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By Representative Simpson

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying goals for the planning, operation, and  
2 performance of and investment in the state transportation system; and  
3 amending RCW 47.01.012.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.012 and 2002 c 5 s 101 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals  
8 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the  
9 state's transportation system. The policy goals shall consist of, but  
10 not be limited to, the following benchmark categories(~~(, adopted by the~~  
11 ~~state's Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation on November 30,~~  
12 ~~2000)~~). In addition to improving safety, public investments in  
13 transportation shall support achievement of these and other priority  
14 goals:

15 No interstate highways, state routes, and local arterials shall be  
16 in poor condition; no bridges shall be structurally deficient, and  
17 safety retrofits shall be performed on those state bridges at the  
18 highest seismic risk levels; (~~traffic congestion on urban state~~  
19 ~~highways shall be significantly reduced and be no worse than the~~

1 ~~national-mean;))~~ delay per ((~~driver~~) person, and delay per unit of  
2 goods shall be significantly reduced and no worse than the national  
3 mean; per capita vehicle miles traveled shall be ((~~maintained at 2000~~  
4 ~~levels~~) significantly reduced; access to goods, services, employment,  
5 and recreation shall be improved; the nonauto share of commuter trips  
6 shall be increased in urban areas; administrative costs as a percentage  
7 of transportation spending shall achieve the most efficient quartile  
8 nationally; and the state's public transit agencies shall achieve the  
9 median cost per vehicle revenue hour of peer transit agencies,  
10 adjusting for the regional cost-of-living.

11 (2) These policy goals shall be the basis for establishment of  
12 detailed and measurable performance benchmarks.

13 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that the transportation  
14 commission, its successor entity, or any other citizen oversight panel  
15 created by the legislature, shall establish performance measures to  
16 ensure transportation system performance meets the goals established in  
17 subsection (1) of this section at local, regional, and state government  
18 levels, and the transportation commission should work with appropriate  
19 government entities to accomplish this.

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