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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1137**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives McCaslin, Young, Barkis, Schmick, and Graham)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/21.

1 AN ACT Relating to elevating road maintenance and preservation in  
2 transportation planning; and amending RCW 47.04.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2016 c 35 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals  
7 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the  
8 state's transportation system. (~~The policy goals established under~~  
9 ~~this section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories~~  
10 ~~adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on~~  
11 ~~November 30, 2000.~~) Public investments in transportation should  
12 support achievement of these policy goals:

13 (a) (~~Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation~~  
14 ~~systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people~~  
15 ~~and goods to ensure a prosperous economy;~~

16 ~~(b)~~) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life  
17 and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and  
18 services;

19 ~~((e))~~ (b) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and  
20 security of transportation customers and the transportation system;

1        (c) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,  
2 effectiveness, resilience, and efficiency of the transportation  
3 system;

4        (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and  
5 people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and  
6 improved freight mobility;

7        (e) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation  
8 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people  
9 and goods to ensure a prosperous economy; and

10       (f) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through  
11 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance  
12 healthy communities, and protect the environment(;

13 ~~(f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,~~  
14 ~~effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system).~~

15        (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation  
16 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy  
17 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section with preservation  
18 and safety being priorities.

19        (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for  
20 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related  
21 performance measures.

22        (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the office of  
23 financial management, in consultation with the transportation  
24 commission, establish objectives and performance measures for the  
25 department and other state agencies with transportation-related  
26 responsibilities to ensure transportation system performance at  
27 local, regional, and state government levels progresses toward the  
28 attainment of the policy goals set forth in subsection (1) of this  
29 section. The office of financial management shall submit objectives  
30 and performance measures to the legislature for its review and shall  
31 provide copies of the same to the commission during each regular  
32 session of the legislature during an even-numbered year thereafter.

33        (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation  
34 planning may voluntarily establish objectives and performance  
35 measures to demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy  
36 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other  
37 transportation policy goals established by the local or regional  
38 agency. A local or regional agency engaging in transportation  
39 planning is encouraged to provide local and regional objectives and  
40 performance measures to be included with the objectives and

1 performance measures submitted to the legislature pursuant to  
2 subsection (4) of this section.

3 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

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