

HOUSE BILL 3195

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By Representatives Simpson and Williams

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1            AN ACT Relating to reallocating funding appropriated in 2005 for a  
2 completed rail project; amending 2005 c 313 s 225 (uncodified);  
3 amending 2005 c 313 s 309 (uncodified); making appropriations; and  
4 creating a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that funding was  
7 inadvertently provided for construction of a loop rail line in Lewis  
8 county that had already been constructed. The legislature also finds  
9 that funding should not be provided to projects that are already  
10 complete and paid for when the funding can be provided to other  
11 projects or activities to meet current needs.

12            **Sec. 2.** 2005 c 313 s 225 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14	<b>FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION--PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION--PROGRAM V</b>	
15	Multimodal Transportation Account--State	
16	Appropriation . . . . .	(( <del>\$62,269,000</del> ))
17		<u>\$65,269,000</u>
18	Multimodal Transportation Account--Federal	

1	Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,603,000
2	Multimodal Transportation Account--Private/Local	
3	Appropriation . . . . .	\$155,000
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	(( <del>\$65,027,000</del> ))
5		<u>\$68,027,000</u>

6 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
7 conditions and limitations:

8 (1) \$25,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
9 appropriation is provided solely for a grant program for special needs  
10 transportation provided by transit agencies and nonprofit providers of  
11 transportation.

12 (a) \$5,500,000 of the amount provided in this subsection is  
13 provided solely for grants to nonprofit providers of special needs  
14 transportation. Grants for nonprofit providers shall be based on need,  
15 including the availability of other providers of service in the area,  
16 efforts to coordinate trips among providers and riders, and the cost  
17 effectiveness of trips provided.

18 (b) \$19,500,000 of the amount provided in this subsection is  
19 provided solely for grants to transit agencies to transport persons  
20 with special transportation needs. To receive a grant, the transit  
21 agency must have a maintenance of effort for special needs  
22 transportation that is no less than the previous year's maintenance of  
23 effort for special needs transportation. Grants for transit agencies  
24 shall be prorated based on the amount expended for demand response  
25 service and route deviated service in calendar year 2003 as reported in  
26 the "Summary of Public Transportation - 2003" published by the  
27 department of transportation. No transit agency may receive more than  
28 thirty percent of these distributions. The first \$450,000 provided to  
29 King county shall be used as follows:

30 (i) \$320,000 shall be used to provide electric buses, instead of  
31 diesel buses, for service on Capital Hill in Seattle, Washington  
32 through June 30, 2007;

33 (ii) \$130,000 shall be used to provide training for blind  
34 individuals traveling through Rainier Valley and the greater Seattle  
35 area. The training is to include destination training and retraining  
36 due to the expected closure of the downtown bus tunnel and training on  
37 how to use the Sound Transit light rail system.

1 (2) Funds are provided for the rural mobility grant program as  
2 follows:

3 (a) \$7,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
4 appropriation is provided solely for grants for those transit systems  
5 serving small cities and rural areas as identified in the Summary of  
6 Public Transportation - 2003 published by the department of  
7 transportation. Noncompetitive grants must be distributed to the  
8 transit systems serving small cities and rural areas in a manner  
9 similar to past disparity equalization programs.

10 (b) \$7,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
11 appropriation is provided solely to providers of rural mobility service  
12 in areas not served or underserved by transit agencies through a  
13 competitive grant process.

14 (3) \$5,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
15 appropriation is provided solely for a vanpool grant program for: (a)  
16 Public transit agencies to add vanpools; and (b) incentives for  
17 employers to increase employee vanpool use. The grant program for  
18 public transit agencies will cover capital costs only; no operating  
19 costs for public transit agencies are eligible for funding under this  
20 grant program. No additional employees may be hired from the funds  
21 provided in this section for the vanpool grant program, and supplanting  
22 of transit funds currently funding vanpools is not allowed. Additional  
23 criteria for selecting grants must include leveraging funds other than  
24 state funds.

