

**RCW 36.57.090 Acquisition of existing transportation system—  
Assumption of labor contracts—Transfer of employees—Preservation of  
benefits—Collective bargaining.** A county transportation authority  
may acquire any existing transportation system by conveyance, sale, or  
lease. In any purchase from a county or city, the authority shall  
receive credit from the county or city for any federal assistance and  
state matching assistance used by the county or city in acquiring any  
portion of such system. The authority shall assume and observe all  
existing labor contracts relating to such system and, to the extent  
necessary for operation of facilities, all of the employees of such  
acquired transportation system whose duties are necessary to operate  
efficiently the facilities acquired shall be appointed to comparable  
positions to those which they held at the time of such transfer, and  
no employee or retired or pensioned employee of such systems shall be  
placed in any worse position with respect to pension seniority, wages,  
sick leave, vacation or other benefits that he or she enjoyed as an  
employee of such system prior to such acquisition. The authority shall  
engage in collective bargaining with the duly appointed  
representatives of any employee labor organization having existing  
contracts with the acquired transportation system and may enter into  
labor contracts with such employee labor organization. [2009 c 549 s  
4096; 1974 ex.s. c 167 s 9.]