

2 **ESSB 5759** - S AMD 486
3 By Senator Haugen

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends that funding for
8 transportation improvements be allocated to the worst traffic
9 chokepoints in the state. Furthermore, the legislature intends to fund
10 projects that provide systemic relief throughout a transportation
11 corridor, rather than spot improvements that fail to improve overall
12 mobility within a corridor.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.05.051 and 1998 c 175 s 12 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) The comprehensive six-year investment program shall be based
16 upon the needs identified in the state-owned highway component of the
17 statewide multimodal transportation plan as defined in RCW 47.01.071(3)
18 and priority selection systems that incorporate the following criteria:

19 ((1)) (a) Priority programming for the preservation program shall
20 take into account the following, not necessarily in order of
21 importance:

22 ((a)) (i) Extending the service life of the existing highway
23 system;

24 ((b)) (ii) Ensuring the structural ability to carry loads imposed
25 upon highways and bridges; and

26 ((c)) (iii) Minimizing life cycle costs. The transportation
27 commission in carrying out the provisions of this section may delegate
28 to the department of transportation the authority to select
29 preservation projects to be included in the six-year program.

30 ((2)) (b) Priority programming for the improvement program
31 ~~((shall take into account))~~ must be based primarily upon the following:

32 ((a)) (i) Traffic congestion, delay, and accidents;

33 (ii) Location within a heavily traveled transportation corridor;

1 (iii) Synchronization with other potential transportation projects,
2 including transit and multimodal projects, within the heavily traveled
3 corridor; and

4 (iv) Use of benefit/cost analysis wherever feasible to determine
5 the value of the proposed project.

6 (c) Priority programming for the improvement program may also take
7 into account:

8 (i) Support for the state's economy, including job creation and job
9 preservation;

10 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The cost-effective movement of people and goods;

11 ~~((e))~~ (iii) Accident and accident risk reduction;

12 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Protection of the state's natural environment;

13 ~~((e))~~ (v) Continuity and systematic development of the highway
14 transportation network;

15 ~~((f))~~ (vi) Consistency with local comprehensive plans developed
16 under chapter 36.70A RCW;

17 ~~((g))~~ (vii) Consistency with regional transportation plans
18 developed under chapter 47.80 RCW;

19 ~~((h))~~ (viii) Public views concerning proposed improvements;

20 ~~((i))~~ (ix) The conservation of energy resources;

21 ~~((j))~~ (x) Feasibility of financing the full proposed improvement;

22 ~~((k))~~ (xi) Commitments established in previous legislative
23 sessions;

24 ~~((l))~~ (xii) Relative costs and benefits of candidate
25 programs((+)).

26 ~~((m))~~ (d) Major projects addressing capacity deficiencies which
27 prioritize allowing for preliminary engineering shall be reprioritized
28 during the succeeding biennium, based upon updated project data.
29 Reprioritized projects may be delayed or canceled by the transportation
30 commission if higher priority projects are awaiting funding(~~(+and)~~).

31 ~~((n))~~ (e) Major project approvals which significantly increase a
32 project's scope or cost from original prioritization estimates shall
33 include a review of the project's estimated revised priority rank and
34 the level of funding provided. Projects may be delayed or canceled by
35 the transportation commission if higher priority projects are awaiting
36 funding.

37 ~~((3+))~~ (2) The commission may depart from the priority programming
38 established under subsection(~~(s)~~) (1) (~~and~~(~~2~~)) of this section: (a)
39 To the extent that otherwise funds cannot be utilized feasibly within

1 the program; (b) as may be required by a court judgment, legally
2 binding agreement, or state and federal laws and regulations; (c) as
3 may be required to coordinate with federal, local, or other state
4 agency construction projects; (d) to take advantage of some substantial
5 financial benefit that may be available; (e) for continuity of route
6 development; or (f) because of changed financial or physical conditions
7 of an unforeseen or emergent nature. The commission or secretary of
8 transportation shall maintain in its files information sufficient to
9 show the extent to which the commission has departed from the
10 established priority.

11 ~~((4))~~ (3) The commission shall identify those projects that yield
12 freight mobility benefits or that alleviate the impacts of freight
13 mobility upon affected communities.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of transportation shall
15 report the results of its priority programming under RCW 47.05.051 to
16 the transportation committees of the senate and house of
17 representatives by December 1, 2003, and December 1, 2005."

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21 In line 1 of the title, after "improvements;" strike the remainder
22 of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.05.051; creating new sections;
23 and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: Implementation dates are adjusted for the 2002 session.

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