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1            AN ACT Relating to modifying the transportation system policy  
2 goal of mobility; 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 2013 c 199 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read 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((~~7~~))  
8 the state's transportation system. The policy goals established under  
9 this section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories  
10 adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on  
11 November 30, 2000. Public investments in transportation should  
12 support achievement of these policy goals:

13            (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation  
14 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people  
15 and 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, including congestion relief and  
3 improved freight mobility;

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

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

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

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

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

29 (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation  
30 planning may voluntarily establish objectives and performance  
31 measures to demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy  
32 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other  
33 transportation policy goals established by the local or regional  
34 agency. A local or regional agency engaging in transportation  
35 planning is encouraged to provide local and regional objectives and  
36 performance measures to be included with the objectives and  
37 performance measures submitted to the legislature pursuant to  
38 subsection (4) of this section.

1 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

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