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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6464**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Skratek, Madsen and Thorsness)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transit funding; amending RCW 82.44.180; and  
2 adding a new chapter to Title 47 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.44.180 and 1991 c 199 s 224 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The transportation fund is created in the state treasury.  
7 Revenues under RCW 82.44.020 (1) and (2), 82.44.110, 82.44.150, and the  
8 surcharge under RCW 82.50.510 shall be deposited into the fund as  
9 provided in those sections.

10 Moneys in the fund may be spent only after appropriation.  
11 Expenditures from the fund may be used only for transportation  
12 purposes.

13 (2) There is hereby created the central Puget Sound public  
14 transportation account within the transportation fund. Moneys

1 deposited into the account under RCW 82.44.150(2)(b) shall be  
2 (~~expended~~) appropriated to the department of transportation and  
3 allocated under section 2 of this act to public transportation projects  
4 within the three-county region from which the funds are derived, solely  
5 for:

6 (a) Planning;

7 (b) Development of transit-related capital projects;

8 (c) Development of high capacity transportation systems as defined  
9 in RCW 81.104.010;

10 (~~(b)~~) (d) Development of high occupancy vehicle lanes and related  
11 facilities as defined in RCW 81.100.020; and

12 (~~(e)~~) (e) Public transportation system contributions required to  
13 fund projects under federal programs and those approved by the  
14 transportation improvement board.

15 (3) There is hereby created the public transportation systems  
16 account within the transportation fund. Moneys deposited into the  
17 account under RCW 82.44.150(2)(c) shall be (~~available to~~)  
18 appropriated to the department of transportation and allocated under  
19 section 2 of this act to public transportation projects submitted by  
20 the public transportation systems from which the funds are derived,  
21 solely for:

22 (a) Planning;

23 (b) Development of transit-related capital projects;

24 (c) Development of high capacity transportation systems as defined  
25 in RCW 81.104.010;

26 (~~(b)~~) (d) Development of high occupancy vehicle lanes and related  
27 facilities as defined in RCW 81.100.020;

28 (~~(e)~~) (e) Other public transportation system-related roadway  
29 projects on state highways, county roads, or city streets; (~~and~~)

1       (~~(d)~~) (f) Public transportation system contributions required to  
2 fund projects under federal programs and those approved by the  
3 transportation improvement board; and

4       (g) Acquisition of facilities and equipment for newly established  
5 transit systems.

6       The department shall give preference to applications submitted  
7 under (g) of this subsection.

8       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** A new chapter is added to Title 47 RCW to  
9 read as follows:

10       To help achieve the goals identified in the public transportation  
11 policy plan required by RCW 47.--.-- (section 1, chapter ---, Laws of  
12 1992 (HB--)), the department shall allocate to transit agencies amounts  
13 appropriated from the central Puget Sound public transportation account  
14 created by RCW 82.44.180(2), and from the public transportation systems  
15 account created by RCW 82.44.180(3). The department shall make the  
16 allocations in accordance with the following procedures:

17       (1) By July 1, 1992, the department shall submit to the legislative  
18 transportation committee the management plan by which the allocation  
19 process will be governed, including identification of any local match  
20 requirements.

21       (2) By August 1, 1992, and by July 1st of each even-numbered year  
22 thereafter, transit agencies shall apply to the department for funding  
23 in the ensuing biennium from the appropriate account, for the types of  
24 projects identified in RCW 82.44.180(2) or (3).

25       (3) The department shall establish an advisory council of policy  
26 and technical experts to assist in the review and prioritization of  
27 requests from transit agencies. Council representation shall include  
28 transit agencies of varying size and from various geographic regions of  
29 the state.

1       (4) The department shall include in its biennial budget request  
2 submitted to the office of financial management and the legislative  
3 transportation committee the prioritized list of projects proposed to  
4 be funded from each account in the ensuing biennium.

5       To the extent possible, the department shall allocate the amount  
6 appropriated by the legislature from each account to transit agency  
7 projects in the order of priority for each account.

8       For the purposes of this chapter, "transit agency" means an agency  
9 that imposes a motor vehicle excise tax under RCW 35.58.273, and, if  
10 authorized by the legislature, regional transit authorities.