
HOUSE BILL 2351

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1 AN ACT Relating to building a second bridge over the Tacoma
2 Narrows; amending 2001 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 217 (uncodified); and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state of Washington is committed to
6 building a second bridge over the Tacoma Narrows using the most
7 efficient methods possible to deliver this critical transportation
8 project that is essential for public safety and welfare. While
9 recognizing that users will pay the majority of the construction costs
10 in the form of tolls, the legislature intends to keep those tolls as
11 low as possible. The Tacoma Narrows bridge plan approved by voters
12 clearly provided for a state contribution to pay for the construction
13 of the approaches to the bridge so that toll payers would be
14 responsible for paying only for the bridge itself. The legislature
15 hereby reaffirms its intent to provide an appropriation sufficient to
16 meet that commitment made to voters on the Tacoma Narrows bridge
17 advisory ballot.

1 **Sec. 2.** 2001 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 217 (uncodified) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION--IMPROVEMENTS--PROGRAM I**

4 Motor Vehicle Account--State Appropriation . . . \$	508,936,000
5 Motor Vehicle Account--Federal Appropriation . . \$	219,538,000
6 Motor Vehicle Account--Private/Local	
7 Appropriation \$	40,904,000
8 Special Category C Account--State	
9 Appropriation \$	72,608,000
10 Multimodal Transportation Account--State	
11 Appropriation \$	4,880,000
12 TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$	846,866,000

13 The appropriations in this section are provided for the location,
14 design, right of way acquisition, or construction of state highway
15 projects designated as improvements under RCW 47.05.030. The
16 appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions
17 and limitations and specified amounts are provided solely for that
18 activity:

19 (1) The special category C account--state appropriation of
20 \$72,608,000 includes \$63,500,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds
21 authorized in RCW 47.10.812. The transportation commission may
22 authorize the use of current revenues available to the department of
23 transportation in lieu of bond proceeds for any part of the state
24 appropriation.

25 (2) The department shall report December 1st and June 1st of each
26 year to the senate and the house of representatives transportation
27 committees and the office of financial management on the timing and the
28 scope of work being performed for the regional transit authority known
29 as sound transit. This report shall provide a description of all
30 department activities related to the regional transit authority
31 including investments in state-owned infrastructure.

32 (3) The motor vehicle account--state appropriation includes
33 \$391,637,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by RCW
34 47.10.843. The transportation commission may authorize the use of
35 current revenues available to the department of transportation in lieu
36 of bond proceeds for any part of the state appropriation.

37 (4) At least \$554,714,000 of the total appropriation is provided
38 for the construction phase of the improvement program.

1 (5) \$4,880,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state
2 appropriation is provided solely for the state program share of freight
3 mobility projects as identified by the freight mobility strategic
4 investment board.

5 (6) The motor vehicle account--state appropriation includes
6 \$3,898,000 in unexpended proceeds from the January 2001 bond sale
7 authorized in RCW 47.10.834 for the Tacoma Narrows bridge project. The
8 transportation commission may authorize the use of current revenues
9 available to the department of transportation in-lieu of bond proceeds
10 for any part of the state appropriation.

11 (7) The motor vehicle account--state appropriation includes
12 \$47,682,000 for the state contribution to the design, right of way, and
13 construction of the voter-approved Tacoma Narrows bridge project. This
14 appropriation is made in satisfaction of the commitment made to the
15 voters who approved the project that an amount sufficient to pay for
16 the approaches to the bridge would be provided by the state rather than
17 the toll payers.

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