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1 AN ACT Relating to alternative permitting procedures for projects
2 of regional significance; and adding a new section to chapter 47.80
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.80 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The regional transportation planning organizations have authority
8 to grant permits for those projects which: (1) Are determined to be of
9 regional significance or (2) cross jurisdictional boundaries that lie
10 within the geographical parameters of an organization for which an
11 applicant meets the requirements of the organization.

12 The organization shall develop a permitting process which will
13 incorporate the following:

14 (a) Allow adequate time to post notice of the transportation
15 project under consideration and hold a minimum of two public hearings
16 prior to the issuance of a permit;

17 (b) Involve all affected agencies and jurisdictions on a
18 consultative partnership basis in the scoping and the preliminary
19 design stages of a proposed transportation project;

1 (c) Conduct open hearings at a minimum interval of every three
2 months during the project life to allow for resolution in the scope of
3 the project. The issuance or nonissuance of a permit may not be
4 subject for debate at any time after the organization has made a final
5 determination on the status of a permit application.

6 For the purpose of this chapter the transportation project of
7 regional significance or project crossing jurisdictional boundaries
8 shall be required to coordinate project scoping and preliminary design
9 with the department of transportation.

10 An applicant may submit a project for designation by the
11 organization for eligibility for permitting under the processes set
12 forth in this section. The applicant may be the department of
13 transportation, a regional transit authority, or other organizations so
14 designated by the legislature.

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