
HOUSE BILL 1917

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1 AN ACT Relating to state route number 523; creating new sections;
2 and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state route
5 number 523 is a heavily used corridor that connects state route number
6 99 on the west to state route number 522 on the east. The corridor
7 carries more than thirty thousand vehicles per day and has a high
8 accident rate. Sound transit is preparing to extend mass transit from
9 Northgate to Lynnwood and is planning a mass transit stop on Northeast
10 145th Street. The current roadway is four substandard-width lanes,
11 with narrow asphalt walkways and power poles that block pedestrian
12 travel.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** To address the needs on the state route
14 number 523 corridor, the legislature directs the department of
15 transportation to undertake a corridor study. The study should seek to
16 identify improvements that will: Improve safety for all users,
17 including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, and
18 transit riders; improve transit speed, reliability, and access; and

1 consider the needs of abutting property owners. The study must be
2 guided by a steering committee with representation from the cities of
3 Shoreline and Seattle, the department of transportation, King county
4 metro, and sound transit. The study must identify several design
5 options and associated cost estimates. The results of the corridor
6 study must be submitted to the legislature in January 2013.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Given that tolling on state route number 520
8 is scheduled to begin in spring 2011, the 2011 legislature finds that
9 funding to mitigate this impact on state route number 523 is urgently
10 needed.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of seven hundred thousand dollars,
12 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
13 biennium ending June 30, 2013, from the motor vehicle account to the
14 department of transportation for the purposes of this act.

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