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## Transportation Committee

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### SSB 5743

**Brief Description:** Making certain nonsubstantive, corrective changes resulting from enactment of chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation resources).

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Liias and Billig).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Makes changes to various provisions regarding transportation resources.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 3/16/23

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

**Background:**

In 2022, the Legislature passed ESSB 5974, regarding transportation resources. Included in the provisions of ESSB 5974 were the following:

- the modification of one restrictive statute in order to allow a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to gain eligibility to compete for state regional mobility grant funds, if the RTA enacted a policy for passengers 18 years of age and younger to ride free of charge on all modes of transportation by October 1, 2022;
- the establishment of a Connecting Communities Grant Pilot Program at the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) through July 1, 2027;
- the establishment of a statewide school-based Bicycle Education Grant Program at the WSDOT;
- an authorization for the remittances of noninterest revenues received from the automated traffic safety camera infractions occurring in school walk areas, public park speed zones, and hospital speed zones to be deposited in the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety

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Account;

- the modification of the title of account 20N to the JUDY Transportation Future Funding Program Account, to be used only for preservation and improvement projects, to accelerate the schedule of connecting Washington projects, and for principal and interest on bonds authorized for the projects;
- a requirement for the WSDOT to establish a complete streets requirement for state transportation projects starting design on or after July 1, 2022, and that are \$500,000 or greater;
- the establishment of a Transit Support Grant Program at the WSDOT; and
- the establishment of an interagency electric vehicle coordinating council co-led by the WSDOT and the Department of Commerce.

### **Summary of Bill:**

An RTA is made eligible to receive state Regional Mobility Grant Program funds, through a modification to two restrictive statutes, if the RTA enacts a policy for passengers 18 years of age and younger to ride free of charge on all modes of transportation prior to October 1, 2022.

The Connecting Communities Program at the WSDOT is renamed the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program, in honor of the Spokane community advocate, Sandy Williams.

The statewide school-based Bicycle Education Grant Program is modified to elaborate the types of equipment a nonprofit may provide to partner schools, to include bicycles, helmets, locks and lights.

The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission is required to report to the transportation committees of the Legislature on activities funded from the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Account beginning December 1, 2024, and every two years thereafter.

The account title of account 20N is modified to the JUDY Transportation Future Funding Program Account, to allow the account to keep its own interest generated.

The requirement for the WSDOT to incorporate complete streets principles into certain projects is recodified from chapter 47.24 RCW to chapter 47.04 RCW.

Definitions for the terms active transportation, complete streets, population center, safe systems approach, and shared-use path or multiuse path are added to Title 47 RCW.

The Transit Support Grant Program is modified to specify that youth zero-fare policies must align with equity and environmental justice principles consistent with recommendations from the environmental justice council to the extent practicable.

Identifying the revenues generated by an electric utility from credits under the Clean Fuels

Program for transportation electrification programs are added to the responsibilities of the interagency electric vehicle coordinating council.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains multiple effective dates.