

1 The comprehensive plan for public transportation service and any
2 amendments thereof shall be adopted by the metropolitan council and the
3 metropolitan transit commission shall provide transportation facilities
4 and service consistent with such plan. The metropolitan transit
5 commission shall authorize expenditures for transportation purposes
6 within the budget adopted by the metropolitan council. Tolls and fares
7 may be fixed or altered by the commission only after approval thereof
8 by the metropolitan council. Bonds of the metropolitan municipal
9 corporation for public transportation purposes shall be issued by the
10 metropolitan council as provided in this chapter.

11 The metropolitan transit commission shall consist of (~~seven~~)
12 eight voting members. Six of such members shall be appointed by the
13 metropolitan council and the seventh member shall be the (~~chairman~~)
14 chair of the metropolitan council who shall be ex officio the
15 (~~chairman~~) chair of the metropolitan transit commission. The eighth
16 member shall represent organized labor employed within the local public
17 transportation system and shall be appointed by the labor organization
18 representing the majority of public transportation employees within the
19 system. Three of the six (~~appointed~~) members of the commission
20 appointed by the metropolitan council shall be residents of the central
21 city and three shall be residents of the metropolitan area outside of
22 the central city. The three central city members of the first
23 metropolitan transit commission shall be selected from the existing
24 transit commission of the central city, if there be a transit
25 commission in such city. The terms of first appointees shall be for
26 one, two, three, four, five and six years, respectively. Thereafter,
27 commissioners shall serve for a term of four years. Compensation of
28 transit commissioners shall be determined by the metropolitan council.

29 The requirement to create a metropolitan transit commission shall
30 not apply to a county that has assumed the rights, powers, functions,
31 and obligations of the metropolitan municipal corporation under chapter
32 36.56 RCW.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.57.030 and 1974 ex.s. c 167 s 3 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 Every county which undertakes the transportation function pursuant
36 to RCW 36.57.020 shall create by resolution of the county legislative

1 body a county transportation authority which shall be composed as
2 follows:

3 (1) The elected officials of the county legislative body, not to
4 exceed three such elected officials;

5 (2) The mayor of the most populous city within the county;

6 (3) The mayor of a city with a population less than five thousand,
7 to be selected by the mayors of all such cities within the county;

8 (4) The mayor of a city with a population greater than five
9 thousand, excluding the most populous city, to be selected by the
10 mayors of all such cities within the county(~~(:—PROVIDED, HOWEVER,~~
11 ~~That)~~). However, if there is no city with a population greater than
12 five thousand, excluding the most populous city, then the sixth member
13 who shall be an elected official, shall be selected by the other two
14 mayors selected pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

15 (5) An individual representing organized labor employed within the
16 county transportation authority and who shall be recommended by the
17 labor organization representing the majority of the public
18 transportation employees within the authority. The members of the
19 authority shall be selected within sixty days after the date of the
20 resolution creating such authority.

21 Any member of the authority who is a mayor or an elected official
22 selected pursuant to subsection (4) (~~(above)~~) of this section and whose
23 office is not a full time position shall receive one hundred dollars
24 for each day attending official meetings of the authority.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 2007 c 469 s 14 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 Within sixty days of the establishment of the boundaries of the
28 public transportation benefit area the members of the county
29 legislative authority (~~(and)~~), the elected representative of each city
30 within the area, and the labor organization representing the majority
31 of the unionized employees of the transit system or systems within the
32 area, shall provide for the selection of the governing body of such
33 area, the public transportation benefit area authority(~~(, which)~~). The
34 public transportation benefit area authority shall consist of elected
35 officials selected by and serving at the pleasure of the governing
36 bodies of component cities within the area and the county legislative
37 authority of each county within the area, and one member representing

1 organized labor and who shall be recommended by the labor organization
2 representing the majority of the unionized employees of the public
3 transportation system(s) within the area. If at the time a public
4 transportation benefit area authority assumes the public transportation
5 functions previously provided under the interlocal cooperation act
6 (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen positions on the governing board
7 of the transit system, those positions may be retained as positions on
8 the governing board of the public transportation benefit area
9 authority.

10 Within such sixty-day period, any city may by resolution of its
11 legislative body withdraw from participation in the public
12 transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority and each
13 city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may disapprove
14 and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a public
15 transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does not meet
16 its approval.

17 In no case shall the governing body of a single county public
18 transportation benefit area be greater than (~~nine~~) ten members and in
19 the case of a multicounty area, (~~fifteen~~) sixteen members. Those
20 cities within the transportation benefit area and excluded from direct
21 membership on the authority are hereby authorized to designate a member
22 of the authority who shall be entitled to represent the interests of
23 such city which is excluded from direct membership on the authority.
24 The legislative body of such city shall notify the authority as to the
25 determination of its authorized representative on the authority.

26 Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for
27 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to
28 receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to
29 exceed forty-four dollars for each day during which the member attends
30 official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed duties
31 approved by the chairman of the authority. Except that the authority
32 may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem compensation to
33 each member from forty-four dollars up to ninety dollars per day or
34 portion of a day for actual attendance at board meetings or for
35 performance of other official services or duties on behalf of the
36 authority. In no event may a member be compensated in any year for
37 more than seventy-five days, except the chairman who may be paid
38 compensation for not more than one hundred days(~~(÷—PROVIDED, That)~~).

1 However, compensation shall not be paid to an elected official or
2 employee of federal, state, or local government who is receiving
3 regular full-time compensation from such government for attending
4 meetings and performing prescribed duties of the authority.

5 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted
6 for inflation by the office of financial management every five years,
7 beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index
8 during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any
9 calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for
10 Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items,
11 compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States
12 department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops
13 more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the
14 index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas
15 exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items
16 shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The
17 office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold
18 and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in
19 the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar
20 threshold is to take effect.

21 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
22 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
23 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation
24 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or
25 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.
26 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation
27 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 Any county performing the public transportation function as
31 authorized by RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110 or any public transportation
32 system that is not governed: By a metropolitan municipal corporation
33 as authorized by RCW 35.58.270; by a county performing the public
34 transportation function as authorized by RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110;
35 by a county transportation authority under chapter 36.57 RCW; or by any
36 public transportation benefit area established under chapter 36.57A
37 RCW, must appoint a member representing organized labor to its public

1 transportation governing body, if applicable. This member shall be
2 recommended by the labor organization representing the majority of the
3 public transportation employees within the local public transportation
4 system.

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