

SSB 5955 - S AMD 604  
By Senator Lias

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1 On page 4, beginning on line 28, strike all of section 6 and  
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For any regional transportation authority projects approved by  
6 voters after January 1, 2016, a county must take all reasonable,  
7 feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including code or rule  
8 amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,  
9 filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as  
10 practicable, including assigning a single point of contact  
11 accountable for permit processing through environmental, design, and  
12 construction phases of a project. A county must participate in any  
13 project preferred alternative selection process as early as possible  
14 in the environmental process to facilitate expedited planning for  
15 regional transportation authority projects approved by voters after  
16 January 1, 2016.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For any regional transportation authority projects approved by  
20 voters after January 1, 2016, a city must take all reasonable,  
21 feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including code or rule  
22 amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,  
23 filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as  
24 practicable, including assigning a single point of contact  
25 accountable for permit processing through environmental, design, and  
26 construction phases of a project. A city must participate in any  
27 project preferred alternative selection process as early as possible  
28 in the environmental process to facilitate expedited planning for  
29 regional transportation authority projects approved by voters after  
30 January 1, 2016.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        For any regional transportation authority projects approved by  
4    voters after January 1, 2016, a city must take all reasonable,  
5    feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including code or rule  
6    amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,  
7    filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as  
8    practicable, including assigning a single point of contact  
9    accountable for permit processing through environmental, design, and  
10   construction phases of a project. A city must participate in any  
11   project preferred alternative selection process as early as possible  
12   in the environmental process to facilitate expedited planning for  
13   regional transportation authority projects approved by voters after  
14   January 1, 2016.

15       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    A new section is added to chapter 47.01  
16    RCW to read as follows:

17       If applicable, for any regional transportation authority projects  
18   approved by voters after January 1, 2016, the department must take  
19   all reasonable, feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including  
20   rule amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,  
21   filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as  
22   practicable, including assigning a single point of contact  
23   accountable for permit processing through environmental, design, and  
24   construction phases of a project. If applicable, the department must  
25   participate in any project preferred alternative selection process as  
26   early as possible in the environmental process to facilitate  
27   expedited planning for regional transportation authority projects  
28   approved by voters after January 1, 2016.

29       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    A new section is added to chapter 81.112  
30    RCW to read as follows:

31       A regional transit authority must submit, in compliance with RCW  
32   43.01.036, biennial reports to the transportation committees of the  
33   legislature on the status of permit timelines and the effectiveness  
34   of sections 6 through 9 of this act in expediting the permitting  
35   process for projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016."

36       Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
37   internal references accordingly.

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1        On page 1, line 6 of the title, after "RCW;" insert "adding a new  
2 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21  
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW;"

EFFECT: In regard to RTA projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016, requires cities, counties, and the Department of Transportation to take all reasonable, feasible, and lawful measures necessary to facilitate preparation and processing of any required permits as soon as practicable. Requires cities, counties, and the Department of Transportation to participate early in any project preferred alternative selection process for RTA projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016. Requires an RTA to submit biennial reports to the transportation committees of the legislature on the status of permit timelines and the effectiveness of the permits changes in this amendment in expediting the permitting process for RTA projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016.

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