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By Representatives Murray, K. Schmidt, Fisher, Romero, Ogden, Scott, Hankins, Skinner, Morris, Lovick, Cooper, Reardon, O'Brien, Wood and McIntire

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation planning; and amending RCW  
2 47.80.023, 47.80.040, and 47.80.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.80.023 and 1998 c 171 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Each regional transportation planning organization shall have the  
7 following duties:

8 (1) Prepare and periodically update a transportation strategy for  
9 the region. The strategy shall address alternative transportation  
10 modes and transportation demand management measures in regional  
11 corridors and shall recommend preferred transportation policies to  
12 implement adopted growth strategies. The strategy shall serve as a  
13 guide in preparation of the regional transportation plan.

14 (2) Prepare a regional transportation plan as set forth in RCW  
15 47.80.030 that is consistent with county-wide planning policies if such  
16 have been adopted pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, with county, city,  
17 and town comprehensive plans, and state transportation plans.

18 (3) Certify by December 31, 1996, that the transportation elements  
19 of comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, and towns within

1 the region reflect the guidelines and principles developed pursuant to  
2 RCW 47.80.026, are consistent with the adopted regional transportation  
3 plan, and, where appropriate, conform with the requirements of RCW  
4 36.70A.070.

5 (4) Where appropriate, certify that county-wide planning policies  
6 adopted under RCW 36.70A.210 and the adopted regional transportation  
7 plan are consistent.

8 (5) Develop, in cooperation with the department of transportation,  
9 operators of public transportation services and local governments  
10 within the region, a six-year regional transportation improvement  
11 program which proposes regionally significant transportation projects  
12 and programs and transportation demand management measures. The  
13 regional transportation improvement program shall be based on the  
14 programs, projects, and transportation demand management measures of  
15 regional significance as identified by transit agencies, cities, and  
16 counties pursuant to RCW 35.58.2795, 35.77.010, and 36.81.121,  
17 respectively. The program shall include a priority list of projects  
18 and programs, project segments and programs, transportation demand  
19 management measures, and a specific financial plan that demonstrates  
20 how the transportation improvement program can be funded. The program  
21 shall be updated at least every two years for the ensuing six-year  
22 period. Regional transportation planning organizations shall provide  
23 to the legislators whose districts are within the boundaries of the  
24 organization a schedule of six-year transportation improvement program  
25 decision process points, updates, and amendments to the six-year  
26 transportation improvement program.

27 (6) Designate a lead planning agency to coordinate preparation of  
28 the regional transportation plan and carry out the other  
29 responsibilities of the organization. The lead planning agency may be  
30 a regional organization, a component county, city, or town agency, or  
31 the appropriate Washington state department of transportation district  
32 office.

33 (7) Review level of service methodologies used by cities and  
34 counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to promote a consistent  
35 regional evaluation of transportation facilities and corridors.

36 (8) Work with cities, counties, transit agencies, the department of  
37 transportation, and others to develop level of service standards or  
38 alternative transportation performance measures.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 56 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Each regional transportation planning organization shall create a  
4 transportation policy board. Transportation policy boards shall  
5 provide policy advice to the regional transportation planning  
6 organization and shall allow representatives of major employers within  
7 the region, the department of transportation, transit districts, port  
8 districts, and member cities, towns, and counties within the region to  
9 participate in policy making. Any members of the house of  
10 representatives or the state senate whose districts are within the  
11 boundaries of the regional transportation planning organization are  
12 considered ex officio, nonvoting policy board members of the regional  
13 transportation planning organization.

14       **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.80.070 and 1994 c 158 s 5 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16       In order to ensure state-wide consistency in the regional  
17 transportation planning process, the state department of  
18 transportation, in conformance with chapter 34.05 RCW, shall:

19       (1) In cooperation with regional transportation planning  
20 organizations, establish minimum standards for development of a  
21 regional transportation plan;

22       (2) Facilitate coordination between regional transportation  
23 planning organizations; and

24       (3) Through the regional transportation planning process, and  
25 through state planning efforts as required by RCW 47.01.071, identify  
26 and jointly plan (~~(improvements and strategies)~~) the most efficient  
27 strategy to address identified deficiencies, including investments in  
28 modal integration within those corridors important to moving people and  
29 goods on a regional (~~(or)~~) and state-wide basis.

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