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1 AN ACT Relating to including traffic congestion relief in the state
2 transportation system policy goals; and amending RCW 47.04.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2010 c 74 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
7 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
8 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under this
9 section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories adopted by
10 the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on November 30,
11 2000. Public investments in transportation should support achievement
12 of these policy goals:

13 (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation
14 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and
15 goods to ensure a prosperous economy;

16 (b) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
17 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

18 (c) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
19 transportation customers and the transportation system;

1 (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
2 people throughout Washington state;

3 (e) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
4 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
5 healthy communities, and protect the environment; (~~and~~)

6 (f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
7 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system; and

8 (g) Traffic congestion relief: To reduce traffic congestion and
9 improve vehicle travel times for transportation customers.

10 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
11 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy goals
12 set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

13 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
14 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related performance
15 measures.

16 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the office of
17 financial management establish objectives and performance measures for
18 the department of transportation and other state agencies with
19 transportation-related responsibilities to ensure transportation system
20 performance at local, regional, and state government levels progresses
21 toward the attainment of the policy goals set forth in subsection (1)
22 of this section. The office of financial management shall submit
23 initial objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its
24 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
25 the 2008 legislative session. The office of financial management shall
26 submit objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its
27 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
28 each regular session of the legislature during an even-numbered year
29 thereafter.

30 (5) This section does not create a private right of action.

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