report shall address those items required for  
3 each public transportation system in the department's report.) The  
4 report shall also address the progress made toward meeting state-wide  
5 transit goals, policies, and emphasis areas contained in the state  
6 transportation policy plan approved by the transportation commission,  
7 and when appropriate, adopted by the legislature.

8 (2) The annual state report shall be derived by the department from  
9 the collective transit development plans filed by each municipality as  
10 required by RCW 35.58.2795. The ((department)) report shall describe  
11 individual ((public transportation)) transit systems, including  
12 contracted transportation services and dial-a-ride services, and  
13 include a state-wide summary of ((public transportation)) transit  
14 accomplishments, issues, and data. The ((descriptions)) report shall  
15 include the following elements and such other elements as the  
16 department deems appropriate after consultation with the municipalities  
17 and the legislative transportation committee:

18 ((+1)) (a) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle replacement  
19 standards;

20 ((+2)) (b) Services and service standards;

21 ((+3)) (c) Revenues, expenses, and ((ending balances, by fund  
22 source)) status of reserve accounts;

23 ((+4)) (d) Policy issues and system improvement objectives,  
24 including community participation in development of those objectives  
25 and how those objectives address state-wide transportation priorities;

26 ((+5)) (e) Operating indicators applied to public transportation  
27 services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include  
28 operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle  
29 service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger trips

1 per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee, and  
2 farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs;

3 (f) Activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness  
4 of transit services.

5 **Sec. 8.** RCW 47.80.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 56 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD. Each regional transportation planning  
8 organization shall create a transportation policy board.  
9 Transportation policy boards shall provide policy advice to the  
10 regional transportation planning organization and shall allow  
11 representatives of major employers within the region, the department of  
12 transportation, transit districts, port districts, and member cities,  
13 towns, and counties within the region to participate in policy making.  
14 Citizens or citizen organizations may also be represented on the board.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** PLANNING GUIDELINES. The legislature  
16 recognizes that the ownership and operation of Washington's  
17 transportation system is spread among federal, state, and local  
18 government agencies, regional transit agencies, port districts, and the  
19 private sector. Therefore, transportation planning must be a  
20 comprehensive and coordinated effort. The specific role of the  
21 department in transportation planning shall be (1) ongoing coordination  
22 and development of state-wide transportation policies that guide all  
23 Washington transportation providers, (2) ongoing system planning for  
24 state transportation systems that identifies investment needs and meets  
25 federal requirements for state-wide transportation plans, (3)  
26 coordinating the state high-capacity transportation planning and  
27 regional transportation planning programs, and (4) conducting special  
28 transportation planning studies that impact state transportation

1 facilities or relate to transportation issues of state-wide  
2 significance. Specific requirements for each of these state  
3 transportation planning components are described in this chapter.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN. The department  
5 shall develop a state transportation policy plan that (1) establishes  
6 a vision and goals for the development of the state-wide transportation  
7 system consistent with the state's growth management goals, (2)  
8 identifies significant state-wide transportation policy issues, and (3)  
9 recommends state-wide transportation policies and strategies to the  
10 legislature to fulfill the requirements of RCW 47.01.071(1). The state  
11 transportation policy plan shall be the product of an ongoing process  
12 that shall involve representatives of significant transportation  
13 interests and the general public from across the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** STATE-WIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. The  
15 department shall develop a state-wide transportation plan under RCW  
16 47.01.071(3) and in conformance with federal requirements, to ensure  
17 the continued mobility of people and goods within regions and across  
18 the state in a safe, cost-effective manner. The state-wide  
19 transportation plan shall consist of:

20 (1) A state-owned facilities component, which shall guide state  
21 investment for state highways including bicycle facilities, and  
22 Washington state ferries; and

23 (2) A state-interest component, which shall coordinate state  
24 interest with public and private transportation providers for aviation,  
25 marine port, freight rail, passenger rail, and public transit services.

