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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Wood, Prentice, Day, Paris and Nelson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to land use patterns in transit plans; amending RCW
2 35.58.2795, 35.58.2796, 36.57A.070, and 36.57.070; and repealing RCW
3 36.57A.060.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.58.2795 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 60 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 ~~((By April 1st of each year,))~~ (1) The legislative authority of
8 each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, shall prepare a six-
9 year transit development ((and financial program for that calendar year
10 and the ensuing five years)) plan. The plan shall establish the
11 framework for the continued development of transit services in the
12 municipality, and shall be adopted and submitted to the state
13 department of transportation annually by June 1st of each year,
14 beginning in 1993. In addition, each municipality shall concurrently

1 file a copy of its transit development plan with the transportation
2 improvement board and cities, counties, and regional transportation
3 planning organizations within which the municipality is located. The
4 municipality shall conduct one or more public hearings each year while
5 developing its plan. The department of transportation shall ensure
6 that the plan for each municipality is current, and shall provide
7 technical support to such municipalities that may be lacking resources
8 to complete the plans.

9 (2) The ((program)) transit development plan shall be consistent
10 with the comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, and towns,
11 pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW, the inherent authority
12 of a first class city or charter county derived from its charter, or
13 chapter 36.70A RCW. ((The program shall contain information as to how
14 the municipality intends to meet state and local long range priorities
15 for public transportation,)) The plan shall address types of land use
16 patterns in the service area, how those patterns affect transit
17 services, what coordination processes have been developed with
18 constituent city and county land use planning efforts, and how transit
19 service and land use compatibility can be enhanced. The plan shall be
20 coordinated and consistent with the regional transportation plan.

21 (3) The plan shall address those state-wide transit goals,
22 policies, and emphasis areas contained in the state transportation
23 policy plan approved by the transportation commission, and when
24 appropriate, adopted by the legislature.

25 (4) The department of transportation in consultation with the
26 affected municipalities and the legislative transportation committee,
27 shall determine the format for the transit development plan. Each plan
28 shall include an annual element that describes the proposed activities
29 of the municipality in the current year. At minimum the plan shall
30 address capital improvements, significant operating changes planned for

1 the system, and how the municipality intends to fund program needs.
2 (~~Each municipality shall file the six year program with the state~~
3 ~~department of transportation, the transportation improvement board, and~~
4 ~~cities, counties, and regional planning councils within which the~~
5 ~~municipality is located.~~

6 In developing its program, the municipality shall consider those
7 policy recommendations affecting public transportation contained in the
8 state transportation policy plan approved by the state transportation
9 commission and, where appropriate, adopted by the legislature. The
10 municipality shall conduct one or more public hearings while developing
11 its program and for each annual update.))

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 1989 c 396 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The department of transportation shall develop an annual report
15 summarizing the status of ~~((public transportation))~~ transit systems in
16 the state. By September 1st of each year, copies of the report shall
17 be submitted to the legislative transportation committee and to each
18 municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and to individual members of
19 the municipality's legislative authority. ~~((The department shall~~
20 ~~prepare and submit a preliminary report by December 1, 1989.~~

21 To assist the department with preparation of the report, each
22 municipality shall file a system report by April 1st of each year with
23 the state department of transportation identifying its public
24 transportation services for the previous calendar year and its
25 objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of those
26 services. The system report shall address those items required for
27 each public transportation system in the department's report.)) The
28 report shall also address the progress made toward meeting state-wide
29 transit goals, policies, and emphasis areas contained in the state

1 transportation policy plan approved by the transportation commission,
2 and when appropriate, adopted by the legislature.