25 (4) \$3,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
26 appropriation is provided solely for the city of Seattle for the  
27 Seattle streetcar project on South Lake Union. Should the city receive  
28 any state funds for this purpose during the 2003-05 or 2005-07  
29 biennium, the amount provided in this subsection must be reduced  
30 accordingly.

31 (5) \$1,200,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
32 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of Engrossed  
33 Substitute House Bill No. 2124. If Engrossed Substitute House Bill No.  
34 2124 is not enacted by June 30, 2005, the amount provided in this  
35 subsection shall lapse.

36 (6) Pursuant to the grant program established in Engrossed  
37 Substitute House Bill No. 2124, the department shall issue a call for  
38 projects and/or service proposals. Applications must be received by

1 the department by November 1, 2005, and November 1, 2006. The  
2 department must submit a prioritized list for funding to the  
3 transportation committees of the legislature that reflects the  
4 department's recommendation, as well as, a list of all project or  
5 service proposals received.

6 (7) \$2,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
7 appropriation is provided solely for new tri-county connection service  
8 for Island, Skagit, and Whatcom transit agencies.

9 (8) \$2,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
10 appropriation is provided solely to King county as a state match to  
11 obtain federal funding for a car sharing program for persons meeting  
12 certain income or employment criteria.

13 (9) \$3,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
14 appropriation is provided solely for projects and activities that  
15 provide safe routes to schools.

16 **Sec. 3.** 2005 c 313 s 309 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
17 follows:

<b>FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION--RAIL--PROGRAM Y--CAPITAL</b>	
Essential Rail Assistance Account--State Appropriation . . .	\$250,000
Multimodal Transportation Account--State	
Appropriation . . . . .	<del>(\$67,158,000)</del>
	<u>\$64,158,000</u>
Multimodal Transportation Account--Private/Local	
Appropriation . . . . .	\$8,287,000
Multimodal Transportation Account--Federal	
Appropriation . . . . .	\$11,966,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	<del>(\$88,161,000)</del>
	<u>\$85,161,000</u>

29 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
30 conditions and limitations:

31 (1) The multimodal transportation account--state appropriation  
32 includes \$33,435,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds and \$830,000 in  
33 unexpended bond proceeds authorized by RCW 47.10.867. The  
34 transportation commission may authorize the use of current revenues  
35 available to the department of transportation in lieu of bond proceeds  
36 for any part of the state appropriation.

1 (2) If federal block grant funding for freight or passenger rail is  
2 received, the department shall consult with the transportation  
3 committees of the legislature prior to spending the funds on additional  
4 projects.

5 (3)(a) (~~(\$67,158,000)~~) \$64,158,000 of the multimodal transportation  
6 account--state appropriation, \$11,966,000 of the multimodal  
7 transportation account-- federal appropriation, \$8,287,000 of the  
8 multimodal transportation account--local appropriation, and \$250,000 of  
9 the essential rail assistance account are provided solely for the  
10 projects and activities as listed by fund, project and amount in LEAP  
11 Transportation Document (~~(2005-2)~~) 2006-2, Rail Capital Program (Y) as  
12 developed (~~(April 23, 2005)~~) March 9, 2006. However, limited transfers  
13 of allocations between projects may occur for those amounts listed  
14 subject to the conditions and limitations in section 603 of this act.

15 (b) Within the amounts provided in this subsection, \$6,500,000 of  
16 the multimodal transportation account--state appropriation is provided  
17 solely for the two commuter rail projects listed in the LEAP  
18 Transportation Document 2005-6, Rail Capital Program (Y) as developed  
19 April 24, 2005.

20 (4) If the department issues a call for projects, applications must  
21 be received by the department by November 1, 2005, and November 1,  
22 2006.

23 (5) \$50,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state  
24 appropriation is provided solely for a study of eastern Skagit county  
25 freight rail. The study shall examine the feasibility of restoring  
26 portions of freight rail line to the towns of Lyman, Hamilton, and  
27 Concrete. The study must also identify existing and potential  
28 industrial sites available for development and redevelopment, and the  
29 freight rail service needs of the identified industrial sites.

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