

**RCW 47.79.040 Rail passenger plan.** The legislature recognizes the need to plan for the high-speed ground transportation service and the high quality intercity rail passenger service set forth in RCW 47.79.020 and 47.79.030. The department of transportation shall, subject to legislative appropriation, develop a rail passenger plan through the conduct of studies addressing, but not limited to, the following areas:

- (1) Refined ridership estimates;
- (2) Preliminary location and environmental analysis on new corridors;
- (3) Detailed station location assessments in concert with affected local jurisdictions;
- (4) Coordination with the air transportation commission on statewide air transportation policy and its effects on high-speed ground transportation service; and
- (5) Coordination with the governments of Oregon and British Columbia, when appropriate, on alignment, station location, and environmental analysis. [1993 c 381 § 4.]