

5759-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Horn, Prentice, McAuliffe, Shin, Finkbeiner, Winsley, Haugen, Franklin, Kohl-Welles and Kastama; by request of The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation)

Brief Description: Improving traffic chokepoints.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 1/16/02)

Declares an intent that funding for transportation improvements be allocated to the worst traffic chokepoints in the state. Furthermore, the legislature intends to fund projects that provide systemic relief throughout a transportation corridor, rather than spot improvements that fail to improve overall mobility within a corridor.

Provides that priority programming for the improvement program must be based primarily upon the following: (1) Traffic congestion, delay, and accidents;

(2) Location within a heavily traveled transportation corridor;

(3) Synchronization with other potential transportation projects, including transit and multimodal projects, within the heavily traveled corridor; and

(4) Use of benefit/cost analysis wherever feasible to determine the value of the proposed project.

Directs the department of transportation to report the results of its priority programming under RCW 47.05.051 to the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 1, 2003, and December 1, 2005.