26 The plans developed under each component must be consistent with  
27 the state transportation policy plan and with each other, shall reflect  
28 public involvement, and shall be consistent with regional

1 transportation planning, high-capacity transportation planning, and  
2 local comprehensive plans prepared under chapter 36.70A RCW. Forecasts  
3 of travel for all modes shall be based upon adopted local comprehensive  
4 plans and shall be consistent with those developed for regional  
5 transportation planning.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** STATE-OWNED FACILITIES COMPONENT OF STATE-  
7 WIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. The state-owned facilities component of the  
8 state-wide transportation plan shall consist of:

9 (1) The state highway system plan, which identifies program needs  
10 and recommends specific improvements to preserve the structural  
11 integrity of the state highway system, ensure acceptable operating  
12 conditions, and provide for enhanced access to scenic, recreational,  
13 and cultural resources. The state highway system plan shall contain  
14 the following elements:

15 (a) A system preservation element, which shall establish structural  
16 preservation objectives for the state highway system including bridges,  
17 identify current and future structural deficiencies based upon analysis  
18 of current conditions and projected future deterioration, and shall  
19 recommend program funding levels and specific improvements necessary to  
20 preserve the structural integrity of the state highway system  
21 consistent with adopted objectives. This element shall serve as the  
22 basis for the preservation component of the six-year highway program  
23 and the two-year biennial budget request to the legislature;

24 (b) A capacity and operational improvement element, which shall  
25 establish operational objectives, including safety considerations, for  
26 moving people and goods on the state highway system, identify current  
27 and future capacity, operational, and safety deficiencies, and shall  
28 recommend program funding levels and specific improvements and  
29 strategies necessary to achieve the operational objectives. In

1 developing capacity and operational improvement plans the department  
2 shall first assess strategies to enhance the operational efficiency of  
3 the existing system before recommending system expansion. Strategies  
4 to enhance the operational efficiencies include but are not limited to  
5 access management, transportation system management, demand management,  
6 and high-occupancy vehicle facilities. Capacity improvement  
7 recommendations shall be based upon the alternative that moves the  
8 greatest number of people or quantity of goods, or both.

9 The capacity and operational improvement element must conform to  
10 the state implementation plan for air quality and be consistent with  
11 regional transportation plans adopted under chapter 47.80 RCW, and  
12 shall serve as the basis for the capacity and operational improvement  
13 portions of the six-year highway program and the two-year biennial  
14 budget request to the legislature.

15 (c) A scenic and recreational highways element, which shall  
16 identify and recommend designation of scenic and recreational highways,  
17 provide for enhanced access to scenic, recreational, and cultural  
18 resources associated with designated routes, and recommend a variety of  
19 management strategies to protect, preserve, and enhance these  
20 resources. The department, affected counties, cities, and towns,  
21 regional transportation planning organizations, and other state or  
22 federal agencies shall jointly develop this element.

23 (d) A bicycle facilities element, which shall identify bicycling  
24 needs on the state transportation systems and provide the basis for the  
25 investment of state highway funds dedicated to bicycling facilities  
26 under chapter 47.30 RCW.

27 (2) The Washington state ferry system plan, which shall guide  
28 capital and operating investments in the state ferry system. The plan  
29 shall establish service objectives for state ferry routes, forecast  
30 travel demand for the various markets served by the system, and develop

1 strategies for ferry system investment that consider both vehicle and  
2 passenger needs, meet regional and state-wide travel purposes, support  
3 local land use plans, and assure that ferry services are fully  
4 integrated with other transportation services. The plan shall assess  
5 the role of private ferries operating under the authority of the  
6 utilities and transportation commission and shall coordinate ferry  
7 system capital and operational plans with these private operations.  
8 The ferry system plan shall be consistent with the regional  
9 transportation plans for areas served by the state ferry system, and  
10 shall be developed in conjunction with the ferry advisory committees.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** STATE-INTEREST COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
12 TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE AVIATION PLAN. The state-interest component  
13 of the state-wide transportation plan shall include an aviation plan,  
14 which shall fulfill the state-wide aviation planning requirements of  
15 the federal government, coordinate state-wide aviation planning, and  
16 identify the program needs for public use and state airports.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** STATE-INTEREST COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
18 TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE MARINE PORTS PLAN. The state-interest  
19 component of the state-wide transportation plan shall include a state  
20 marine ports plan, which shall assess the transportation needs of  
21 Washington's marine ports and identify transportation system  
22 improvements needed to support the international trade and economic  
23 development role of Washington's ports.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** STATE INTEREST-COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
25 TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE FREIGHT RAIL PLAN. The state-interest  
26 component of the state-wide transportation plan shall include a state  
27 freight rail plan, which shall fulfill the state-wide freight rail

