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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 35.58.2795 and 1994 c 158 s 6 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 By (~~April~~) September 1st of each year, the legislative authority
6 of each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and each regional
7 transit authority shall prepare a six-year transit development plan for
8 that calendar year and the ensuing five years. The program shall be
9 consistent with the comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities,
10 and towns, pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW, the
11 inherent authority of a first-class city or charter county derived from
12 its charter, or chapter 36.70A RCW. The program shall contain
13 information as to how the municipality intends to meet state and local
14 long-range priorities for public transportation, capital improvements,
15 significant operating changes planned for the system, and how the
16 municipality intends to fund program needs. The six-year plan for each
17 municipality and regional transit authority shall specifically set
18 forth those projects of regional significance for inclusion in the
19 transportation improvement program within that region. Each
20 municipality and regional transit authority shall file the six-year
21 program with the state department of transportation, the transportation
22 improvement board, and cities, counties, and regional planning councils
23 within which the municipality is located.

24 In developing its program, the municipality and the regional
25 transit authority shall consider those policy recommendations affecting
26 public transportation contained in the state transportation policy plan
27 approved by the state transportation commission and, where appropriate,
28 adopted by the legislature. The municipality shall conduct one or more
29 public hearings while developing its program and for each annual
30 update.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 2005 c 319 s 101 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The department of transportation shall develop an annual report
4 summarizing the status of public transportation systems in the state
5 for the previous calendar year. By (~~September~~) December 1st of each
6 year, (~~copies of~~) the report (~~shall be submitted~~) must be made
7 available to the transportation committees of the legislature and to
8 each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and to individual
9 members of the municipality's legislative authority.

10 (2) To assist the department with preparation of the report, each
11 municipality shall file a system report by (~~April~~) September 1st of
12 each year with the state department of transportation identifying its
13 public transportation services for the previous calendar year and its
14 objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of those
15 services. The system report shall address those items required for
16 each public transportation system in the department's report.

17 (3) The department report shall describe individual public
18 transportation systems, including contracted transportation services
19 and dial-a-ride services, and include a statewide summary of public
20 transportation issues and data. The descriptions shall include the
21 following elements and such other elements as the department deems
22 appropriate after consultation with the municipalities and the
23 transportation committees of the legislature:

24 (~~(1)~~) (a) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle replacement
25 standards;

26 (~~(2)~~) (b) Services and service standards;

27 (~~(3)~~) (c) Revenues, expenses, and ending balances, by fund
28 source;

29 (~~(4)~~) (d) Policy issues and system improvement objectives,
30 including community participation in development of those objectives
31 and how those objectives address statewide transportation priorities;

32 (~~(5)~~) (e) Operating indicators applied to public transportation
33 services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include
34 operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle
35 service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger trips
36 per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee, and
37 farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs.

1 (4) To the extent that information is available, the department
2 report must include descriptive information on any other modes of
3 public transportation, the impact of public transportation on
4 transportation system performance, and how public transportation helps
5 the state meet the transportation system policy goals described in RCW
6 47.04.280.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 New state facilities, to be located within the boundaries of a
10 public transportation system identified under RCW 82.14.045, may only
11 be sited after the department has consulted with the respective public
12 transportation system to ensure that the new state facilities are
13 located in an area that is adequately accessible by transit service."

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14 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
15 remainder of the title and insert "modifying provisions related to
16 public transportation system planning; amending RCW 35.58.2795 and
17 35.58.2796; and adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) The following requirements are removed:

(a) The Secretary of WSDOT is to designate an employee in each region who would be responsible for integrating public transportation planning into state transportation activities and fostering greater partnerships between the state and public transportation service providers;

(b) WSDOT is to include a section in its biennial report to the Governor and the transportation committees of the Legislature regarding the integration of public transportation planning into state transportation activities and the fostering of greater partnerships between the state and public transportation service providers; and

(c) The Office of Financial Management is to establish objectives and performance measures regarding public transportation and report on progress towards achieving them in its biennial attainment report.

(2) Changes the requirement that all new state facilities be sited in areas adequately accessible by transit service to new state facilities in a jurisdiction with transit service can only be sited after consulting with the transit agency to ensure that the new facility is adequately accessible by transit service.

(3) Removes the intent language that directs WSDOT not to charge transit agencies for the use of state right-of-way and the definition of major passenger intermodal terminals expansion to include park and ride lots and transit centers.

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