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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The transportation element required by RCW 36.70A.070 may
6 include, in addition to improvements or strategies to accommodate the
7 impacts of development authorized under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b),
8 multimodal transportation improvements or strategies that are made
9 concurrent with the development. These transportation improvements or
10 strategies may include, but are not limited to, measures implementing
11 or evaluating:

12 (a) Multiple modes of transportation with peak and nonpeak hour
13 capacity performance standards for locally owned transportation
14 facilities; and

15 (b) Modal performance standards meeting the peak and nonpeak hour
16 capacity performance standards.

17 (2) Nothing in this section or RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) shall be
18 construed as prohibiting a county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040
19 from exercising existing authority to develop multimodal improvements
20 or strategies to satisfy the concurrency requirements of this chapter.

21 (3) Nothing in this section is intended to affect or otherwise
22 modify the authority of jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.040.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.030 and 1998 c 171 s 9 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) Each regional transportation planning organization shall
26 develop in cooperation with the department of transportation, providers
27 of public transportation and high capacity transportation, ports, and
28 local governments within the region, adopt, and periodically update a
29 regional transportation plan that:

- 1 (a) Is based on a least cost planning methodology that identifies
2 the most cost-effective facilities, services, and programs;
- 3 (b) Identifies existing or planned transportation facilities,
4 services, and programs, including but not limited to major roadways
5 including state highways and regional arterials, transit and
6 nonmotorized services and facilities, multimodal and intermodal
7 facilities, marine ports and airports, railroads, and noncapital
8 programs including transportation demand management that should
9 function as an integrated regional transportation system, giving
10 emphasis to those facilities, services, and programs that exhibit one
11 or more of the following characteristics:
- 12 (i) Crosses member county lines;
 - 13 (ii) Is or will be used by a significant number of people who live
14 or work outside the county in which the facility, service, or project
15 is located;
 - 16 (iii) Significant impacts are expected to be felt in more than one
17 county;
 - 18 (iv) Potentially adverse impacts of the facility, service, program,
19 or project can be better avoided or mitigated through adherence to
20 regional policies;
 - 21 (v) Transportation needs addressed by a project have been
22 identified by the regional transportation planning process and the
23 remedy is deemed to have regional significance; and
 - 24 (vi) Provides for system continuity;
- 25 (c) Establishes level of service standards for state highways and
26 state ferry routes, with the exception of transportation facilities of
27 statewide significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140. These regionally
28 established level of service standards for state highways and state
29 ferries shall be developed jointly with the department of
30 transportation, to encourage consistency across jurisdictions. In
31 establishing level of service standards for state highways and state
32 ferries, consideration shall be given for the necessary balance between
33 providing for the free interjurisdictional movement of people and goods
34 and the needs of local commuters using state facilities;
- 35 (d) Includes a financial plan demonstrating how the regional
36 transportation plan can be implemented, indicating resources from
37 public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be made

1 available to carry out the plan, and recommending any innovative
2 financing techniques to finance needed facilities, services, and
3 programs;

4 (e) Assesses regional development patterns, capital investment and
5 other measures necessary to:

6 (i) Ensure the preservation of the existing regional transportation
7 system, including requirements for operational improvements,
8 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of existing and future
9 major roadways, as well as operations, maintenance, modernization, and
10 rehabilitation of existing and future transit, railroad systems and
11 corridors, and nonmotorized facilities; and

12 (ii) Make the most efficient use of existing transportation
13 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize the mobility of
14 people and goods;

15 (f) Sets forth a proposed regional transportation approach,
16 including capital investments, service improvements, programs, and
17 transportation demand management measures to guide the development of
18 the integrated, multimodal regional transportation system. For
19 regional growth centers, the approach must address transportation
20 concurrency strategies required under RCW 36.70A.070 and include a
21 measurement of vehicle level of service for off-peak periods and total
22 multimodal capacity for peak periods; and

23 (g) Where appropriate, sets forth the relationship of high capacity
24 transportation providers and other public transit providers with regard
25 to responsibility for, and the coordination between, services and
26 facilities.

27 (2) The organization shall review the regional transportation plan
28 biennially for currency and forward the adopted plan along with
29 documentation of the biennial review to the state department of
30 transportation.

31 (3) All transportation projects, programs, and transportation
32 demand management measures within the region that have an impact upon
33 regional facilities or services must be consistent with the plan and
34 with the adopted regional growth and transportation strategies.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) The department of transportation
36 shall administer a study to examine multimodal transportation
37 improvements and strategies to comply with the concurrency requirements

1 of RCW 36.70A.070(6), subject to the availability of amounts
2 appropriated for this specific purpose. The study shall be completed
3 by one or more regional transportation planning organizations
4 established under chapter 47.80 RCW electing to participate in the
5 study.

6 (b) The department of community, trade, and economic development
7 shall provide technical assistance with the study to the department of
8 transportation and participating regional transportation planning
9 organizations.

10 (2) The department of transportation shall, in consultation with
11 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, appointed
12 by the president of the senate, and members from each of the two
13 largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the
14 speaker of the house of representatives, approve the scope of the study
15 established by this section.

16 (3) The study shall, at a minimum, include:

17 (a) An assessment and comprehensive summary of studies or reports
18 examining concurrency requirements and practices in Washington;

19 (b) An examination of existing or proposed multimodal
20 transportation improvements or strategies employed by a city in a
21 county with a population of one million or more residents;

22 (c) An examination of transit services and how these services
23 promote multimodal transportation improvements or strategies for
24 jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b);

25 (d) Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes
26 that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation
27 improvements and strategies that are consistent with the provisions of
28 RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

29 (e) Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency
30 practices in jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

31 (f) Recommendations on a methodology that jurisdictions may use to
32 evaluate the effectiveness of multimodal concurrency strategies in
33 jurisdictions subject to the provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 and
34 36.70A.020(3);

35 (g) An identification of effective multimodal transportation
36 improvements and strategies employed by jurisdictions subject to RCW
37 36.70A.215;

1 (h) Recommendations for model multimodal transportation
2 improvements and strategies that may be employed by counties and
3 cities; and

4 (i) An examination of multimodal infrastructure needs, such as bus
5 pull outs and pedestrian crosswalks and overpasses, and how these needs
6 can be better identified in the plans required by RCW 36.70A.070(6).

7 (4) The department of transportation shall, in coordination with
8 participating regional transportation planning organizations completing
9 the study established by this section, submit a report of findings and
10 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
11 December 31, 2006."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "strategies;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.80.030; adding a new
14 section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section."

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