1 planning requirements of the federal government, identify light-density  
2 freight rail lines threatened with abandonment, establish criteria for  
3 determining the importance of preserving the service or line, and  
4 recommend priorities for the use of state rail assistance and state  
5 rail banking program funds, as well as other available sources of  
6 funds.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** STATE-INTEREST COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
8 TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PLAN. The state-  
9 interest component of the state-wide transportation plan shall include  
10 an intercity passenger rail plan, which shall analyze existing Amtrak  
11 passenger rail service and recommend improvements to that service under  
12 the state passenger rail service program including depot improvements,  
13 potential service extensions, and ways to achieve higher train speeds.  
14 The plan shall also identify existing intercity rail rights of way that  
15 should be preserved for future transportation use.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** STATE-INTEREST COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
17 TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN  
18 WALKWAYS PLAN. The state-interest component of the state-wide  
19 comprehensive plan shall include a bicycle transportation and  
20 pedestrian walkways plan which shall propose a state-wide strategy for  
21 addressing bicycle and pedestrian transportation, including the  
22 integration of bicycle and pedestrian pathways with other  
23 transportation modes, the coordination between local governments,  
24 regional agencies, and the state in the provision of such facilities,  
25 the role of such facilities in reducing traffic congestion, and an  
26 assessment of state-wide bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs.  
27 This plan shall satisfy the federal requirement for a long range  
28 bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkway plan.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 18.**    STATE-INTEREST COMPONENT OF STATE-WIDE  
2    TRANSPORTATION PLAN--STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT PLAN.    The state-interest  
3    component of the state-wide transportation plan shall include a state  
4    public transit plan that recognizes that while public transit service  
5    is essentially a local responsibility in Washington there is  
6    significant state interest in assuring that viable public transit  
7    services are available throughout the state.    The public transit plan  
8    shall:

9        (1) Articulate the state vision of and interest in public transit  
10    and provide quantifiable objectives, including benefits indicators;

11        (2) Identify the goals for public transit and the roles of federal,  
12    state, regional, and local entities in achieving those goals;

13        (3) Recommend mechanisms for coordinating federal, state, regional,  
14    and local planning for public transit;

15        (4) Recommend mechanisms for coordinating public transit with other  
16    transportation services;

17        (5) Recommend criteria, consistent with the goals identified in  
18    subsection (2) of this section and with RCW 82.44.180 (2) and (3), for  
19    allocating funds to public transit agencies; and

20        (6) Recommend a state-wide public transit facilities and equipment  
21    management system as required by federal law.

22        In developing the state public transit plan, the department shall  
23    involve local jurisdictions, public and private providers of transit  
24    services, and state agencies with an interest in public transportation,  
25    including but not limited to the departments of community development,  
26    social and health services, and ecology, the state energy office, and  
27    the office of financial management.

28        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 19.**    HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING--  
29    DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.    The department's role in high-capacity

1 transportation planning and regional transportation planning is to  
2 administer state planning grants for these purposes, represent the  
3 interests of the state in these regional planning processes, and  
4 coordinate other department planning with these regional efforts  
5 including the provisions of RCW 81.104.060.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** SPECIAL PLANNING STUDIES. The department  
7 may carry out special transportation planning studies to resolve  
8 specific issues with the development of the state transportation system  
9 or other state-wide transportation issues.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** CODIFICATION DIRECTIVE. Sections 10  
11 through 20 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** CAPTIONS. Captions used in this act do  
13 not constitute any part of the law.