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1 On page 4, after line 38, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01
3 RCW to read as follows:

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

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 For any regional transportation authority projects approved by
21 voters after January 1, 2016, a city must take all reasonable,
22 feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including code or rule
23 amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,
24 filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as
25 practicable, with the goal of providing land use permit decisions
26 within one hundred twenty days of submittal and other technical
27 permit decisions sooner. Permit facilitation may include assigning a
28 single point of contact accountable for permit processing through
29 environmental, design, and construction phases of a project. A city
30 must participate in any project preferred alternative selection
31 process as early as possible in the environmental process to

1 facilitate expedited planning for regional transportation authority
2 projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For any regional transportation authority projects approved by
6 voters after January 1, 2016, a city 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, with the goal of providing land use permit decisions
11 within one hundred twenty days of submittal and other technical
12 permit decisions sooner. Permit facilitation may include assigning a
13 single point of contact accountable for permit processing through
14 environmental, design, and construction phases of a project. A city
15 must participate in any project preferred alternative selection
16 process as early as possible in the environmental process to
17 facilitate expedited planning for regional transportation authority
18 projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 If applicable, for any regional transportation authority projects
22 approved by voters after January 1, 2016, the department must take
23 all reasonable, feasible, and lawful measures necessary, including
24 rule amendments and other agreements, to facilitate the preparation,
25 filing, and processing of any required permits as soon as
26 practicable, with the goal of providing land use permit decisions
27 within one hundred twenty days of submittal and other technical
28 permit decisions sooner. Permit facilitation may include assigning a
29 single point of contact accountable for permit processing through
30 environmental, design, and construction phases of a project. If
31 applicable, the department must participate in any project preferred
32 alternative selection process as early as possible in the
33 environmental process to facilitate expedited planning for regional
34 transportation authority projects approved by voters after January 1,
35 2016.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 81.112
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 A regional transit authority must submit, in compliance with RCW
2 43.01.036, biennial reports to the transportation committees of the
3 legislature on the status of permit timelines and the effectiveness
4 of sections 8 through 11 of this act in expediting the permitting
5 process for projects approved by voters after January 1, 2016."

6 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
7 internal references accordingly.

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8 On page 1, line 5 of the title, after "RCW;" strike "adding a new
9 section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and insert "adding new sections to
10 chapter 36.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding
11 a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
12 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 with the goal of issuing land use permit decisions within one hundred twenty days of submittal. 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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