3 (2) The annual state report shall be derived by the department from
4 the collective transit development plans filed by each municipality as
5 required by RCW 35.58.2795. The ((department)) report shall describe
6 individual ((public—transportation)) transit systems, including
7 contracted transportation services and dial-a-ride services, and
8 include a state-wide summary of ((public—transportation)) transit
9 accomplishments, issues, and data. The ((descriptions)) report shall
10 include the following elements and such other elements as the
11 department deems appropriate after consultation with the municipalities
12 and the legislative transportation committee:

13 ((+1)) (a) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle replacement
14 standards;

15 ((+2)) (b) Services and service standards;

16 ((+3)) (c) Revenues, expenses, and ((ending balances, by fund
17 source)) status of reserve accounts;

18 ((+4)) (d) Policy issues and system improvement objectives,
19 including community participation in development of those objectives
20 and how those objectives address state-wide transportation priorities;

21 ((+5)) (e) Operating indicators applied to public transportation
22 services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include
23 operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle
24 service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger trips
25 per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee, and
26 farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs;

27 (f) Activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness
28 of transit services.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.57A.070 and 1985 c 6 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The public transportation benefit area authority shall develop
4 and adopt a transit development plan under RCW 35.58.2795 for the area.
5 The authority shall submit the initial plan to the department of
6 transportation for approval. The ~~((comprehensive transit plan adopted~~
7 by the authority)) initial plan shall be reviewed by the ~~((state~~
8 transportation commission)) department to determine:

9 ~~((1))~~ (a) The levels and completeness of transit service to be
10 ~~((offered))~~ provided and the ~~((economic))~~ financial viability of the
11 ~~((transit system proposed in such comprehensive transit plan))~~
12 authority to provide the services;

13 ~~((2))~~ (b) Whether such plan integrates the proposed
14 ~~((transportation system))~~ transit services with existing and planned
15 transportation modes and systems that serve the benefit area;

16 ~~((3))~~ (c) Whether such plan coordinates that area's ~~((system~~
17 ~~and))~~ services with nearby ~~((public))~~ transportation systems and
18 addresses possible future expansion of the benefit area or the
19 consolidation of the benefit area with other systems; and

20 ~~((4))~~ (d) Whether such plan ~~((is eligible for matching state or~~
21 ~~federal funds))~~ addresses state-wide goals, policies, and objectives
22 set forth in the state transit plan component of the state-wide
23 transportation plan;

24 (2) After reviewing the ~~((comprehensive transit))~~ initial transit
25 development plan, the ~~((state transportation commission shall have))~~
26 department has sixty days in which to approve such plan and to certify
27 to the state treasurer that such public transportation benefit area
28 shall be eligible to receive the motor vehicle excise tax proceeds
29 authorized pursuant to RCW 35.58.273, as now or hereafter amended in
30 the manner prescribed by chapter 82.44 RCW, as now or hereafter

1 amended. ((To be approved a plan shall provide for coordinated
2 transportation planning, the integration of such proposed
3 transportation program with other transportation systems operating in
4 areas adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the proposed public
5 transportation benefit area, and be consistent with the public
6 transportation coordination criteria adopted pursuant to the urban mass
7 transportation act of 1964 as amended as of July 1, 1975. In the event
8 such comprehensive)) The department shall notify the authority in
9 writing within thirty days as to the approval of the plan, and shall
10 notify the authority as to the time subsequent transit development
11 plans are required under RCW 35.58.2795. The time must be no longer
12 than eighteen months after the approval of the initial public
13 transportation development plan.

14 (3) If the plan is disapproved and ruled ineligible to receive
15 motor vehicle tax proceeds, the state transportation commission shall
16 provide written notice to the authority within thirty days as to the
17 reasons for such plan's disapproval and such ineligibility. The
18 authority may resubmit such plan upon reconsideration and correction of
19 such deficiencies in the plan cited in such notice of disapproval.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.57.070 and 1974 ex.s. c 167 s 7 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 The authority shall ((adopt a public transportation plan)) prepare
23 a six-year transit development plan as prescribed in RCW 36.57A.070.
24 Such plan shall be a general comprehensive plan designed to best serve
25 the residents of the entire county. Prior to adoption of the plan, the
26 authority shall provide a minimum of sixty days during which sufficient
27 hearings shall be held to provide interested persons an opportunity to
28 participate in development of the plan.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.57A.060 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 270
2 s 16 is repealed.